



Thomas I. Landress

May 14, 1933 - March 13, 2021

Thomas I. Landress, age 87 of Sanford, Florida, passed away on March 13, 2021. Thomas was born on May 14, 1933 in Frostproof, Florida, the son of Ira G. and Mary Ann Gertrude (Calloway) Landress. He was married to Barbara W. (Passmore) Landress for 62 years. She is pre-deceased by her husband and both will be in our hearts and prayers for eternity.

He is survived by his daughters Gail Ann Twadell (George) and Virginia Elaine Guanciale and son Glen Thomas Landress. He also has two Grandchildren, Charles Robert Angove IV and Anthony Christopher Guanciale. He was also blessed to have six Great-Grandchildren and three Great-Great-Grandchildren and many niece and nephews. Thomas had two brothers and one sister. His precious sister, Mary Patricia Landress passed at a young age. Previously deceased, Ira Griffen Landress (Wilma Landress). Thomas also has a younger brother, Marvin Sylvest (Betty Sylvest).

After graduating from Tampa High in 1950, Thomas enlisted in the Florida National Guard. He was sent to Fort Jackson, S.C. for intensified War training. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Korean War (1951-1954). He served our country for 20 years and was recognized for his outstanding leadership. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Metal, Air Force Longevity Service award, Good Conduct Award, and the National Defense Service Medal.

In 1960 he had the opportunity to transfer to Chaumont, France. It was there he met his friends of a lifetime. They helped him find a home for his family before they arrived from the United States. His daughter continues to keep in touch. He traveled all the European countries around, Switzerland, Belgium, and Germany. The Cathedrals and Verdun would take the feelings from your heart.

On Oct, 1, 1970, he received his Honorable discharge for the United States Air Force. It was then he moved his family to Florida to be with his immediate family. He was in the service for 20 years.

In 1976 he joined the Florida Highway Auxiliary Patrol. He had already fired guns and rifles before, but he had to qualify to be in the Auxiliary. He took his job serious, as one Trooper said, "he always had my back." He retired as a Lieutenant with the FHP Auxiliary after 21 years of dedicated service. He received his certificate of service and appreciation and congratulations letter of unselfish accomplishment on March 31, 1997. He was so proud to wear the uniform.

The most admirable gift Thomas gave was of himself. Thomas and Barbara (parents) after retirement, devoted a lot of their time to Glen (son) who has MS. They took him to events, MS walks, meetings, and many doctors. They found he had chronic progressive MS. For 21 years, they went everyday to spend the day with Glen at the nursing home. Never taking time away for themselves. In most eyes, Thomas and Barbara were Angels just for what kindness they've shown and done for their son Glen. Now it's up to his Doctor, family, and friends to get Glen through this difficult time. He will be told on Mar. 23., on the passing of his Father, by his sister. He will not handle this well as he and his father were very very close. God be with him.

Thomas will be honored by the USAF Military and Florida Highway Patrol at 12:30 PM on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, Florida. There is a 50 person limit, and everyone must have a mask on to enter. (<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/capecanaveral>)

Burial will be private.

The family of Thomas I. Landress invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

Previous Events

Military Honors

APR **22**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1 North

Mims, FL 32754

(321) 383-2638

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Tribute Wall

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“Dad, Thank you for being there for me when I needed a friend. When I came down with MS, you and Mom were by my side. You gave me the strength to carry on. You promised me dreams and hope one day of a cure. You both took me to the meetings, conventions, & MS Walks. This gave me a chance to meet people who were like me and people who were cheering us on for a cure.



My sister, Gail tells me she wrote a friend of ours about your passing, Dad. These were his words: I am sorry for Glen. He looked to your Dad as his forever rock of stability. Also, I think maybe, his hope of finding an eventual cure. His Dad was always so positive. I'm sure Glen must have felt his hopes shattered when he passed. Gail, You now have to become Glen's pillar of hope. Give Glen my well wishes and sympathy. Tell him I'm still doing research into a cure for MS and that I'll never give up looking for a cure. I'm still hopeful. Best wishes, Ian

When Gail read this to me Dad, I cried. I will miss you deeply and remember all the good times we had. I will always hold a place in my heart for you and Mom, but until we meet again with open arms.....

Gtwadell Landress - April 11, 2021 at 11:59 AM

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Gtwadell Landress - March 30, 2021 at 09:35 PM

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Gtwadell Landress - March 29, 2021 at 08:07 AM

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Gtwadell Landress - March 29, 2021 at 07:50 AM

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“ I don't know where to start, because I never envision this day coming so soon. Mr. Thomas I. Landress was one tough individual; Always full of energy, full of life and very strong will. He attracted attention where ever he went. He loved his family first, and the people around him. when you got to meet Mr. Landless for the first time, it's like you hag been knowing each other for a decade. that's the effect he had on people. He had that tough guy mentality but over all he meant well. He was a gentle tough guy. He always brought out the best in me because that is what he expected from me. He always called me "Dr.Ernest". At first, I was flattered but I learned quickly that he really preferred calling me Dr.Ernest! So there you go, that was my new title He was misunderstood because of his expectation for higher standards. It was all tough love because he always expected the best from everybody that was in his circle. He was like a father to me! he took me like one of his own and I'm grateful that I was in his circle because I got to understand life and appreciate people no matter our differences! Mr.Thomas I.Landress thank- you for everything I know you are reading my post right at this moment. I love you, and I am going to miss you a lot, but I promise to continue make you proud. To the family; Sis.Gail, GlenLandress, and the rest of the family, my condolence in these troubling times. But God is in control and he will console you and give you the strength and courage to carry on. Till we meet again Tough guy, may you Rest In Peace.
Ernest Prince Jallah-(Island lake Center)

Ernest Prince Jallah - March 27, 2021 at 01:08 PM

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“ Gtwadell Landress lit a candle in memory of Thomas I. Landress



Gtwadell Landress - March 18, 2021 at 10:47 PM

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I light this candle tonight in hopes that Dad has found peace and comfort. I pray that one day he will remember me and know I was there for him. God Bless Him

Gtwadell Landress - March 18, 2021 at 10:55 PM