



MSgt. USAF Ret Thomas Chowning

November 18, 1934 - October 24, 2010

CHOWNING

Thomas B. Chowning, MSgt., USAF RET., 75, died at his home on October 24, 2010 after a brief illness. Born in Taylorsville, KY., he served in the Air Force for 20 years. While in the Air Force, he oversaw development of the narcotics detector dog program, a program he later helped duplicate for the U.S. Customs Service. As associate director of the dog training program in Front Royal, Va., his work took him all over the world buying dogs, evaluating detector programs in other countries, and giving speeches explaining the program, which grew to include explosives detection. He later worked in Saudi Arabia for 10 years, advising the Saudi government in explosives detection. In 1998, he and his wife, Sarah, retired to San Antonio, where Tom became an active volunteer for Oasis, a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of senior citizens. His other memberships include Western Hills Christian Church, and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Survivors include his wife, Sarah, of San Antonio, a daughter, Donna Reid, of Fairfax, Va., a son, Steven Chowning, of Slanesville, W. Va., grandchildren Shanna, Rachel, Jared, and Joey, and great-grandchildren Andrew, Cassidy, Noah and Lucia.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., at Western Hills Christian Church, 8535 Huebner Road. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Oasis of San Antonio, 6161 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX, 78238, or the charity of your choice.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ Dad,
I'm writing this because I still miss you so much. I just didn't know how else to say it. I hope you get this as well as my prayers through the tears I still cry.

Your loving son, Steve

Steve Chowning - May 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Dear Sarah and Family, We send our deepest sympathy to you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. We have wonderful memories of Tom and you from our time in Saudia Arabia.*

Betty and David Childress - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

UH

“ *Sarah, Miss the hugs I use to get from you in the morning and Tom's "What you doing" every afternoon at the JECOR office. "May the Good Lord look upon you both with favor and give you PEACE. Love, U*

Unell & Frank Hobbs - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *Sarah, Sally and I are so sorry for your loss. We know that Tom was your best friend. Tom was a very special friend to us, and will be sorely missed by his many friends and family.*

You and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers

Wes & Sally Schiwitz - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

OA

“ On behalf of the members of the Oklahoma Heartland Chapter of the Air Force Security Forces Association AFSFA, our deepest condolences go out to the Chowning family on the passing away of Tom. We know that he is standing guardmount in Heaven with other

Oklahoma Heartland Chapter of the AFSFA - November 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Sarah, we are so sorry for your loss and we feel privileged to have known you and Tom. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you. You are a very special friend and Tom too.
Love,

Don and Marilyn Dunkle - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Sarah, words cannot come, the only thing I can say is that we are praying for you and the family. Tom was a dear person and we enjoyed the time that we did spend with you all. We love all of you. Take care. Love and prayers, Louise and Lyle

Louise & Lyle - November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Sarah, I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your husband Tom. I haven't seen you for such a long time but I have thought about you often when we worked together at school and now that my youngest son has been in the air force for going on 7 yea

Diane Morris - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *May he rest in peace in the Lord's arms.*

Thank you for his faithful service to our country--THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

It is non-commissioned officers like MSgt Chowning who made our Air Force second to none in the world.

God Bless his soul

Jose Trevino - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Dearest Aunt Sarah, Steven, Donna, Robert, Joey and extended family. We are so sad of Uncle Toms' passing and wish we could be with you today. You are in our hearts. Treasured memories brings joy to each of us. Know that we love you and our thoughts and p*

Chester & Susan McKeehan - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *We send our condolences to all of the Chowning family and their extended families during this difficult time. May love and peace be with you and support you and your loving memories.*

Maureen Farley - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Dear Chowning and Reid families,
I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Precious memories will sustain you as you release Mr. Chowning to the good Lord above.
I send you prayers of sympathy.
Ann*

Ann Feder - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Sarah, With deepest sympathy at this time of sorrow, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family..

Connie and Phil Smith - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ My sympathies are with all of you as you celebrate Tom's life. His obituary was a nice tribute to a life well lived. I hope that your memories will be comforting to you and please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.
Stephanie

Stephanie Eberhart - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Bob spoke so often of you both thru the years in Saudi and I know you made the time go so much quicker for him thru your generosity. I'm sure he and Tom are reminiscing right now! Sam and Sharon were here for Bob's funeral and it was great seeing them.

Kae Ruth - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Sarah and family,
Today was a sad sad day. While attending a funeral of a family member I also remembered the passing of Tom and his service today. Tom was a fantastic man and I am proud and honored to call him a friend. The world will be a sadder pl

Mike Fisher - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Dear Mrs Chowning and family,
I was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a good man and an inspriation to a young Marine dog handler who needed to walk the right path.
God's Blessings to you and your children during this time of loss,
Wayne Hoyt

Wayne Hoyt - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Condolences. We are so sorry we can not be there to support you as family should be together at such time as this. Do know that we care and love you. Come by to see us if you ever pass through Kentucky. May God Bless. Mildred and Emma Neal

Mildred Hagan and Emma Neal Chowning - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Sarah, Donna, Steve and the grandchildren, it just breaks my heart that I cannot be with you at this time of your sorrow. But my prayers and my love transends the miles we are apart. You both are two of the sweetest people I know and I cannot imagine on

Betty L. Campbell - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Dearest Sarah, You have our prayers and deepest sympathy. Tom was a truly wonderful man in so many ways and our lives were better for having him in it as a good friend. We will see you at the memorial service and hopefully again soon after that. With I

Beth & Ed Jones - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Mrs. Sarah, Donna & Steve - I was devastated to hear about Mr. Tom. You are in our thoughts very much today and especially tomorrow. Much love and prayers from me to you, always. God Bless - Neicea

Neicea Mallon - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Mrs Chowning, I did not know your husband, but my late husband, Carl Homer often spoke of him. Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Audrey Homer

Audrey Homer - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Ms. Sarah, Donna and Steve, I was totally shocked when Mom told me of Mr. Tom's passing. He was such a wonderful sweet man. My condolences to you and your family. You are all on the prayer list at my church. What lifts me is that he is now safe in the

Meloney Smith - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Dear Mrs. Chowning,

I am deeply saddened to hear about the death of Mr. Chowning. The kindness your family showed me and my sisters while growing up in Saudi was simply unmatched. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ashley Breslin Jennings - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM