



Thomas Lee Nicholson

March 25, 1936 - September 8, 2021

Thomas Lee Nicholson, age 85 of Gaylesville, passed away Wednesday September 8th at his residence.

Graveside services will be 11 AM Friday September 10th at Cherokee Memory Gardens with Rev. Melvyn Salter officiating.

Survivors include wife Dr. Mary Jeannette Nicholson of Gaylesville; brother, Benny Nicholson of Centre; sisters, Marlene Nixon of Jamestown and Jean (Tommy) Hansard of Cedar Bluff; several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Nicholson was a native of Cherokee County and the son of the late Enoch and Lois Nicholson and was of the Baptist Faith. He served 22 years in the Army and 27 years with Civil Service working for the Army.

The family will accept flowers or memorial may be made to Cherokee County Humane Society.

The family request you wear a mask and social distancing.

Perry Funeral Home Directing

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ Tom was also a very special cousin to me. He and Archie Manning were my two childhood heroes - Archie of course for his football heroics and Tom was my military (and family) hero. I first met Tom when he returned from his first tour in Vietnam, and I remember clearly when he entered my Aunt Moree's living room (Tom most likely 32 and I was 9) that I was awe struck.

Tom and Jeannette both attended my mother's funeral in 2016, and I had the opportunity to tell Tom in front of several of my cousins and his two sisters that he was indeed one of my childhood heroes and he just smiled in somewhat of disbelief, but as I continued with my accolades of him and why he achieved hero status in my mind (and the minds of many others in our family), I saw in his smile that he was appreciative of the comments, but he was not buying into the hero status being given him. His unselfishness, kindness and humility were all the characteristics that made him my hero.

The sad thing for me was that I had not told him this earlier so that he could have gone through life knowing that he had made a great impression upon me at a young age and that he had earned my deepest respect with his sacrifices and service to our great country. The world truly needs more heroes like Tom!

Tom was always kind and considerate to others, especially to me and my immediate family. When Pat and I met with Tom and Jeannette several years ago north of Atlanta, we had our dog, Wilson, with us and Wilson immediately adopted Tom as his best friend - Wilson jumped up into Tom's lap and we all insisted that Wilson get down, but Tom said "Wilson is good right here" and Wilson sat in Tom's lap for most of our time together.

Tom, may you rest in peace!

My thoughts and prayers go out to Jeanette and Tom's brother and sisters during this time of sorrow.

Love to All!

Chuck Pollard

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“ Tom was a very special cousin to us -- we loved his voice, his wonderful laugh.
Tom & Jeannette were (and always will be) one of the greatest couples ever.
I remember Tom & Jeannette as newlyweds -- they were perfect for each other then, perfect for each other always.
I am Jeannette's younger cousin. My mother and Jeannette's mother were sisters -- Jeannette's mother was the eldest child in their large family and my mother was "the baby".
I have always adored the "Catledge girls" and Jeannette always took a very special interest in my little branch of the family.
Tom also took a special interest in us -- Tom & I were "kin" through his wonderful marriage to Jeannette, and that is a great way to be "related".
Tom facilitated several rendezvous so that my mother and I could spend a little time with Jeannette. I will always be very grateful for Tom's example of family love in action.
Tom, rest now in perfect peace, peace such as the world cannot give, peace such as the world cannot take away.
Tom, surely goodness and mercy followed you all the days of your life and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen.
With deepest sympathy, much family love, and many prayers,
Libby Pollard Adams

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“ Dean Buttram lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Lee Nicholson



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