



Thomas G. Higgins

August 9, 1946 - May 4, 2011

Thomas G. Higgins, devoted and adoring husband of Nancy D. Higgins and loving father of Shawn T. Higgins, passed away May 4, at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

Thomas, born August 9th, 1946, lived in Rahway, New Jersey before moving to Surfside Beach S.C. in 2002. Mr. Higgins was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was also a proud member of the American Legion in Murrells Inlet.

After his discharge he was employed by Merck & Co, holding multiple positions, until his retirement 2002 as the Senior Site Engineer.

"Tommy" always had a smile for everyone, and always had a story to tell. He had an ardent affection for all animals, especially canines; likely a result of working at Clark Animal Hospital in his early teens. While Tom's favorite pastime was walking the family dogs, Hemingway & Fitzgerald, in the park and on the beach, it could be argued he was at his happiest when working in the garage with his tools and fixing things around the house.

His greatest joy was his son Shawn (Mush), who always made him laugh. He was so very proud of him and loved him deep in his heart.

Mr. Higgins is predeceased by his parents Beatrice (McGeough) and Thomas F. Higgins.

In addition to his wife Nancy and his son Shawn, he is survived by his sister Karen, who always held a special place in his heart, and her husband Daniel Tortoriello of Colonia, NJ, as well as all his sisters-in-law: Carol and her husband Bill Wirth, who always treated him like a brother, of Myrtle Beach S.C.; Linda and her husband Don Caulfield of Manahawkin N.J.; Gloria and her husband Ellis Moore of Jackson Township, N.J.; Carolyn Hoffman of Piscataway, and brother-in-law Nelson Popp of Cranford N.J.

Also surviving are his many nieces and nephews.

He now joins his heavenly family, parents Bea and Tom, and all the members of the Higgins family, his Mother and Father-in-law, C. Ray and Eleanore (Mother John & Maga) Hoffman, as well as all members of the Hoffman family, including Susan Popp and Donald Hoffman, with whom he loved spending time.

Memorials may be made in Tom's honor to The Salvation Army, The National Disaster Search Dog Foundation or various Veterans charities.

We will have a celebration of Tom's Life, at a place and date yet to be determined.

In addition, the family would like to extend its appreciation to Grand Strand Medical Center for their care and support.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Gloria Moore lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Higgins*



Gloria Moore - June 20, 2011 at 12:46 PM

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Dearest "brother" Tom, your wonderful smile and happy personality will be missed forever. Thank you for giving my beautiful sister so many happy, loving years and a perfect son, Shawn, who is a blessing and her pillar of strength throughout her life.

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“ *Karen HigginsTortoriello lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Higgins*



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“ *Shawn lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. Higgins*



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“ Uncle Tom, Always smiling from the second we would walk in the door, Always sweet and kind to us- we will miss you so and regret not being able to spend time and see your smiling face once more-you are greatly missed.
June, Karen,
Bob, Steve, Donald.

Karen Breitman - May 24, 2011 at 08:44 PM

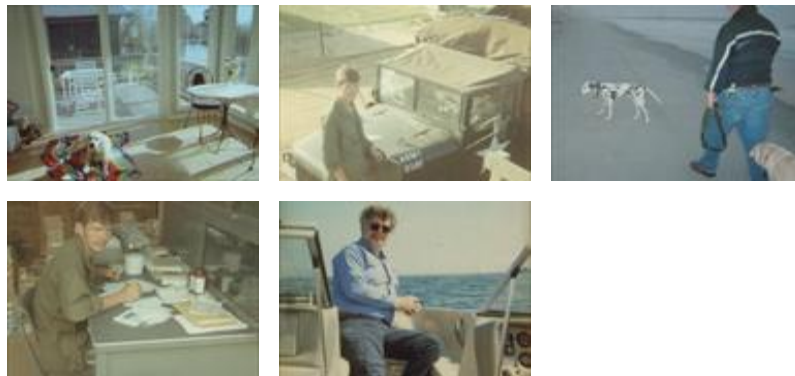
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“ We called him Tom Tom he was like a brother to us, our hearts are broken we will miss him dearly. He will always be in our hearts and our thoughts. It gives us comfort to know he is with his Mom and Dad and all his doggies which he loved dearly and " sailing on his sail boat across the heavens". Gutchie Willie and Gaby

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