



## Thomas Blakeney

June 9, 1944 - September 25, 2013

### Myrtle Beach

Thomas Lewis Blakeney age 69, died Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at Waccamaw Community Hospital.

Born on June 9, 1944 in Ogden, Utah he was a son of the late Major Thomas Graves and Sarah Pollock Blakeney. Mr. Blakeney held a Bachelors and Masters degree from the University of Maryland. He worked as an Adjunct Professor at Coastal Carolina University and was also a retired Transportation Consultant and Economist. He worked on many local and international airports and road projects. Mr. Blakeney was a resident of the Myrtle Beach Golf and Yacht Club Community.

He will be remembered as a model railroad enthusiast and a member of the Pershing Rifle Drill Team at the University of Maryland.

Survivors include his sister, Nancy Walker of Lexington, SC; niece Kim Morris of Kennesaw, GA; and Lynn Mongardi of Myrtle Beach.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel in Murrells Inlet, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community Kitchen of Myrtle Beach, 1411 Mr. Joe White Avenue Myrtle Beach, SC 29572  
An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)  
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ Nancy, Kim, and Lynn,

*I was so sad to learn of Tom's passing. I was looking forward to seeing him again at the PR reunion later this month. It just shows how important it is to stay in touch more often and not procrastinate calling or visiting.*

*Having known Tom for 50 years, seemingly living at his home after school, where his mom always insisted that I (and all of Tom's friends) stay for dinner or have snacks before going home, I always felt he was a best friend who for 20 years kept close contact. The last 30 years found us living in different parts of the country with only infrequent contact, enjoying the times we did have together at reunions or speaking on the phone (Lynn, it was really nice that you and Tom took time to visit and meet my wife and son in Illinois).*

*Judy Elder says it best when she recalls how Tom was always ready to share a story, make people laugh, and to help others. The world could be so much better if there were more people treating others the way Tom could and did.*

*Sincerely,*

*Bill Kirkpatrick*

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**bill kirkpatrick** - October 05, 2013 at 01:40 PM

CC

“ Dear Family,

*I read about Mr. Blakeney and I would like to offer my condolences and a few words of encouragement from God's Word.*

*Our loving Creator did not intend for us to die, so he purposes to one day reunite us with our dear loved ones who have fallen asleep in death. (Job 14:14,15; John 5:28,29) Knowing that you will see Mr. Thomas again will hopefully bring you some solace during your hour of bereavement.*

*Also, our merciful God, Jehovah, is there for you now to sustain you during difficult times such as this. (Psalms 9:9,10; 55:22) So please do not hesitate to call upon and accept all the help from "our God who supplies endurance and comfort." (Romans 15:5) I will also keep you in my prayers. And again, I am truly sorry for your loss.  
Sincerely Yours*

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**Carolyn Cutner** - September 27, 2013 at 08:00 PM

PS

“ Lynn,

*Shared an office with Tom at CCU. He always had such interesting stories to tell, many of the involved you. I know you gave him the strength he needed to carry on. He will be missed on campus.*

*Sorrowfully,  
paul sebo*

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**paul sebo** - September 27, 2013 at 09:48 AM

JE

“ Dear Lynn and Tom's family...

*I am truly saddened by Tom's passing and will miss him terribly. Gone are the times of him regaling me with stories of the trips to Disney and tea with Mickey Mouse, his trains, working in Africa and Barbados, his exploits with his girls (yes Lynn, that's you and Shirley), and the wonderful pictures he took in Jamaica and shared with me - making me want to go home. Tom and I worked together for over 20 years and not only was he an amazing asset in his knowledge of transportation economics, but he was always ready and willing to help with whatever was needed and I am happy not only to call him a colleague but also a friend.*



*As Laura Ingalls Wilder said "Remember me with smiles and laughter, for that is how I will remember you all. If you can only remember me with tears, then don't remember me at all." I will always remember Tom with smiles, he has earned his wings and is soaring above keeping watch. Thoughts and prayers to you all at this time of loss.*

*All my love and condolences, Judy.*

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**Judy Elder** - September 26, 2013 at 04:05 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Blakeney.



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September 26, 2013 at 02:00 PM