



Thomas Vernon

August 15, 1925 - September 20, 2014

Thomas E. Vernon (Lt.Col. USMC Retired) passed away in the presence of his family on Saturday September 20, 2014. He was in the good care of the staff at Tidelands Hospice in Georgetown for which the family is very grateful.

Tom Vernon was a great man, true to his principles to the end. He loved his country, church and family. He was born and reared in Nebraska until he joined the Navy. He graduated from the US Naval Academy and served as a Marine Corps aviator through three wars, serving with honor, distinction and valor. After retirement from the Marine Corps, he pursued and was awarded a doctorate in education from Duke University. His second career as an educator allowed his gifts as a teacher and communicator to shine through. He was a master teacher, admired by generations of students and colleagues.

He was married to the love of his life, Simone (Mimi), for 64 years. He was devoted to Mimi. He lived his life to provide for her and protect her and their three sons, Eric (wife Kim), Paul (wife Christine) and Jeffery. Tom always put the needs of his family ahead of himself. He was a man of faith. He was inspired by the word of God and the hymns sung in praise of God. He admired a good sermon and gave a good one himself when called up to lead the service.

He and his family travelled the world together during his Marine Corps career.

He credited Mimi with keeping the family together. Upon retirement to Myrtle Beach he enjoyed the beach life and time with Mimi, his sons and the grandchildren, Whitney, Chelsea, Stacey and Kelly. He will be missed by his wife, sons, daughters in law, grandchildren and great grandchild Finley. Semper Fidelis.

Services will be private. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces of the sky;
Be with them traversing the air,
In darkening storms or sunshine fair,
O God, protect the men who fly.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center

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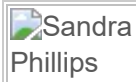
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Tribute Wall

 Sandra
Phillips

“ *Doc V, you were one of my most favorite teachers. Thanks for the life lessons, in addition to chemistry ones. It pains me greatly that I just recently learned of your passing. Sorry I didn't find you in recent years to tell you how much you meant to me back then and now. You were a rare gem. My most sincere condolences to your beloved Mimi and family.*

Rest in peace, you, sweet man,

Sandra Lloyd Phillips, SHS class of '86

Sandra Phillips - October 03, 2018 at 05:20 PM

TB

“ *I will always remember and appreciate Dr. Vernon. As a high school chemistry teacher he overwhelmed me with his love of teaching, energy and knowledge, and of course his wonderful sense of humor. Like all his students I have many "Dr. V" stories and I've passed them on over the years to friends and family as best I can. But most significantly to me, he helped me see the value of a good education and working at something you love at a time in my life where it really mattered.*

Tony Bennett

Tony Bennett - October 03, 2014 at 09:40 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Vernon.*



October 01, 2014 at 08:56 AM



“ *Thank you Col. Vernon for your many years of service to our Country. More importantly thank you for your kindness to my Wife Joan for the recent years as your Care Giver. She shall miss you very much I am sure. You have truly earned a place in Heaven, God Speed & RIP. To Mimi & Family, I pray fo you at his hard time with your loss.*

Bill Eroh

American Legion Post #178, Murrells Inlet, SC

Bill Eroh - September 30, 2014 at 03:24 PM



“ *Dear Mimi and Family,*

We were very sorry to learn of Tom's passing. We hope that your fond memories of him will sustain you through this difficult time.

Please accept our deepest condolences.

Daniel and Audrey Abergel (Montreal)

Daniel Abergel - September 29, 2014 at 06:36 PM

KE

“ I was blessed to have Dr. V as my neighbor and high school chemistry teacher. I loved his teaching style, and will never forget him acting out the phase changes of water, from steam, to a liquid, then to ice! He inspired and encouraged me to get a degree in engineering. Much love to Mrs. Vernon (my favorite French teacher), and all of the family.

Karla Everett

Karla Everett - September 28, 2014 at 07:58 PM

HH

“ Rest in Peace my friend. Enjoyed our talks while preparing, and repairing the physics labs at CCU. the topics ranged widely, the talk was always stimulating, as we remembered and laughed and solved all the big problems. Peace to you Jeff, Paul, kids, brother i havent met, and especially wife and Mom. i hope you will be a great comfort to each other and enjoy some great memories. Adios Mr Vernon.
hutch

hutch hutchinson - September 25, 2014 at 04:56 PM

JV

Thank You Hutch.

Jeffery T. Vernon - September 27, 2014 at 02:51 PM