



## Mr. Thomas L. Elliott

March 9, 1937 - April 10, 2020

Colonel Thomas (Tom) Elliott died at the age of 83 on Good Friday, April 10, 2020 at the Georgian Lakeside Assisted Living in Roswell, Georgia. He was a highly decorated veteran of the Vietnam war. Tom was a charismatic leader who inspired the highest standards in every endeavor during his life. He possessed a relaxed manner, keen insight and quick wit, qualities admired by his many life-long friends and family. Despite his many achievements, Tom remained a humble, generous and engaging friend throughout his life. Tom was born March 9, 1937 in Bristol, VA to John and Bertha Elliott. He was married to Peggy Anne Clawson on August 10, 1958. They were happily married for more than 62 years.

Tom graduated from East Tennessee State College in August 1959 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. His first assignment in the United States Army was at Ft. Benning, GA as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. After two years of Infantry service, he branch transferred to the Military Police Corps. Following 30 years of distinguished service, Tom retired as a Criminal Investigation Command Brigade Commander at Ft Meade, MD. He had combat tours in Vietnam and Thailand and served 3 years in Panama. He had several stateside assignments which included Ft. Gordon, GA, Ft Myer, VA and a tour in the Pentagon. In 1976 he received a Master's degree in Public Administration from Jacksonville State University. Tom received numerous military decorations to include two Legion of Merit Medals, the Bronze Star Medal and three Army Commendation Medals. After Tom's retirement from the military, he became the Business Manager for the Fulcher Hagler Law Firm, moved on to be the Vice President of Sizemore Security and finished his civilian career as the Business Manager for Richard Young Associates in Augusta, GA. Upon his retirement from his civilian career, he and Peggy moved to Roswell, Georgia to be near their son and his family.

Tom always lead by example in everything he did. He was a soldier's soldier, a devoted husband, a superb father and a benevolent grandfather. He also led by example in his faith. He was a non-judgmental Christian and treated everyone as he would want to be treated.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, his three sons, Pat and wife Phebe of Richmond, Virginia; Joe and wife Mollianne of Roswell, Georgia; David and wife Robin of Wayne,

Pennsylvania; and his sister, Tonya Pickle of Amory, Mississippi. He considered his seven grandchildren to be one of life's greatest blessings. They are Kelly and Courtney (Pat's); Carlen, Harrison, Hill and Evans (Joe's); and Giles (David's). He was also blessed with three great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation  
[www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).

# Cemetery

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## **Georgia National Cemetery**

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr

Canton, GA, 30114

# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the album Gene Elliott



Mary Ann Elliott - May 02 at 06:22 PM

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“ When I first met Tom, I realized immediately how special of a man he was. He was a kind, very personable, always full of grace, and exhibited a strong devotion to Peggy. May he Rest In Peace...  
Fondly,  
Darlene Davis-Conte

Darlene Davis-Conte - April 24 at 10:06 AM

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“ I met Tom about six years ago at the Orchards of Roswell and immediately realized how much of a gentleman he was and then we worked together on the Board. He brought an open mind, honesty and dedication to the Community. More important , we became "Friends". Will miss him! Barry Resnick and Beverly Resnick

Barry Resnick - April 22 at 10:20 AM

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“ Col. Tom was truly an officer and a gentleman. He had my total respect and admiration. He touched many of us and will be missed ! Donna Beverly

donna beverly - April 21 at 04:34 PM

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“ Tom was such a dear kind man. He never failed to greet me every time I saw him at church. He and Peggy are very precious to me. Love from Patsy Allison.



Patsy Allison - April 21 at 01:54 PM

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Lucinda Degenhard - April 20 at 05:36 PM

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“ Transported by “In Their Honor”



Lucinda Degenhard - April 20 at 05:35 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Video



Northside Chapel - April 20 at 01:35 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Peggy - April 20 at 01:26 PM

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“ After the burial our friend, who had played the bagpipes for Tom's 80th birthday, came to our home where we were all gathered to play them for him one last time. Thank you, Rob. It was very special to all of us, especially in these times.



Peggy - April 20 at 10:22 AM

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“ Tonya and Robert with Tom and Peg



Diane - April 15 at 11:29 PM



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Phebe Elliott - April 16 at 10:58 AM



“ Uncle Tom,

You were dearly loved and will be missed immensely- we know you are with God so we have peace - until we meet again- thanks for all the great memories and that precious smile- we love you... Robert, Diane and crew



Diane - April 15 at 10:52 PM

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“ After being wrongfully accused of drunk and disorderly, he stood up for me with the Commander of the MP School at Ft. McClellan, in a phone conversation he said " I only recommend my best soldiers for MPI School, he said he was innocent, we'll do whatever is necessary to protect him." Case was then dismissed! The greatest I've ever worked for! RIP Sir!

Larry Henderson - April 15 at 02:20 PM

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“ He was the Provost Marshal at Fort Gordon GA when I was stationed there. He always had time to talk to us, which wasn't common for senior officers back then. Story: His driver was getting out of the Army and I was voluntold to try out for the position. Me and another each had a two week trial period, I went second. I did NOT want to be the driver because I enjoyed working the road and was on the Special Reaction Team, so I did some things to make sure I wasn't chosen. The Provost SGM chewed me out several times for them, actually a lot of times. After my two weeks COL Elliott called me in and flat out asked me, "You didn't want this job did you?".

Me: "No Sir"

COL Elliott: "Son, you should have just told me and saved us both some pain." Then he laughed.

RIP Warrior

SGM Patrick Finley USA Retired

Patrick Finley - April 15 at 11:18 AM

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“ Colonel Elliott, was one of the best officers and Provost Marshal I had ever served under in my career in the Army. He was a fine God fearing man who served his country well and lead the finest men under his command. I feel privileged to have been one of them. He was a fine leader and mentor to me and had a tremendous impact on my life and career in the army. After my retirement from the army I became a Sheriff's Deputy for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office in Augusta Ga. I had the distinct pleasure of having his neighborhood as my patrol beat before he moved away to live near his family. I would occasionally stop by and visit him and Peggy. He always had a gleam in his eyes when we were together. Before moving he told me he was very proud of me, my accomplishments and the man I had become. And with a quirky grin on his face he told me that he helped me get the job with Sheriff's Office unbeknownst to me. For that I will forever be grateful to the man and friend I have grown to respect with all my heart. Rest in Peace Colonel, serve God in heaven as you did with the men and women under your command. Peggy and family, may you be rest assured he will be your guardian angel looking after you all as he did here on earth. God Bless

SSG Jack W. Rackliff, US Army Military Police Retired  
Evans, Georgia



**Jack Rackliff** - April 15 at 09:37 AM

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“ I had the opportunity as a young man to drive for Col. Elliot for a couple of months. He truly left a valuable impression on me and the rest of my service career. I also have many great memories of that time with him.

Bruce Daniels  
Medford, WI

**Bruce Daniels** - April 14 at 10:43 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas L. Elliott.



April 14 at 10:00 PM

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“ WD Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas L. Elliott



**WD Wheeler** - April 14 at 07:00 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Tom's Sister



**Elissa Middleton** - April 14 at 08:56 AM



“ Love

**Phebe Elliott** - April 14 at 10:11 AM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas L. Elliott.



April 12 at 09:05 PM

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“ Peggy, Pat, Joe, and David, I want you to know that Tom had as much of a positive impact on my life as my own dad did! He loved God first, the four of you, the Army, and the Military Police Corps, in that order, and made no secret about it. I watched as he molded young Army officers with a tough tenderness. One particular incident involved our Operations Officer. After a stern talking to, your dad walked out of his office with his arm around the captain's shoulders saying, "Son, I do this to make you a better officer." He was a teacher, mentor, friend, and the best boss I ever had. Go rest with Jesus, Tom!

Peggy, you and your family are in my prayers!

Beth Loftis

**Beth Loftis** - April 12 at 08:35 PM



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**Phebe Elliott** - April 14 at 10:14 AM



“ Col, you always had a positive influence in my time in service and in civilian life . I learned so much from you about leadership and that carried over in my civilian law enforcement career. Even after all these years whenever I spoke of you, in was always with the greatest respect!

**Ray VanMeter** - April 14 at 09:51 PM

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“ Dad, You we're not only a successful decorated Colonel in the United States Army, you were the one I looked up to as a mentor and The example of what a great dad and husband is. We shared so much in life both good and bad. You were always understanding, listened and provided guidance to anyone, you always had time. This morning you went to be with the Lord our Father and now sending your love down upon us. I will always be grateful to you for teaching me how to be a loving and caring person. I will never forget you! Thank you for your service, thank you for being my dad. I love you forever.

Pat

**Pat Elliott** - April 10 at 05:32 PM



“ Beautiful tribute

**Phebe Elliott** - April 14 at 10:15 AM



“ I met Tom while being one of many entering VirginiaHigh School starting in the 7th grade. It was a great and enjoyable ride for the next six years and finally graduating in the FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF THE NEW VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL. Tom was a very talented individual and always a good friend. REST WELL, MY FRIEND!

ALLEN CLARK, CLASS OF 1955

**Allen** - April 26 at 05:01 PM