



Donald W. Thomas Jr

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Lieutenant Colonel Donald W. Thomas, Jr, United States Army retired, age 81, of Palm Harbor, FL passed away Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Mease Countryside Hospital, Safety Harbor, FL. He was born March 24, 1941 in Sewickley, PA to Donald W. Thomas, Sr. and Lila (Weston) Thomas. Don is survived by his son, Donald W. Thomas, III (Trey) and his wife, Stacey; daughters, Kelly Meek and her husband David, and Kristin Dill; brother, David Thomas, sister, Norma Buswell and her husband Fred and 7 grandchildren; Reagan and Riley Meek, Lauren Dill, Donald W Thomas IV “Liam”, Sydney, Laine, and Hill Thomas.

Don proudly served 23 plus years on active duty as an Infantry Officer in the United States Army. During his service, Don deployed to the Vietnam War, where he was highly decorated, including two Bronze Stars and Combat Infantryman Badge. He obtained Airborne and Ranger qualifications as well as his Master Parachute badge. Don graduated from the University of Tampa.

Upon retirement from the Army, Don entered the private sector helping develop technology for military simulation in the research area around the University of Central Florida. He was also instrumental in launching the Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society (FLAIRS) in 1987. The society continues to advance A.I. and has expanded to international participation. Don eventually sought out his entrepreneurial spirit and launched Ameripro Electronics.

Don retired to Palm Harbor, Florida.

Service will be live streamed:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/>

Event ID: 75401



Events

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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, June 28, 2022

 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM ET


 **Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation - Clearwater**

693 South Belcher Road, Clearwater FL 33764



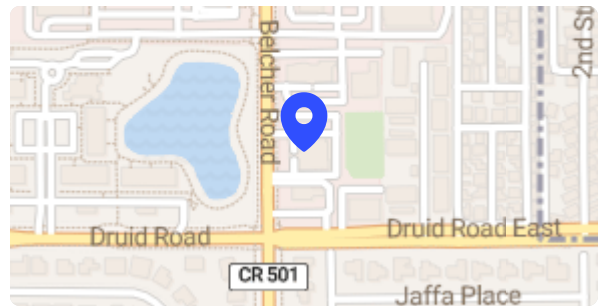
Funeral Service

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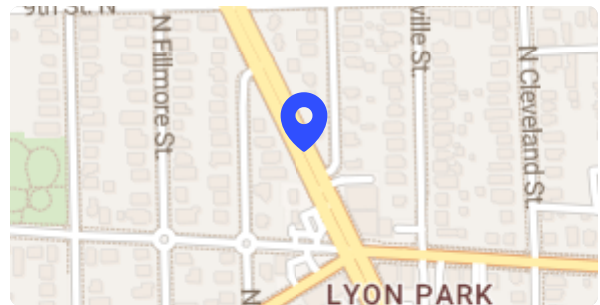
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Cemetery Details

 **Arlington National Cemetery**
Arlington VA





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Sydney Thomas posted:

He loved fishing and always insisted on taking my brothers and I. Once, we didn't bring bait, so we used raw hot dogs; I still laugh about it when I remember. Of course, as you probably guessed, we didn't catch anything. He also loved golfing; I still remember the time I went golfing with him. I wasn't very good, but I didn't care, I just wanted to see him. Also, every year for Father's Day we would drive up to his house, grill out, and swim in his pool, most of my memories with him are from those times.

April 15 at 12:55 PM



Anonymous sent a Loving Grace to the Thomas family.

June 27 at 8:32 AM



Anonymous sent a With Distinction to the Thomas family.

June 27 at 8:27 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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