



SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret)

June 1, 1935 - September 18, 2018

SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret), 83 of Ladson, husband of the late Catherine Musolf, passed away on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at his residence.

Family and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Monday, September 24, 2018 from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A Graveside service will follow at 2 o'clock Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC 29485.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to St. Theresa Building Fund, 11001 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC 29485.

Thomas was born on June 1, 1935 in Duluth, Minnesota, son of the late Rose and Donald Musolf. He was a graduate of Denfeld High School in Duluth, Minnesota. He then joined the United States Air Force. He received the Merit of Service Medal, Bronze Star and Commendation Medal. He was a member of the American Legion, Old Fort Masonic Lodge #420, National Sojourners Charleston #28, Scottish Rite Disabled A.V., VFW and Heroes of 76.

Survivors include: four sons: Michael Musolf of Summerville, David Musolf (Amy) of Summerville, Brian Musolf of Summerville and Steven Musolf (Teryi) of Greenville; grandson: Collin Musolf; three brothers: Walter Musolf (Joan) of

St. Paul, MN, Jerry Musolf (Pat) of Harlingen, TX and Bobby Musolf (Dottie) of Portland, OR.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Cemetery Details

Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 24. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Graveside Service

SEP 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret)



James A Dyal Funeral Home - September 23, 2018 at 07:43 AM



“ SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret)

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Tom and my husband, Denver, were stationed together at several bases, and were able to visit while in Viet Nam. We became friends with the family, Cathy, Michael and David. We have so many memories of Tom and his family and will miss his humor on FB now. RIP now, Tom, your work is done here. I know Cathy welcomed you in that eternal home.

Pauline McMillan - September 24, 2018 at 09:14 PM

PG

“ My sincerest sympathies go out to Tom's family and friends. I knew Tom from when my husband and I were stationed at McGuire AFB, back in the early sixties. Actually, he was my "boss." But, more than that, he was a good friend. Always a very up-beat guy and a great kidder. I will miss seeing him -- and his beloved cars (especially his VW) -- on Facebook.



Patricia (Parody) Grabenstetter - September 23, 2018 at 06:51 PM

AD

“ I got to know Tom over the last 15 years through our “shared” grandson, Colin. Tom was always upbeat, positive and funny. He was a wonderful grandfather to Colin, and I'm so grateful that Colin had him in his life. I will miss him.

Ann Davis - September 23, 2018 at 03:26 PM

SS

“ Sam Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret).



Sam Smith - September 22, 2018 at 06:41 PM

EM

“ Tommy Musolf and I started Kintergarten the same day back in September 1940 at the Irving Grade School. We also had the same home room throughout at West Junior and Denfeld High (groupings being alphabetized, I guess) My condolences to the family, especially Toms older brother Walt whom I have seen occasionally in the past few years. Rest In Peace, Tommy.

Eli Miletich, a fellow Raleigh Streeter

Eli. Miletich - September 22, 2018 at 05:31 PM

BK

“ Brother Tom....R.I.P. You have waited long enough to be with your wife....

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR FAMILY WITH US....

Bob Kuziak - September 22, 2018 at 04:34 PM

BK

“ Bob Kuziak lit a candle in memory of SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret)



Bob Kuziak - September 22, 2018 at 04:32 PM

CW

“ I have total respect for my cousin, Tom. He was a man of honor and a servant of the people. His sense of humor was epic! Although I did not see him in person for many years, it was a real pleasure to connect with him via Facebook. He will truly be missed.

Charmaine (Lafontatine) Wistad - September 22, 2018 at 11:20 AM

NW

“ *Neenie Waczkowski lit a candle in memory of
SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret)*



Neenie Waczkowski - September 21, 2018 at 10:06 PM

NW

Tom was an awesome and very funny man, I will miss him dearly. Even though I'm not officially a member of the family, Tom always made me feel like I was. May you Rest In Peace. I will think of you every time I make a batch of cookies.

Neenie Waczkowski - September 21, 2018 at 10:51 PM

LG

I never met Tom in person but we talked a lot on facebook and have known his Michael for a long time. I loved his humor and he always kidded me about my fish game .He will be missed by many. Libby Gilley Neenies Mom.

Libby Gilley - September 22, 2018 at 01:45 PM

MS

“ *Tom was a civvie when I was at CHS. Very friendly, personable, and even taught me some load planning while I was in Retrograde/SH. I loved some of the stories he would share when I had time between duties.*

I share with everyone's sorrow at his passing.....

Mary M Scherich - September 21, 2018 at 03:00 PM

LF

“ Love, The Wildhart, Rice and Ritchie families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret).



Love, The Wildhart, Rice and Ritchie families - September 21, 2018 at 01:53 PM

RW

“ Tom was a great leader and a good friend who always made me laugh with all his great jokes. He will be greatly missed by all in the Aerial Port world. My prayers are with him and your family.
Ron Westall

Ronald Westall - September 20, 2018 at 07:23 PM

S1

“ Sam Louie CHS 1994-1997 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret).



Sam Louie CHS 1994-1997 - September 20, 2018 at 07:15 AM

KF

“ RIP. I will miss your postings on Facebook. You were so great to work with for so many years.

Kim Vajda Fair - September 20, 2018 at 06:51 AM

KS

“ *RIP Tom. It was a pleasure to work with him in Load Planning at CHS afb. He was a good guy. I will miss his Volkswagen pics.*

Kerry Stone - September 19, 2018 at 11:26 PM

CE

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family. I knew Tom for a long time, he was a great person and will be missed.*

Charles Edmonds - September 19, 2018 at 10:47 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Walter Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 07:37 PM

AM

“ *My daughter was so excited to have more uncles and another Grandpa!*



Amy Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 07:02 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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“ Amy Musolf lit a candle in memory of SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret)



Amy Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 06:47 PM



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Walter Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 04:40 PM

CW

What a wonderful photo!

Charmaine (Lafontatine) Wistad - September 22, 2018 at 11:14 AM



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Walter Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 04:37 PM



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Walter Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ My dear brother, Tom ... I will miss him. Born about three years earlier, I was the older brother to Tom and his "Irish twin", Gerald (13 months younger than Tom). They were my tag-along buddies as we were growing up in West Duluth, partners in many adventures, many scrapes, lots of fun as we rough and tumbled through the thirties and forties. Our sweet sister, Diane, remained close to mother Rose while we three boys ran free. Kid brother Bob came along in 1949. Bob was but a year old when I joined the Navy at age seventeen in 1950, returning three years later to see Tom off on his long and distinguished career in the Air Force. Gerald soon followed into the military where he had a likewise excellent career in the Army. As the years passed, we seldom had an opportunity to get together but always had a wonderful time when we did.

So many memories ...

-- Tom tagging along across the street and behind me and Kenny and Ryan as we headed for the Doric Theater for a Saturday afternoon cowboy movie ... he wanted so badly to come along ... we decided it was okay and I waved him over to our side of the street ... Tom was so excited he walked into the side of a turning car ... the driver leaped out of his car as Tom, rattled a bit but unhurt, got up off the street ... the driver gave Tom a dollar ... we made Tom treat us to popcorn and candy at the movie.

-- At a rare get together, Tom and I and Jerry were having beers and telling stories when Tom, always so proud of his Air Force, was waxing eloquent about how close he and his fellow airmen were, always casual and on a first name basis with little regard for rank ... Jerry interrupted, "Hey, Tom, that's really nice ... you know, all my soldiers call me by my first name too ... they call me Sargent." ... bada boom.

-- Joan and I were in Myrtle Beach and arranged to have Tom and Kathy come up from Charleston and Jerry and wife Pat from Atlanta for dinner and an overnight visit. As I recall, son David drove Kathy

up and Tom was to follow ... Kathy arrived and we waited for Tom to go to dinner ... and waited ... and waited ... he showed up, all smiles and happy to see us ... Kathy says, "Great, we can finally go to dinner." ... Tom says, "I'm not hungry, I stopped and ate on the way up." ... Tom listened to his own drummer.



Walter Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 04:29 PM

AM

I love the stories! I will miss all the stories he would tell, he always made me laugh

Amy Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 06:57 PM



... so many good thoughts about my brother Tom ... will have to tell you more sometime ...

Walter Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 07:35 PM

JD

Worked with Tom at Charleston AFB load planning and learned so much from him. Will always remember the stories he would tell. A great man and will be missed.

Jdyer0261@cox.net - September 20, 2018 at 03:22 AM

RM

“ *Robert Musolf lit a candle in memory of SMSGT Thomas J. Musolf USAF (ret)*



Robert Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 01:18 PM

RM

“ Tom will be with me forever in my Heart. When we were kids we didn't have much and my Father left home when I was 14 months old. But Tom was there he made a kind of sad poor time and place fun! He would tell me stories of strange lands and odd creatures take me on his bicycle in a custom side seat that hung from the rear fender! And then later in his Hot Rod! And then he got a Tattoo at the Tri-State Fair! I loved that Tattoo! And it turned out to be one of the great influences on my life and later career. I am in a large part the person I am today thanks to my Sweet Brother Tom. Thanks Bro. You will be missed

Robert Musolf - September 19, 2018 at 01:17 PM