



Thomas Arlie Rouse

October 2, 1935 - October 26, 2021

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North Augusta, SC – Mr. Thomas Arlie Rouse, 86, passed away in the Memory Care Unit at Augusta Gardens on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. He was born October 2, 1935, in Bristol, Virginia to Sophia DeBlasio and Thomas J. Rouse. Tom is survived by his wife of 46 years, Lucille “Lucy” Zak Rouse. They both served in the Vietnam theater of war and were married in Thailand.

The military played an important role in Tom’s life and he served his country well as a non-commissioned officer in the Air Force Medical Service Corps from 1952 until 1975. He felt nurtured and fulfilled by his military service and loved the sense of connectedness it provided him.

Tom received his bachelor’s degree from Park University in 1978 and his Master’s in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University in 1981. He worked for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio for several years and served as the Program Coordinator at the Regional Medical Education Center which was affiliated with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. Tom retired in 1997 to a simple and satisfying life that focused on his wife, his friends, his Sheltie dogs, gardening, old cars, NASCAR racing, football and reading.

In addition to his wife, Tom is survived by his daughter from a previous

marriage, Renee Kuykendall and her husband Clifford; a half-sister, Deborah Richardson; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several relatives in Bristol, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Thomas Allen Rouse.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the CSRA Humane Society, csra-hs.com.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock. Funeral Services will be conducted Monday morning at 10 o'clock at Fort Jackson National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803)278-1181.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Funeral Service

NOV **1**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Arlie Rouse*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Thomas Arlie Rouse*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Rouse Service*



Posey Funeral Directors - November 01, 2021 at 02:34 PM

DH

*Tom was a wonderful man and a loving husband. He will be missed!
Much love, Denice and Dave Higman*

Denice Higman - November 07, 2021 at 08:51 AM

EC

“ *So sorry to hear of Tom's passing, He and Lucy were wonderful neighbors. He will be missed.
Ernie & Charlene Haug*

ernie & Charlene - October 31, 2021 at 01:02 PM

RR

“ I had only known Lucy about 3 months when I volunteered to meet Tom's last of 4 flights from the East coast of the USA in Bangkok, Thailand. He looked like a zombie. But so excited to be on the next final leg to marry Miss Lucy. Their 46 year marriage was magnetic enough to draw me (us) to seek their companionship everywhere they set up housekeeping. I loved Tom because he was honest, caring - a lover of jazzy fast cars, a diverter is small creeks, top shelf bourbon and Loved Lucy more than Ricky. Add having a full Air Force career, a Freemason and not afraid of getting his dirty in his gardens. Tom & Lucy loved Shelties. The memory that always comes to mind surrounds the random concrete Saint positioned at the entrance of the tortious road to their home in the mountains of N. Carolina. Tom felt the facial features needed some enhancements. The result were bright blue eyes - twice the normal size. Hugging Lucy from afar. With her. Bob Roubik Colonel, USAF, Ret. and My Bride Karen

Robert Roubik - October 30, 2021 at 12:03 PM

CN

“ I met Tom thru my dear friend Lucy.
Tom was the best of the best, friend, Patriot, husband, father, now at peace.
Memorial to Mayo remembering this fine man.
Carol in Rochester, MN

Catol Noonan - October 29, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JE

“ We have a special memory from when we first met Tom and his wife, Lucy. I mentioned that my parents were Tom and Lucy and that I hadn't known any other couple with those names. As we talked further we realizes that Tom had known my father who was the pharmacist at Brookley AFB in Mobile, AL. Tom had been there for a time in the medical area. What a small world! We miss you, Tom. With love, Jane and Jim.

Jane Ellis - October 28, 2021 at 02:10 PM

BE

“ Becky Edwards lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arlie Rouse



Becky Edwards - October 28, 2021 at 10:47 AM

Susan Zak Bevilacqua

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Susan Zak Bevilacqua - October 28, 2021 at 08:32 AM

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“ Susan Zak Bevilacqua purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Arlie Rouse.



Susan Zak Bevilacqua - October 28, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND I TELL U ALWAYS A SMILE AND A SMART JOKEALOT OF LAUGHTER WITH HIM AND HAVING HIM TO CATCH ALL THE FISH....GREAT TIMES WITH TOM AND MY SISTER LUCY...I AM THINKING OF U SIS AND I KNOW TOM IS IN HEAVEN NOW AT PEACE....LOVE U BOTH AND MISS U AND SIS AND WISH I COULD BE THERE NOW FOR YOU...PRAYING FOR YOU LOVE YOUR SISTER SUSAN..

Susan Zak Bevilacqua - October 28, 2021 at 01:20 AM

RR

The first time I met Tom he looked like he flown from the East coast of the USA to Bangkok, Thailand with four changes of planes. At Lucy's request we hauled his sorry body to a hotel for yet another flight to the waiting arms of the best deal he ever made. We Air Force family members- Loved them as a couple and individuals. Tom was a fast car guy who loved bourbon. He was a Freemason. Better than Ricky Ricardo ... He Loved Lucy for over 46 years. He loved their dog-babies. I cannot hear his name without thinking about the concrete statue of some random saint who truly needed a facelift. Tom painted eye enhancements where you'd expect them to be, but much too large. We always arrived laughing. God bless your memory Tom Rouse. Bob Roubik, Col., USAF & Karen.

Robert. Roubik - October 30, 2021 at 12:04 AM