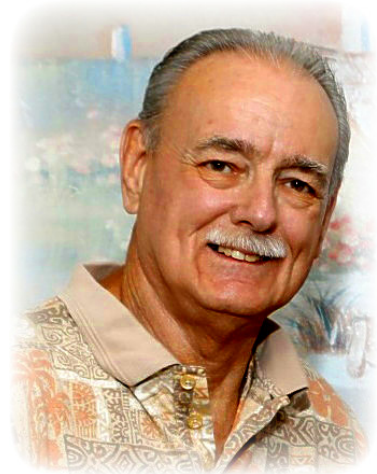


Thomas Clark Obituary

In loving memory of Thomas Lane Clark (Sep. 6, 1947 – Dec. 21, 2023). Tom was a devoted husband to his wife Diana for over 23 years and a beloved father to his two sons Kevin and Bryan. He will be dearly missed by his bonus daughters Stacy Sattler (John), Aimee Schoelles (Mike) and Carrie Holcomb (Chad). He also leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He joins his parents Helen and Alexander Clark as well as his sister Kathy in eternal rest.



Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.” This could easily be written specifically for Tom. He served this country on the front lines in Vietnam in the United States Army. He saw combat with the 3rd Platoon of “A” Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry Regiment, which was at various times attached to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), the 4th Infantry Division, and the 173rd Airborne Brigade from September of 1967 until the spring of 1968 when he was transferred to the 11th Light Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division where he finished his one year Vietnam service obligation. This experience and the brotherhood created during the war left an indelible mark and profoundly influenced his life. In 2017 he was honored with The Order of Saint Maurice at the biannual reunion of the 50th Infantry Regimental Association. This prestigious honor is bestowed upon individuals in recognition of their exceptional contributions and dedication to the Infantry community. Tom received a moving final salute after his passing at the James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital in Tampa

In retirement he enjoyed seeing far off places on the open sea with his wife Diana by his side. A life of leisure was the goal and it was achieved through countless vacations including Walt Disney World, cruises and trips to their favorite island St. Martin. Together, they forged friendships with people from all over the world, leaving ripples of impact that extend far beyond his reach.

The greatest impact was undoubtedly felt within his family and bonus family, where his love and influence will continue to resonate through generations. His generosity knew no bounds, often extending beyond what might be considered typical. Witnessing the happiness of others whether spending time with his grandkids or aiding those in need, brought him immense joy and a sense of purpose.

Eternal life is attained by leaving a lasting mark on the hearts of the ones you loved, the strangers who became friends and the friends who became family. Although he will be deeply missed, knowing him leaves us all better and we carry his legacy through our shared memories and actions.



50TH INFANTRY REGIMENT



1ST CAVALRY DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)



4TH INFANTRY DIVISION



173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE



AMERICAL
23RD INFANTRY
DIVISION