



## Thomas Grant Harrell

September 1, 1940 - February 21, 2024

Thomas Grant Harrell, 83, Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024. He was born in Pensacola Florida.

Sgt. Tom Harrell was a Jump Master with the 5th Special Airborne Forces Group. Tom, affectionately known as "Sarge" was a decorated Green Beret. He has held various assignments including Panama, Okinawa, Vietnam, Fort Bragg, and Fort Devens. Sgt. Harrell was the holder of the Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutists Badge, Bronze Star, The Army Commendation Medal, Three Presidential Unit citations, The Vietnamese Valor, and two Vietnamese Unit Citations. Tom was a 22-year Army Veteran. He had two Tours in Vietnam. When it came to Sarge, God certainly broke the mold. He was definitely one of a kind. He was known for his one-liners and quick wit. He was a very proud man and loved his Country. He loved the outdoors, and living in the countryside. He traveled the US as an army recruiter before retiring in 1985.

Tom is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 32 years, Barbara Ann Harrell (Reese). and his brother Buster Harrell.

He is remembered by His Children, Daughter Dana and husband Tim Morris, and Son Travis & wife Kathi Harrell.

His Grandchildren, Nathan Bickhart, Troy Bickhart and wife Abbey, Brie Colitzas and husband Eric, Maci Lampley, and husband Nick.

His two sisters, Brenda Veneigh of Gibson, Georgia, and Rebecca Leonard of Freeport Florida.

His Three Great-granddaughters; Henley Bickhart, Dylan Bickhart, and Leighton Bickhart.

Tom's firecracker spirit and love for his nation and family will live on in their hearts forevermore.

A Memorial Service, with full military honors bestowed by the US Army, will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Sarge's name can be made to The Wounded Warrior Project at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **29**. 1:00 AM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home  
385 SR 207  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

# Tribute Wall



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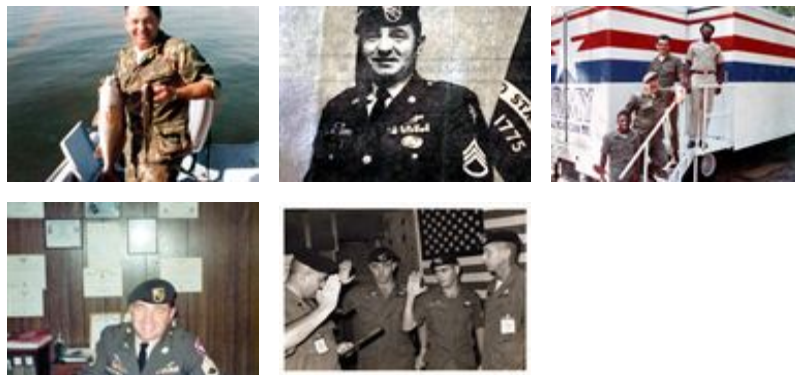


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“ *Best big brother ever! There was 10 years difference between us, but growing up he was my protector and My HERO. My fond memories are riding on his donkey in the woods, Tommy would hide and Jenny (the donkey, named after our Mom) would buck me off. I remember getting off the school bus, and he worked as a corectional guard, he was in the back of the prison bus. Which was in back of the school bus, I heard Tommy yell out Hey Shrimp, My nickname he called me. I remember crying at his wedding to Barbara and not liking her very much cause she was taking my big brother away. I could go on and on with memories. RIP big brother ill carry you in my heart for rest of my life. I'll see ya soon. SHRIMP!*

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**Rebecca LEONARD** - February 25, 2024 at 08:06 AM