



Thomas Leo Sauerwald

October 6, 2008

Thomas Leo Sauerwald, Jr., 74 of Surfside Beach, formerly of Browns Mills, NJ, died Monday, October 6, 2008 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. Born in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of the late Thomas and Martha Sauerwald. During the depression years as a child, Tom had jobs to pay for movies and baked goods. He worked for ten years in the firewood business and two years in land management walking through woods and bramble bushes. He worked two years as a steel foundry watchman in PA and also worked as Aero Club manager at McGuire Air Force Base. Tom had retired from the US Air Force as a Master Sergeant with 26 years of service. He was a member of the DAV, Chapter 30 in Myrtle Beach. Tom had excellent mechanical electrical and maintenance skills, actively involved with computers initially sure all his children had them also to presently sending birthday and Christmas cards, yearly calendars and pictures as a communication tool. He gardened, canned and made sure the family had a vacation every year camping at Lakewood Campground in Surfside Beach for the past thirty years. Moving to Surfside Beach in 2002, he sold the camper, he bought a pontoon boat where he loved the bays, rivers, inlets and especially shell fishing. He never knew a stranger and talked to gain and give information across the beaches, doctor's offices, restaurants and neighborhoods on what South Carolina had to offer. His spark will be missed along with his offhanded humor, which may have offended some as he expressed himself. He fought cancer from Agent Orange in Vietnam over twenty years and fought emphysema and

had stopped smoking "cold turkey". Upon retiring to South Carolina from New Jersey, he had hesitation leaving his medical team at Walter Reed Hospital but gained much confidence in the excellent medical care he received here in South Carolina. Surviving are his wife Claudia Sauerwald; sons, Charles Sauerwald of NJ, Thomas F. Sauerwald of VA, Scott Partridge of FL, Mark Sauerwald and wife Cheri of Idaho and James Sauerwald of NJ; daughters, Laura Moyer of NJ, Debbie Davis of Surfside Beach, Annie Moyer of NJ and June Sauerwald of Murrells Inlet; eighteen grandchildren; one great grandchild; a sister and several nieces and nephews. A brother preceded him in death. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00, Thursday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Friday at Florence National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Doctors without Borders, PO Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030 or Philadelphia Burn Center, 1520 Locust St., Suite 401, Philadelphia, PA, 19102.

Tribute Wall



“ *It's been 5 years and to this day there are many times I catch myself thinking about you and how much I miss you. I look back on all the memories we as a family had together and there wasn't a single one that I could say wasn't great! I love and miss you PopPop*

Maegan - October 16, 2013 at 02:18 AM



“ *Dad, I always knew I could count on you for anything and everything...you might act cranky about it...but you never let me down. Thanks for all you did, especially showing us what being a father really means. And thanks in the last few years for showing how much you love and appreciate Mom. I miss you, Dad. Memories of you always make me smile. Love always,
Laura###imported-begin##Laura###imported-end##*

October 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *This is a day that I never wanted to happen but I have no regrets. Remember everyone, we are here only temporarily! Dad is at his real home now. I am very sure he is happier and feeling great! He's still watching us. He is those little voices in our heads that we hear. I am forever grateful to him for all he's done for me! He definitely taught us all some very valuable lessons. He did not teach us how to spell! As you can see from this! Miss ya a lot already Dad, Love,
Annie###imported-begin##Annie Moyer###imported-end##*

October 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Birth is a beginning and death a destination And life is a journey: From childhood to maturity and youth to age; From innocence to awareness and ignorance to knowing; From foolishness to desecration and then perhaps to wisdom. From weakness to strength or from strength to weakness and often back again; From health to sickness and we pray to health again. From offense to forgiveness from loneliness to love from joy to gratitude from pain to compassion from grief to understanding from fear to faith. From defeat to defeat to defeat until looking backwards or ahead We see that victory lies not at some high point along the way but in having made the journey step by step a sacred pilgrimage. Birth is a beginning and death a destination And life is a journey; A sacred journey to life everlasting###imported-begin##The Sicurella Family###imported-end##

October 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To My PopPop, As much as i didn't come visit you way out in SC you know i love you and i am thankful for everything you did for all of us, including buying me a gps so i could find my way to you. I Love You Pop Pop with all my heart. Love, *Your* Maegan###imported-begin##Maegan Sauerwald###imported-end##

October 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry that I can't be there with you today but I am very glad that I got down when I did. It seemed Tom rallied a bit and we were able to spend more quiet time to just talk than we have had for a long time. He truly was the Energizer Bunny with a great deal of the credit to Claudia for her support. Over this last 2 years she has been a wife, a nurse and a mother as needed, and I sincerely thank her for that. My love and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Dorothy Callahan##imported-end##

October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My Dad... My Hero. He showed me how to live life on life's terms. He will be missed every day of my life. Thank you for showing me the way. I LOVE YOU DAD, your baby girl, June##imported-begin##June Sauerwald##imported-end##

October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Poppop, if it weren't for you, I honestly wouldn't know any of the things I know today. You taught me everything that was important; something new everyday. You are the strongest man I have ever met in my life and nobody could ever take you're place. I love you and you are forever in my heart. -love katelyn your favorite##imported-begin##Katelyn Cheney##imported-end##

October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ At this hour Dadâ??s services are being held. Tomorrow he will be in his final resting place at the Florence SC National Cemetery. Mom, while I feel blessed to have been able to be there with you and Dad during his final days, I am sorry we couldnâ??t be there for you and the rest of the family on this day. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. And please call us anytime, for any thing. Weâ??re here for you.##imported-begin##Mark Sauerwald & Family##imported-end##

October 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear that Tom passed away, will miss him riding the cart & walking the dog. May God be with you during this time of sorrow. Love, Leon & Gussie Edwards##imported-begin##Leon & Gussie Edwards##imported-end##

October 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. From the men and women of the 366 LRS Vehicle Management Flight. God Bless Respectfully, Ken Ireland##imported-begin##Ken Ireland##imported-end##

October 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM