



Major Marlin H. L. Thomas

August 3, 1923 - September 28, 2017

Major Marlin H. L. Thomas United States Air Force Retired

Born in Melrose, Texas on August 3, 1923; passed away on September 28, 2017; at the glorious age of 94.

Marlin grew up in the small town of, Huntington, TX. graduating high school in Dallas, TX.

At the age of 19; Marlin joined the United States Army Air Corps, training as a pilot at Randolph Field where he received his wings and 2nd Lt. Commission, later becoming a pilot instructor and served during World War II. During his career as a pilot, he flew the, P-51 Mustang, P-38 Lightning and B-36 Super Bomber and his favorite, the P-51, fighter. During the span of his career, he served on Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Alaska, and Greenland, as well as, Randolph Field, Kelly AFB and Lackland AFB. Marlin served during the historic transformation of the Army Air Corps/Army Air Forces; after 21 years of service, retiring as a Major from the United States Air Force. After retiring from the Air Force, Marlin continued serving his country and retired from civil service out of Kelly Field, 1608 Maintenance Group.

Marlin was a man with many interests and talents. During his younger days, Marlin was a skilled hunter, in South Texas, Alaska, and Greenland. He took up photography while stationed in Japan. In later years, he loved sharing his

photos and the stories behind them. He enjoyed rock hunting and would polish rough stones into jewelry and key chains. He had a talent for fixing things, there was no job too big or too small. Later in life, he enjoyed cooking and baking; his specialties were gumbo and banana bread.

Marlin was a good man whose joy for life was always evident in his beaming smile and bright blue eyes. He was, and forever will be, loved and respected by his family and all who knew him. He was a man of God who served the Lord at home, and through church and his community.

On Marlin's behalf, his family would like to extend a special thank you and gratitude, to the following individuals who provided companionship and compassion in the remaining years and days of his life, these people have earned a forever friend in heaven: Lauren Dominguez-Villarreal; Ed Alderete; Arlene Wells, Judy Larson, Frances Goober and Noel from the, Audie Murphy VA GEM Clinic and countless people who provided service and compassion through, VA Gemini Transportation, Meals on Wheels, Alamo Area Senior Companion Program, Cornerstone Church, doctors and staff at the Life Care Acute Hospital and Adam Garcia from Kindred Hospice.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John Augusta Thomas and Ada Lou Teutsch-Thomas, wife Juanita L. Thomas and son Larry Thomas. Survivors include his loving and devoted wife Velia L. Thomas, four Step-Daughters and their spouses: Cynthia and Oswaldo Jaime; Patricia Medina; Dina and Ralph Cassanova; Rebecca Torres; grandchildren, Liana Thomas-O'Leary, Lawrence Thomas, and Leslie Thomas; great grandchildren Brendan O'Leary, Irish O'Leary III, Serena O'Leary, Jeremy O'Leary, Anna Catherine Sipes, Tristan Sipes, Amelia Thomas, Alejandra Thomas, Luca Thomas and 6 great-great grandchildren. Nephew, William Dennie Cook; Nieces, Sidney Broussard and Jeanette Prejean Moore and other loving family members and devoted friends George and Yolanda Jones.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Graveside service will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Mission Burial Park South.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories

1700 SE Military Dr

San Antonio, TX 78214

(210) 924-4242

<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Randolph Education Center Staff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Major Marlin H. L. Thomas .*



Randolph Education Center Staff - October 04, 2017 at 02:49 PM

JM

“ *Good bye Uncle Marlin. I know Mother is waiting for you. I love you and thank Aunt Velia for the love and care she and her family showered on you. I know he was happy and I thank you again Aunt Velia for the wonderful years you had together.*

Jennette

Jennette Moore - October 04, 2017 at 11:27 AM

JK

“ *Jeff, Michele, & kids purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Major Marlin H. L. Thomas .*



Jeff, Michele, & kids - October 03, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Marlin left us a life time of memories that we will cherish forever .



Sidney Broussard - October 03, 2017 at 03:54 PM



These are photo's taken when you came to New Orleans, the 1st was dinner at my house the first night, the other 2 were taken in the Louis Armstrong private dinning room at the WWII Museum. It was a fun day and Marlin really enjoyed the museum.

In the top photo is Velia, Jennette Moore, Mary Alice Cook, Sidney, Husband Joe Broussard, Adam Cook, Marlin, and unfortunately Bill Cook was taking the photo. Jennette, Myself, and Bill are all cousin's and Marlin was our wonderful fun loving uncle.

Sidney Broussard - October 03, 2017 at 05:58 PM



2nd photo is Jennette, Adam, Bill and Mary Alice, Marlin, Sidney, Velia

Sidney Broussard - October 03, 2017 at 06:03 PM

VE

Marlin and I enjoyed that visit, he was very happy to be with his family. We didn't get the chance to see the brick you ordered for him. Maybe some day I will. Being married to Marlin made me feel like a free bird. He loved me and I loved him back. I know he was a God send. When we got married, he said, I be happy if I live ten years. Well, he lived fifteen and would of lived longer if hadn't gotten sick.

velia - October 07, 2017 at 04:01 AM

MJ

“ *Thanks for all the good memories. Listing to your stories was one of my favorite past times. You where my hero growing up. All the adventures you had around the world made me work harder so I can do the same. Those extra 5 bucks for school always meet the world to me even tho grama always got mad at you. Thanks Major for all the help during a hard life.
Taps taps, I have the watch now, Hit your rack and I will see you at Reveille.*

Marcos Estrada Jr - October 03, 2017 at 09:44 AM

EG

My sincerest condolences to you Velia& the entire family. He is finally resting in peace. My blessing. Your friend Eloisa Perez Galaviz

Eloisa Perez Galaviz - October 04, 2017 at 12:07 AM

LP

“ Love, Marisa, Austin and Neil Provo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Major Marlin H. L. Thomas .



Love, Marisa, Austin and Neil Provo - October 02, 2017 at 10:01 PM

KM

“ Our condolences to you and your family. May he Rest In Peace!
Karen & Roy Martinez

karen Martinez - October 02, 2017 at 09:59 PM

PM

“ Thank you Marlin for being the best stepfather any of us could of ever asked for. The best grandfather to our children . Thank you for loving our mother as much as you did . Your smile and laughter will be greatly missed.
Love Pat , Benjamin , Jeanneva , Judy.



Patricia L. Medina - October 02, 2017 at 04:05 AM

DJ

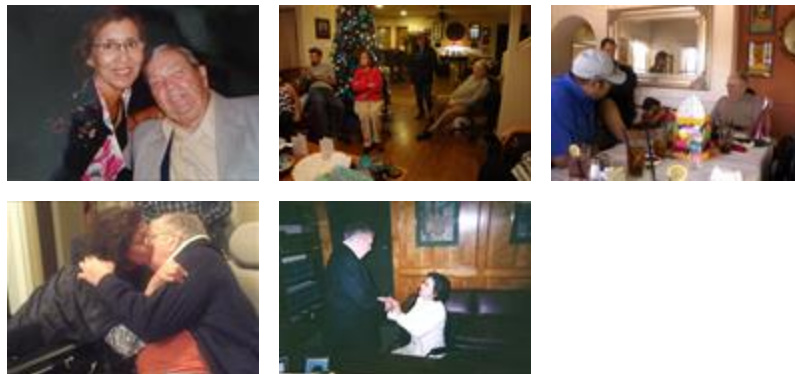
“ Velia I am so sorry to hear about Marlin. He was a good Man. I always enjoyed visiting with you two. He will be missed my so many people. We were all blessed to have him in our lives. I will be praying for you and your family during this difficult time. I wish I could be there. Hugs to everyone. God Bless you all.

Diane Jenkins

Diane Jenkins - October 02, 2017 at 01:52 AM

PM

“ 13 files added to the album Marlin left us a life time of memories that we will cherish forever .



Patricia L. Medina - October 02, 2017 at 01:17 AM

SS

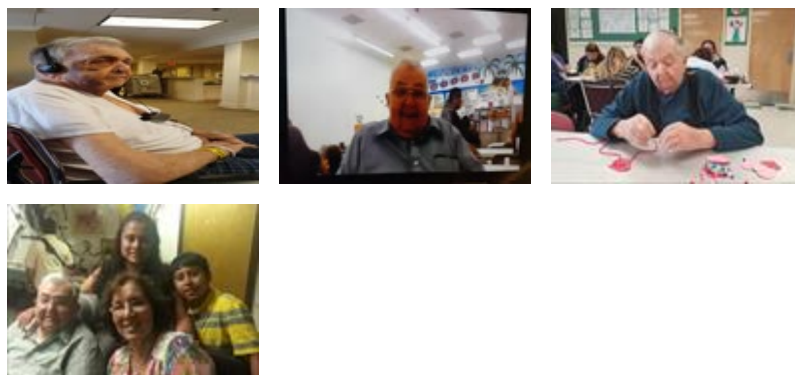
“ Sending prayers of comfort to all the family of Mr. Thomas. Our deepest condolences from Sotera N. Segura and Granddaughter.



Sotera N. Segura - October 01, 2017 at 07:13 PM

LA

“ 4 files added to the album New Album Name



LADV - October 01, 2017 at 04:47 PM

CJ

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Cindy Jaime - October 01, 2017 at 03:47 AM

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Cindy Jaime - October 01, 2017 at 03:46 AM

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Cindy Jaime - October 01, 2017 at 03:44 AM

SC

“ *Remembering Marlin and his 90th Birthday celebration! He was so surprised and we all had a great time! He will be missed! 💙*



Shirley Caisse - September 30, 2017 at 11:29 PM

CJ

“ A daughter's heartfelt condolences to her Mother. Although I share in your loss, I wanted to offer you my condolences. No one knows more than your family the deep and everlasting love you and Marlin shared. The Lord blessed you with the most loving and caring man he could find. Marlin was equally blessed to have you in his life. For the last several years you have selflessly set aside your needs to meet his needs and you did it willingly and with love. In the days to come, you will slowly begin to feel the weight of your loss. My prayer for you is that all of your happy memories and the love you shared and continue to share will comfort you until you are together again. I love you Mom and will be here for you always....Cindy

Cynthia Jaime - September 30, 2017 at 05:15 PM

MP

*The Provo Family sends their condolences. Marlin is a treasure and I'm so glad Grandma Velia found him.
Love and light to you <3*

Marisa M. Provo - September 30, 2017 at 06:30 PM

SC

Aunt Velia, no words can fill the void you are feeling now. My prayer for you is that the memories you and Marlin made together will sustain you until you meet again. Marlin was a good, kind, and quiet man and will be missed.

Shirley Caisse - September 30, 2017 at 07:04 PM