



Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe

June 29, 1941 - May 29, 2023

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe, 81, passed away on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023 in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2nd at Kyker Funeral Homes in Sweetwater, Tennessee. Tom will be laid to rest with military honors and a graveside service to celebrate his life will be held at Sweetwater Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3rd, with Dr. Hollie Miller officiating.

Tom Monroe was born at home June 29, 1941 to Charlie and Viola (Evans) Monroe in Sweetwater, TN. He loved playing football at Sweetwater High School and joined the U.S. Army immediately after graduating in 1959. He served as an Airborne Artilleryman in the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina before being honorably discharged after one term of service. He then moved to California where he learned to fly, spraying crops in both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. In 1968, he reenlisted in the U.S. Army to become an Army Aviator Warrant Officer flying UH-1 Huey gunships in Vietnam. After his Army service, he built cooling towers for several nuclear power plants throughout the Southeast. In the early 90's he decided to follow his love of carpentry and started a remodeling and construction company in Augusta, Georgia. He retired in 2007 and built his final home in the mountains of Coker Creek, Tennessee.

As a lover of the great outdoors, Mr. Monroe spent a large majority of his life

gardening. His work provided delicious fruits and vegetables for his family and numerous friends through the years. His passions included working with wood, spending time with his friends, neighbors, and family (especially lunch with his sisters), hiking the mountain trails, reading, and drinking his coffee black while watching the sunrise over Peels High-top from his back porch.

Tom is survived by his son Eli Monroe and his wife Allison; grandchildren Madeline and Wyatt Monroe of Southern Pines, North Carolina; sisters Martha Mueller, Camas, Washington, Vivian Galyon, Sweetwater, Tennessee, Linda Riggs, Conyers, Georgia, Lois Boyd, Sweetwater, Tennessee; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other dear family members.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Fred Monroe, Gresham, Oregon and sister Wilma Jones, Sweetwater, Tennessee.

Tom was a strong Christian man who provided a very nice home for his family and was a constant role model of what a true man of God should be. He will be greatly missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hillsdale College at <https://secured.hillsdale.edu/hillsdale/donate>

Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes
OUR SWEETWATER CHAPEL
PO Box 309, 113 W. North Street
Sweetwater, TN 37874
(423) 337-5033
julie@kyker.net
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com/>

Graveside Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sweetwater Memorial Park
1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Tribute Wall



“ Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe



Kyker Funeral Home - June 01, 2023 at 02:13 PM

AH

I grew up in Augusta in the house next door to Mr Tom. We lived out in the country and most houses were spaced far apart but his was right next door which I loved. My sister and I would be outside playing basketball and he would say "nice shot!". He would always talk with my dad and they had a good friendship. Even when we had friends over and were way to loud way to late he never fussed at us. He bought our Girl Scout cookies or whatever ever we were selling for school. As a kid, I never knew about his military service or many talents and accomplishments. But I knew his kindness, his laugh, and the comfort and joy he gave my family. Rest in peace Mr Tom. Thank you for everything. ❤️ April Ulm Hunter

April Ulm Hunter - June 03, 2023 at 10:25 AM

EM

“ Eli Monroe lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe



Eli Monroe - July 28, 2024 at 10:58 PM

EM

“ *Eli Monroe lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe*



Eli Monroe - December 25, 2023 at 04:35 AM

NF

“ *Mr. Monroe was such a kind and gentle soul. He built a screened porch for my family in the early 90s and the whole experience of working with him was a great blessing. We loved talking with and seeing him after the work was done. Even our black Lab loved to see him come up the driveway. It was a joy to recommend him to anyone who needed help. He was so trustworthy and I will forever remember him as sweet spirit and wonderful friend. I was just mentioning how much we regarded him and work to a friend who was talking about remodeling their home....and upon searching for him, I found his obituary. We need more men like Tom. He will be sorely missed, but his kind spirit will always be with us. Natalie Ferguson, Martinez, GA*

Natalie Ferguson - October 18, 2023 at 09:31 AM

KM

“ *Tom and I started seeing each other in 2015, he came to Florida and we would go out. Spending time together and many hours on the phone. I will miss him. Kathy*

Kathy Mawer - July 22, 2023 at 11:20 PM

EM

“ *Eli Monroe lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe*



Eli Monroe - June 18, 2023 at 04:35 PM

EM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Eli Monroe - June 03, 2023 at 10:36 PM

JG

“ *Tom was and will always be a good friend and neighbor. When we first got to know each other, we had some hearty conversations because he was such a reader. Often our passions (stubbornness?) were from different angles, but we always ended with a smile and a hug. There's that easy laugh so many have commented on. That's my kind of human! I loved talking nature and history with him. He had a constant curiosity for learning.*

Just returned from Tom's memorial in Sweetwater. I was glad to meet so many family members that Tom had talked about at one time or other. The military honors were touching and fitting. Thank you to the Family. There's a reason Jesus' main message was about being a Good Neighbor because it can be hard sometimes. Tom, you made it look easy!

Julie Guthrie - June 03, 2023 at 02:34 PM

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“ I grew up in Augusta in the house next door to Mr Tom. We lived out in the country and most houses were spaced far apart but his was right next door which I loved. My sister and I would be outside playing basketball and he would say “nice shot!”. He would always talk with my dad and they had a good friendship. Even when we had friends over and were way to loud way to late he never fussed at us. He bought our Girl Scout cookies or whatever we were selling for school. As a kid, I never knew about his military service or many talents and accomplishments. But I knew his kindness, his laugh, and the comfort and joy he gave my family. Rest in peace Mr Tom. Thank you for everything.

April Ulm Hunter - June 03, 2023 at 10:36 AM

HD

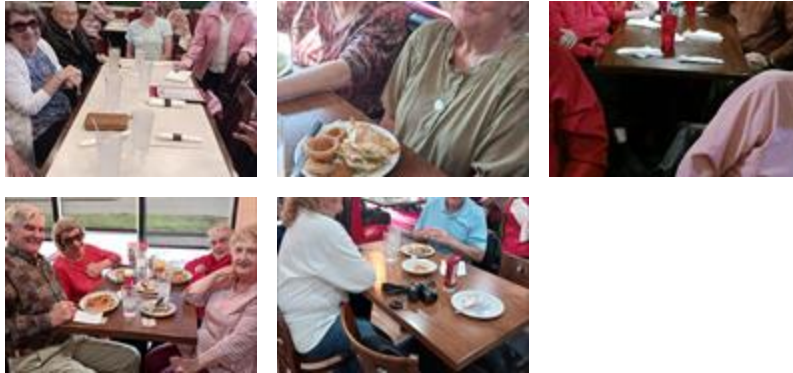
“ I just wanted to say it was a pleasure getting to meet Tom and take care of him while he was here with us in the ICU at SHA. I enjoyed our talks and I always told him good night and good morning. He is a very special man and I am very lucky to have had the opportunity to meet him as well as his son Eli. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Heather Dailey - June 02, 2023 at 09:35 PM

DL

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



David Largen - June 02, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe.



June 02, 2023 at 07:51 PM

SR

“ To The Family of Thomas "Tom" Monroe

From the family Of"Steve Razo" from Ohio

So sorry for the loss of Tom, my greatest and most caring person I've

ever known.I am proud to say this.!!

He will forever be remembered as a special friend .

Steve Razo - June 02, 2023 at 02:41 PM

SR

“ Steve & Eleanor Razo purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe.



Steve & Eleanor Razo - June 02, 2023 at 09:09 AM

WA

“ We had the pleasure of having Tom as our neighbor for several years, sharing meals, vegetables, and before he passed, looking at the planets and stars from Buck Bald Mountain. He was a kind gentle man with an easy laugh who passed from us too quickly and will be sorely missed. It is times like this we are reminded of the words of Kahlil Gibran on the inseparability of joy and sorrow. Like the musician carving out his flute, weep - yes, but enjoy the beauty of his song. Warren and Boon Chin.



Warren - June 02, 2023 at 05:05 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe.



June 01, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe.*



June 01, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Dominic Fino, President purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe.*



Dominic Fino, President - June 01, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Eli and Allison, Prayers are being lifted for you and your entire family. Tom sounds like he was a wonderful man and enjoyed life to its fullest.*



Terry and Marty Duffell

Terry Duffell - June 01, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ *Allison Monroe lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe*



Allison Monroe - May 31, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe.*



May 31, 2023 at 02:16 PM

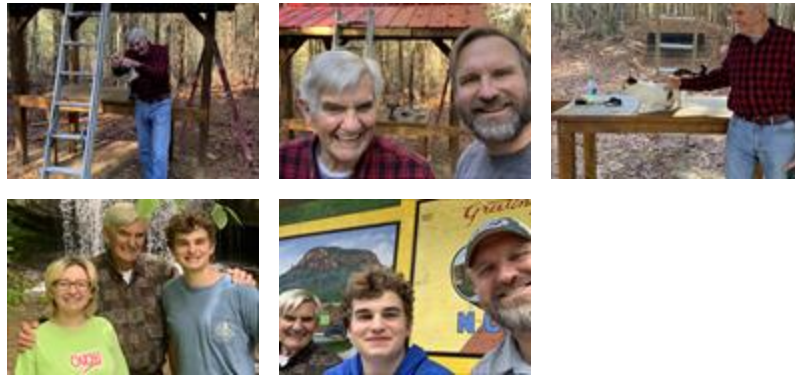


“ *Tom always had the biggest smile and the heartiest laugh. Such a good man. I am missing him. Joie*

JOIE HARRINGTON - May 31, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *20 files added to the tribute wall*



Eli Monroe - May 31, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Eli Monroe lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Allen Monroe*



Eli Monroe - May 31, 2023 at 12:59 PM

AM

“ 2 files added to the album Tom Photos



Allison Monroe - May 31, 2023 at 12:46 PM