

William Thomas Ragan

February 9, 1940 - May 3, 2017

William Thomas Ragan received God's merciful and perfect healing on May 3, 2017. The story of Tom's remarkable life began February 9, 1940 when he was born in Atlanta to Elbert Powell and Willie Rae Arnold Ragan. His father had left the rural life in the Waco community of Carroll County Georgia and found work with Western Union Telegraph Co. in Atlanta. After high school, Tom pursued his college education at The University of Florida and attained his degree as a civil engineer. The Viet Nam War had been escalating for some years and, like so many others, he answered the call to service in The United States Army. His tour of duty was as an aviator flying helicopter missions in the support of ground troops. As many of the war's pilots returned home, they seemed a natural fit for the airlines who were expanding service in the states. Tom signed on with Eastern Airlines and spent his career with them. He possessed a strong work ethic and had a deep commitment to his family and community. Having some flexibility in his schedule as a pilot gave him time to be deeply involved in his community, his children's school activities and his faith community. Tom was president of The East Coweta High School Booster Club for many years and a member of the Senoia Optimist Club. He became a fixture in the community as a first responder for the Coweta Country Fire Department. Crossroads Church was a large component of Tom's life and he faithfully served as an elder in the church. He also owned the local Crossroads Restaurant in Senoia. When flying passengers in a plane was no longer an option, Tom was content to ferry

Coweta County school children as a bus driver for ten years. As the Bible notes, "Well-done, my good and faithful servant". In addition to his parents, Tom is preceded in death by his lovely daughter Jennifer Ragan and a brother Powell Ragan. He was a devoted husband to his wife Barbara Frith Ragan. He will be remembered as a loving, supportive and leader by example for his children Ricky (and Sharon) Ragan, Rob (and Sue) Ragan, Brian (and Donna) Ragan. Fortunate to call him "Papa" were his grandchildren Will Ragan and his fiancé Haleigh Herring, Lauren (and Ryan) Phillips, Lindsey Ragan, Matthew Ragan, Patrick Ragan and Shawn Ragan. His great grandson is Grayson Thomas Phillips. He was a loyal brother to Ed Ragan and Jerry Ragan and his wife Ann. Also surviving is his brother-in-law Herb (and Luci) Frith. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan where the family will receive friends on Saturday evening between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Tom's amazing life will be honored at a service to be held at Crossroads Church on Highway 16, Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3:30 PM. The interment with appropriate military honors will follow at the Senoia City Cemetery. Those who wish to honor Tom's life may do so by memorial contributions in his honor to his beloved Crossroads Church 2654 Highway 154 Newnan, GA 30265. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Senoia City Cemetery

Stallings Road
Senoia, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

MAY 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Crossroads Church Hwy 16 Campus
3260 GA Hwy 16
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *What a comfort this dear Christian man was to so many generations of our families, and especially to me after the loss of my dad in 2010. He came to help clean out dad's home in order for Crossroads' thrift shop to receive the donations. When an old turntable and loads of record albums were left, he even took those home to copy and donate, offering to make a copy for our family. We were greeted at the door by an angel for years; I believe angels greeted him at the Gate. Praying for the comfort of the family left here.*

In His Love

Deborah Belyeu - June 01, 2017 at 05:58 PM

JT

“ *Sorry for your loss, our prayers and thoughts are with you. Tom will be missed.*

The Threlkeld Family

J Threlkeld - May 12, 2017 at 07:48 AM

JF

“ *Dear Barbara & Family, We were so sorry to hear of Tom's death. We didn't know about it until after the service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We pray God with give you His peace and strength for the days ahead. May God bless you all.*

Jim & Kerron Lindquist & Family - May 10, 2017 at 07:34 PM

RM

“ *Robin Mann lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Ragan*



Robin Mann - May 09, 2017 at 08:00 PM

JS

“ *Shannon and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to the entire Ragan family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Jim and Shannon Scott

Jim Scott - May 07, 2017 at 12:09 AM

KT

“ *One of the sweetest man I had the privilege of getting to know at CTCA. He brightened my day with his beautiful smile! Always happy and upbeat. I will greatly miss this courageous man!!! Prayers for his adoring wife and his family*

Kim Tanner - May 06, 2017 at 11:04 PM

DH

“ *Ms. Barbara, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Your husband was one of the first people to greet us when we first visited Crossroads. His kindness and your inspiration as an anger management counselor sparked our 9 years there. I appreciate you and will remember him fondly. Delecia H.*

Delecia Hill - May 06, 2017 at 03:06 PM

JM

“ Tom Ragan. What a guy! We will miss you, Tom!
Always loved your positive attitude, and your laid back style.
Our Best To The Ragan Family.
John and Nelta Meiller

John & Nelta Meiller - May 06, 2017 at 12:40 PM

MG

“ BARBARA---Lerlyne and I have lots of great memories of times with
you and Tom.
From Miami and Riverside, to U of F and our first "shotgun"
apartments up there, to our San Francisco visit when Tom came
home from Vietnam, to Georgia. We'll always remember you and
Tom as very special people!
Jim Foster told us about Tom's home going.
Mike & Lerlyne Garcia

Mike & Lerlyne Garcia - May 06, 2017 at 11:19 AM

NN

“ It was a privilege and honor in getting to know Mr. Tom through the
Coweta County Transportation Office. Please accept my thoughts
and prayers for your family.

Nancy Neal - May 06, 2017 at 08:02 AM

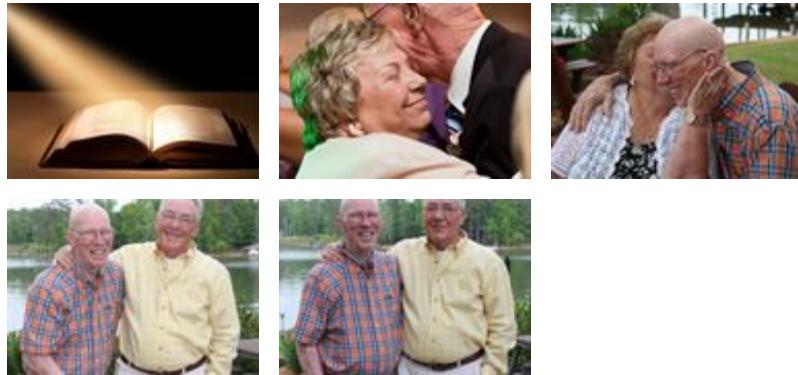
TP

Mr. Tim was a pleasure to work with. He and I worked together during
summer school. I loved his company, his wit and his wisdom. The kids
loved him and always asked if he was gonna be our permanent helper.
He treated everyone with respect even though he was the oldest :) May
God fill the void he leaves with sweet memories for you all.

Tanya Parker - May 07, 2017 at 07:55 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - May 06, 2017 at 06:59 AM

GW

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing of Mr. Ragan. He led a wonderful life and will be missed. Our thoughts are with you all at this most difficult time.



Geraldine and Bobby Welch - May 06, 2017 at 06:31 AM

SW

“ We used to eat at Crossroads often and I want to extend my deepest sympathy to your entire family. Please know that we are praying for your comfort.

Susan Weegar - May 06, 2017 at 05:35 AM

MA

“ Tom will be missed by a lot of people, he was a good man and always helped me when I needed his help. Rest in Peace my friend. Prayers are with the family.

Michael W. Aldredge

Michael W. Aldredge - May 05, 2017 at 10:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William Thomas Ragan.



May 05, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of William Thomas Ragan.



May 05, 2017 at 06:57 PM

SS

“ *Steve & Barbara Smith* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of William Thomas Ragan.



Steve & Barbara Smith - May 05, 2017 at 06:25 PM

SS

“ Tom and me had a fun time in Israel 3 years ago. I remember, while sharing a room with him there, that friend was going through some difficult life challenges and needed us to remember her in our prayers. What was the first words out of his mouth you ask? "Let's get on our knees NOW and ask God to direct my friend in the decision that need to be made". Yep, he was a man of God for sure!

We had a great time. Barbara let him go when she knew I would be there to watch out for him; he was watching out for me!

Your Brother and Friend,
Steve

Steve Smith - May 05, 2017 at 05:39 PM

SB

“ Barbara and family
We are sorry to learn of Tom's passing. May God give you strength and comfort you in this difficult time.
Our Deepest Sympathy
John & Sherrel Bidne

Sherrel Bidne - May 05, 2017 at 05:38 PM

MP

Barbara and family We are sorry to learn of Mr. Tom's passing. May God give you strength and comfort you in this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy Render and Mildred Pitts.

Mildred Pitts - May 05, 2017 at 06:02 PM

DJ

“ Dear Rob, Sue and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of the death of a Daddy, Daddy-in-law, Granddaddy and Great Granddaddy. We didn't know him but he sounds like a person that you can be real proud of and will be missed. He is in God's arms now.
May the Good Lord give you peace, love and contentment during this difficult time.
God loves you and we do too,
Don and Mildred Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - May 05, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Thomas Ragan.



May 05, 2017 at 12:06 PM

RM

“ I met Tom about nine years ago. He was a man we had ultimate respect for. Tom was a faithful man to both God and family. I loved his laugh...He could also be alot of fun. You will be missed Tom but you are free of pain and suffering. Tom's family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. He was indeed loved!

Robin and Ron Mihlbauer - May 05, 2017 at 10:44 AM