



Thomas Alan Lavender

August 2, 1946 - March 14, 2023

Mr. Thomas Alan Lavender, age 76, of Gordon passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 17, 2023 at 1 PM in the Chapel of Williams White Columns Funeral Home of Gordon with Rev. Larry Glover officiating. Interment will follow at 2:30 PM at the GA Veterans Memorial Cemetery with Military Honors. The family will receive friends Thursday evening March 16, 2023 from 6 PM until 8 PM.

Mr Thomas Lavender was born in Gordon to the late Howard Clayton Lavender and the late Lully Mixon Lavender. He was a graduate of the Wilkinson County Class of 1964 and had lived most of his life in Gordon. He is preceded in death by his brother, William Clayton "Billy" Lavender; Sister and Brother-in-law, Cecil and Betty Bone. He was a member of Hardies Chapel Church of Christ. He enjoyed gardening, music, and time with family. He will be missed dearly by his family, friends, and Silena, his beloved Chihuahua, who laid by his side till his very last day.

Mr. Lavender proudly served for 12 years in the United States Navy, consisting of 3 tours in Vietnam. As a result of these tours in combat, he received the following commendations: Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross with Palm), Vietnam Service Ribbon with 4 bronze stars, and Combat Action Ribbon with "V" Device. He was attached to Mobile

Riverine Force/River Assault Squadron 13 (RIVRON-13). He served on the following ships: USS Floyd B. Parks, USS Sierra, USS Tripoli, and USS Rexburg.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Linda Snow Lavender of Gordon; son, Clay Lavender (Terry) of Statesboro; daughters, Jenelle Coleman (Gerald) of Gordon and Danielle Lavender of Macon; Stepson, Robert Elmer of Milledgeville; brother in law, Danny Snow (Laura) of Milledgeville and nephew, Timmy Bone also of Milledgeville.

Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions can be made to Wreaths Across America 2617 Vinson Hwy Milledgeville, GA 31061

You can express online condolences at www.whitecolumnsfh.net

Williams White Columns Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Highway
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Williams White Columns Funeral Home - Gordon
179 Milledgeville Road
Gordon, GA 31031
(478) 628-2200
gordon@williamsfuneralhome.net
<https://www.whitecolumnsfh.net/>

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside

MAR 17. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Williams White-Columns Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Alan Lavender*



Williams-White Columns Funeral Home - March 17, 2023 at 12:30 PM

GW

Thomas was one of my best friends growing up. I was fortunate to thank him for his military service. Love the man.

George Weaver - March 19, 2023 at 09:17 AM

HW

“ *Clay I'm so sorry for your loss my prayers are with you it's been years since I seen you and your dad he was a good person and I know he cherished you and loved you so much always keep your head up and cherish the memories and always remember he's still with you and watching over you*

helen Wright - March 30, 2023 at 10:45 AM

SM

“ *Sheri Harold Marchman lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lavender*



Sheri and Harold Marchman - March 17, 2023 at 01:47 AM

JH

“ *Praying for Thomas's Family.*

John Hogue - March 16, 2023 at 10:35 PM

SW

“ *My deepest condolences to Linda and rhe family. May God's Holy Spirit give you all comfort.*

Sherri Whitfield - March 16, 2023 at 04:36 PM

MN

“ *Clay and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Know that you're in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Michael Newton - March 16, 2023 at 04:13 PM

EA

“ *Elaine Alford sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Lavender*



Elaine Alford - March 16, 2023 at 03:10 PM

DE

“ *I am praying for the family and my deepest sympathy goes out to Linda and all of his children and family.*



Debbie - March 16, 2023 at 02:15 PM

CH

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences.
Charles Jackson and family*

Celeste Harkins - March 16, 2023 at 11:30 AM

ST

“ *To The Lavender Family: I can only imagine the impact Thomas made among you and the many who crossed his path. May all the love, and lessons, blessings and sweet memories continue to live on in each of you. God's comfort and strength to all. Sheenah Thrasher - GDVS*

Sheenah Thrasher - March 16, 2023 at 08:38 AM

PR

“ *My sincere condolences on Thomas passing away. I had the pleasure of knowing this man over 55 years. He was a devoted family man and adored his wife Linda. The world lost a light with Thomas's passing. No longer suffering and flying with the Angeles now. God bless his loving family and friends.*



Patricia Robison - March 15, 2023 at 10:14 PM

CY

“ *Linda,
So sorry to hear about your loss.
Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this time.
Casey & Judy Jackson Youngblood*

Casey & Judy Jackson Youngblood - March 15, 2023 at 09:43 PM

FG

A good friend forever, ever since we were in the first grade. Thomas gave much to his Country in military service, and, was exposed to very hostile conditions in Vietnam, for which he suffered every day. His family was so precious to him, especially his loving wife, Linda. Our prayers will be with you during this time and in the days ahead.

Frank Gibbs - March 17, 2023 at 11:12 AM