



Tom Nathe

June 19, 2024

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of our beloved Thomas Nathe, who was known affectionately as "Tom". He was a dedicated man, not just to his family but also his country where he proudly served in the United States Army for 25 years, earning the rank of Colonel. After his military service, he went back to school and received his Doctor of Education. His hard work and determination earned him the role of Superintendent. Tom is survived by his wife, Judith Nathe and stepchildren: Mark and Mike Cisneros, Lindsay Miller and Lauryn Mangum as well as seven grandchildren. He is also remembered by a sister, Ruth Bliss, and one niece and three nephews. Tom was loved and respected by his friends, family and community. He placed God first in everything that he did. We are all happy and at peace knowing Tom has gained his wings and is flying high in heaven.

Visitation will take place on Monday, June 24, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Kreidler Funeral Home in McAllen. Military Honors, provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8788 of McAllen will commence at 10:00am on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Kreidler Funeral Home. Immediately afterwards, Pastor Jane Salazar will conduct a Service at 10:30am. Tom's remains will be cremated and inurnment of his ashes will take place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Kreidler Funeral Home of McAllen is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FR

“ *Dr. Nathe was our Superintendent at Paris High School during my years there 89-93. I was a handful in my early days, and he had the personality to handle that. He helped me greatly during that time and gave me a scholarship to start college. He changed my life for the better, forever. I kept up with him loosely over the years and enjoyed catching up with him. I will always remember him as tough, kind, and honorable. Someone to emulate. Rest in peace.* ”

Faron Riley - April 10, 2025 at 02:39 PM

LM

“ *You would have been so proud* ”



Lauryn M - June 25, 2024 at 04:15 PM

LM

“ *You are one of the Best Papa's any kid could ever have!!!* ”



Lauryn M - June 24, 2024 at 04:52 PM

LM

“ Tom has been a Dear Friend over at least 70 years; knew, liked, and chummed with him since I was 10 or 11. He lived on West Parkway in Columbia, Missouri, then, and stayed in touch with him up until now; Patti, too.
And, I knew about and sincerely appreciated and respected Tom's gallant service in the Army.
Again, so sorry to hear this,

Leighton McCormick - June 24, 2024 at 02:35 PM

LU

“ I conducted Tom's estate sale when he moved away from Tucson. He was a gentleman and very kind. May he rest in peace eternally.

Linda Lazzeroni Updike - June 23, 2024 at 10:46 PM

Jl

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Tom Nathe. A wonderful man I had the pleasure of meeting and admired. Always in my heart Tom.



Juan Garcia III - June 23, 2024 at 08:20 PM

MF

“ When I was at Hickman, I had a little Crosley station. My Dad got it for me to get to school and back. When I would leave for the day, I frequently couldn't find it. I would head to the principal's office, and he would be quick to call in certain students. The Head of the Mischief Department was my friend Tom Nathe. Also, in this group were, Randy Rule, Mike Galbreath and Tick Collins. I found my car on the stage one time. I was always upset. In later years Tom and I talked often, and I had to admit that it was actually pretty funny. We had some good laughs.

Marsha Fritz Fredericks - June 23, 2024 at 05:28 PM

JR

“ Tom was one of the original 4 forward observers assigned to C 1/40 at Fort Sill, OK in 1966 and then we went on to Vietnam. He was a fellow soldier and friend. I will miss him.

Jim Reynolds - June 23, 2024 at 04:40 PM

MC

“ Martha C lit a candle in memory of Tom Nathe



Martha C - June 23, 2024 at 02:37 PM

RB

“ Ruth Nathe Bliss lit a candle in memory of Tom Nathe



Ruth Nathe Bliss - June 23, 2024 at 11:36 AM

PM

“ *Perla Martinez sent a virtual gift in memory of Tom Nathe*



Perla Martinez - June 23, 2024 at 10:42 AM

RB

“ *This Is Mick Byrd. I coached and taught for Tom when he was our superintendent at Vienna, MO, High School back in the day. I have a story about my friend I would like to share.*

When he first took the job I hadn't met him yet. I was in a VERY hot gym having an open gym with the high school girls on a July afternoon. Our old grizzled custodian (Junior Reed) walked in the gym and said, "Byrd can you help me unload the Commodity truck for the lunchroom? It is really hot." I said, "Sure. Kids, take it easy for awhile and just shoot and I'll be back shortly."

It was long trailer filled with boxes and it was, indeed, very hot. A few minutes into the task Tom walked up the ramp and said, "Do you boys need some help?" Neither of us knew who he was. Junior, not very tactful, said "Who are you?" Tom replied, "I am Tom Nathe, your new superintendent." Junior immediately said, "Well, you can't be doing work like this!" Tom. Said, "I can do whatever in the hell I want. I am The Boss!"

I about laughed till I cried. That was my friend, Tom Nathe, in a nutshell. Rest in peace, Buddy. Mick Byrd

Ruth Bliss - June 22, 2024 at 04:32 PM

DH

“ I’m Donnie Hagan and Tom and I were friends from 1954 until his untimely passing this past week. We shared mutual friends and neighbors, compatible conservative political views and moral as well as educational values. Tom’s mom was a neighbor of my parents at The Terrace in Columbia until she passed away. Heaven is a better place with Tom there though I will miss him always as an earthly friend. Donnie

Don Hagan - June 22, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JN

“ Judith Nathe lit a candle in memory of Tom Nathe



Judith Nathe - June 22, 2024 at 01:45 PM

LM

“ Lauryn Mangum lit a candle in memory of Ambrose Nathe



Lauryn Mangum - June 21, 2024 at 11:07 PM