



Thomas Walton Shaw

June 9, 1924 - December 5, 2010

SHAW - Thomas Walton Shaw, 86, of Alpharetta GA, died December 5, at the home of his son in Alpharetta. He was born in West Haven, Connecticut on June 9, 1924 to Clifford Walton Shaw and Esther Goode Shaw. In addition to both parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Barnes Shaw, a daughter, Mary Alice Obstler, and a sister, Alice Shaw Melancon. Surviving him are his wife, Ruth Lee Shaw of Alpharetta, Ga., two sons, Walton Shaw of Martinsville, Va. and Michael Shaw (Pattie) of Alpharetta, one daughter Sara Walker of Martinsville, one step-son, Kenneth Nida (Susan) of West Palm Beach, Florida, three step-daughters, Karen Stromick (Joe) of Uniontown, Pa., Bonnie McKinney (Jerry) of Durham, N.C., Cille McKenzie in Jamestown, N.C. Also surviving are a sister, Barbara Akers of Bassett, Va., 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was a 1942 graduate of Bassett High School in Virginia. He attended Bluefield Junior College, University of Richmond and TC Williams School of Law. He worked in Management for DuPont and Pannill Knitting Co. before retiring and moving to Greenville NC. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and Disabled Veterans of America. He was active as a leader in many civic organizations in Martinsville and Henry County Virginia, including the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Elks Club, Rotary and others. He coached youth basketball and baseball in Martinsville and was a leader in the American Legion baseball program in Greenville, NC. He was inducted into the American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame. He was a lifelong avid sportsman and outdoorsman. He was a highly decorated veteran

of WWII as a member of the 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One). He received a field commission as Second Lieutenant following the Normandy Campaign. He was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action, two Bronze Stars for Heroism and two Purple Hearts. He was involved in combat action in North Africa and Italy before landing on Omaha Beach in the first wave of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. He then fought across France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. One of his last actions of the war was participation in the liberation of a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia near the time of the Germany surrender. A memorial service will be held at Northside Chapel in Roswell, Ga. on December 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends at a viewing on December 8 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Northside Chapel. Burial with military rites will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. at a later date to be determined. The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, GA, 770/645-1414.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Walton Shaw*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Uncle Tom was a gentleman and a mentor. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Brooks Akers and family##imported-end##*

December 10, 2010 at 06:37 PM



“ *To Ruth and to all of Tom's family: I will always remember Tom at the baseball games in Greenville especially the pirate games. I loved to talk to him about his favorite sport. Ruth, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always pray for all of you. Monica##imported-begin##Monica Parker##imported-end##*

December 09, 2010 at 11:21 AM



“ *Ruth, Just wanted you to know we are thinking of you and praying that God will surround you with his loving and comforting arms. May God grant you peace. Much lov##imported-begin##Sam and Mary Jo Seeman##imported-end##*

December 09, 2010 at 10:41 AM



“ *Walt, Mike, Sara and family--
We were most saddened by the news of Tom's passing. Our love,
hugs and prayers go out to you all. He was such an accomplished
man, and I wish I'd had the opportunity to know him better. We hope
your loving memories, keep a smile at hand.*

*Love always,
Kerri, Link, Landon & Colin Shaw##imported-begin##Kerri
Shaw##imported-end##*

December 09, 2010 at 10:16 AM



“ *Tom was my Uncle and my friend. He will be missed.##imported-
begin##DICKIE AKERS##imported-end##*

December 09, 2010 at 12:06 AM



“ *My heart goes out to the family of Tom Shaw. We worked together
at Pannill Knitting and I considered Tom one of my best friends. All
who worked for him respected him--he was honest and fair to all.
His memory will always be with me because I will carry him in my
heart.##imported-begin##Shirley D. Spencer##imported-end##*

December 08, 2010 at 07:32 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Tom Shaw. We got to know him through ECU baseball as we enjoyed his love of the game and his sharing of baseball knowledge and history with us. We missed him at last year's games and will always miss his friendliness. May God bless you with comfort during this time and strength for the coming days.

Tom Reese, Greenville, NC##imported-begin##Tom Reese##imported-end##

December 08, 2010 at 10:15 AM



“ Walt, Sara, Mike, I'm very sorry for your loss. Marilyn and I convey our sympathies and we hope that you can move forward with all the wonderful memories of Tom.

He was a very important figure in my life and I'm appreciative of his impact in my young years.

Rick and Marilyn Woods##imported-begin##Rick Woods##imported-end##

December 07, 2010 at 05:06 PM