



## Thomas Radley Jr. USAF RET

March 1, 1931 - January 3, 2021

Thomas Radley, Jr.  
USAF Master Sergeant Retired  
3/1/31 - 1/3/21

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, his family moved to Santa Barbara, California in the mid 1940's. Tom graduated from high school, and in 1951 enlisted in the United States Air Force and became a jet engine mechanic. His expertise was Thrust Reversals, "getting the birds to stop". He received Top Secret EBI Presidential Clearance and was assigned to Air Force One. He served in this capacity under Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan. He retired as an E-7 after 20 yrs of service and returned to his same capacity as Air Force One jet engine mechanic in the Civil Service for another 10 years.

In the early 1970's, Tom spent a year during the Vietnam War on an unnamed air base in Southeast Asia. He maintained the aircraft and painted them with anti-radar paint. This paint, along with the Agent-Orange sprayed throughout the area, contributed to his later medical diagnosis of Vascular Dementia.

Tom and his wife Fran, attended their first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous

on the same day, September 11, 1972. They attended meetings in Clinton, Maryland and the Washington D.C. area until moving to San Antonio, Texas in the 1980's. Colonies North became their home group where they shared their experience, strength and hope with the AA community. Tom celebrated 48 years of continuous sobriety.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years Frances Schumacher Radley in 2012. He is survived by his relatives: brother-in-law William Schumacher of Cheney, Washington; sister-in-law Ann Harker of Idaho Falls, Idaho; sister-in-law Dorthey Mostyka of Spokane Valley, Washington; and cousin Kathleen Tingle of Santa Barbara, California. He is also survived by devoted friends: Barbara and Tom Holstlaw, his guardians in his final years; Giovanna DiZurita, his longtime caregiver; Matt Mullin, his trusted driver; and Michael and Heather Popp and family, his loving neighbors.

A very special thank you to Cornelia O'Brian, owner and caregiver at Serendipity Residential Care Home. Cornelia's expertise, compassion, and love for Tom during the past three years far exceeded expectations.

Funeral Services with Military Honors will be at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery on February 18, 2021 at 9:15am. A memorial service will be held at Mission Park North on February 23, 2021 at 7pm.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **23**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

MAR **19**. 10:15 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall



Richard  
Shepherd

“ You were like a father to me in many respects. Your wit and wisdom will live with me forever. Rest in Peace Tom!

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**Richard Shepherd** - March 27, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Thomas Radley Jr. USAF RET.



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February 22, 2021 at 08:31 AM