



Thomas Franklin Files (Lebanon)

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Thomas Franklin Files, son of Omar and Eva Mann Files, was born May 17, 1939, in Eldon, Missouri. He departed this life Saturday, October 29, 2016, in his home, near Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of seventy-seven years, five months, and twelve days.

On December 28, 1984, he was united in marriage to Colleen Ann Lester, and they shared the last thirty-two years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Thomas Allen Files; and a half-brother, Bud Abbott, and his wife, Marian.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Colleen, of the home; two daughters, Wendy Killingsworth, of Boulder Creek, California, and Linda Sue, of the State of Georgia; four grandchildren, Amanda, Steve, Tim and Tyler; a brother, William Wilson, and his wife, Sheila, of Overland Park, Kansas; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was raised in the Lebanon, Missouri area, and attended Lebanon High School. He entered the military as a young man, and served his country faithfully in the United States Navy from May 17, 1956, until June 1, 1960. He was stationed on aircraft carriers anchored in Hawaii and Japan. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he made his home in California where he worked for Lockheed Martin Aircraft for thirty-eight years. Once he retired, he and Colleen moved back to Lebanon, and enjoyed their retirement years.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars the Elks Lodge for thirty-five years, and Great Life Golf and Fitness. He liked to fish in his younger years, and enjoyed all kinds of animals and working on his computer. He also enjoyed collecting coins and guns. He was a very patriotic person who loved his country and was proud of his military service.

Tom was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and was a caring



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neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments and know that his family and friends will treasure the wonderful memories he made for them during his seventy-seven years.




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Visitation

 **Friday**, November 4, 2016

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon**
320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon MO 65536



Service


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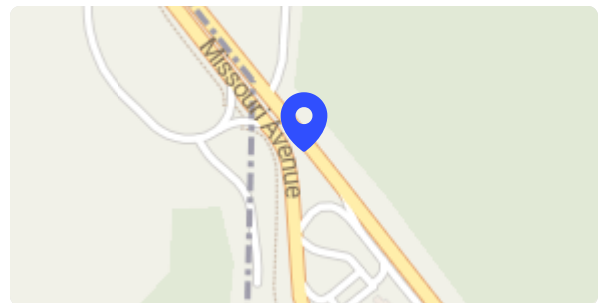
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Cemetery Details

 **Missouri Veterans Cemetery**
Ft. Leonard Wood MO





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Jeannette Files-Cadorette posted:

I love you Uncle Tom. Prayers for your family.Love, Jeannette Files-Cadorette

November 3 at 8:48 PM



Tona Schiele posted:

My condolences - we were so honored to have met Tom and shared some wonderful memories with him and his family. Tona Schiele & family

November 3 at 10:15 AM



Ms. G. McLaughlin posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Colleen at this very sad time. Tom was a wonderful friend, loving husband and father. I'm very thankful for the 30 years of great memories we shared and will miss you so much. God Bless and Fly High!Ms. G. McLaughlin

November 2 at 10:20 AM



Mark Morque posted:

a great guy and a great friend. I will miss him deeplyMark Morque

November 1 at 8:42 AM



Barbara Bennum lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

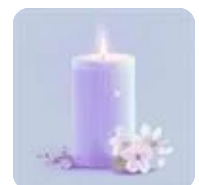
November 1 at 7:32 AM



Brenda Williams lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Prayers to Coleen and family. Tom was my friend and I will always treasure the clock he made for me.

November 1 at 3:42 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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