



## HOWARD NEIL THOMAS

June 21, 2020

Howard N. "Neil" Thomas, 79, of Sylvan Springs, AL passed away June 21st 2020. Neil was the youngest of 11 children. He served in the U.S. Army as an artillery expert for many years. When he left the Army, he became a heavy equipment operator and was with Saiia Construction when he retired. He loved to dance with his wife and daughters and would burst into song at any time. What a beautiful singing voice he had! As a child, he sang on the Joe Rumore radio show and loved to tell stories about that time. He enjoyed hunting, fishing with his son and camping with his family and one of his greatest joys was spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Neil's family and friends loved to hear him talk about his time in the military and his fishing trips. He was a great man who will be missed by all of the many, many people who loved him. He was, and will always be, our hero, Heaven has gained another angel to watch over us.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents John B. and Ola L. Thomas, his brothers, Dale R. Thomas, Roy C. Thomas, and John E. Thomas and his sisters, Else F. Johnson, Ila Jean Toxey, Jeanette Nelson, Catherine Sides and Frances Andrews. He is survived by his loving wife, Ruby Thomas, his children, Kaye Spears, Melissa Hines (Chuck) and Brian Thomas, his grandchildren, Nicki Griffin, Christina Aldridge, Kayla Alexander, Hunter Cox and Savannah Thomas, his great-grandchildren, Wendell Harbison, Logan Shaffield, Mark Heitzman, London Aldridge, Sky Bailey and Maelynn Grace Alexander, and his sisters, Betty Williams and Linda Sue (James) Vines, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 25, 2020 from 9:30 until 10:45 a.m. at People's Chapel Funeral Home in Hueytown, Alabama. A military honor guard graveside service will be held immediately following at Shanghai Baptist Church cemetery in Quinton, Alabama with Reverend Buddy Poe officiating.

# Comments

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“ He was a great uncle and will be missed. I love you uncle Neil and I will miss you dearly

**Stacey Coley** - June 25 at 09:11 AM

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“ Frank and I met Neil & Ruby in 1997 at old lock 16 on holt lake they were campers we were the park attendants They would bring their grand daughter little Kayla. We had such great times together. Ruby would make my Frank his favorite cake pineapple up side down we would meet at their campsite and enjoy a meal Neil and Frank would fish . We ended up working campgrounds together over the years. Such good times . Neil will be missed . But him and . Frank will have a lot to talk about . Those Veterans Frank, Earl, Dennis and Neil telling fish stories and will rejoice in seeing each other again. I love you Ruby. Love you Kayla

**Linda Dickson** - June 24 at 10:18 PM