



## Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown

February 5, 1948 - March 1, 2020

Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown of Trenton, GA went to be with his Lord and Savior, Sunday March 1st, 2020. Tom was a member of Rising Fawn Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, J. Dale Brown and Emily E. Brown of New England, GA.

He is survived by his wife and best friend Bess Anne Brown, daughter Shannon Bacon, son-in-law Trey, grandchildren, Sydney and Andrew Bacon, his brother in law, Steve Dew and wife Sheri, niece Stephanie Garrison (Michael) and nephew Stephen (Brandy) and nieces and nephews, Chase, Brady, Tate Garrison and Avery and Tillman Dew and many beloved cousins.

He graduated from Dade County High School where he was nominated "Most Athletic" in 1966.

He joined the United States Army in November 1967 as an Infantryman Paratrooper. He completed Airborne training at Ft. Benning, GA. He was deployed to Vietnam in 1968 with the Recon Rangers platoon, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Division "The Big Red One" as Private First Class Paratrooper. He was wounded in action in August 1968 and received an Honorable Discharge in April 1970. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Parachutist Badge and Combat Infantry Badge.

Tom received his B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Brenau University and joined the Georgia State Patrol in 1971. After completing Trooper School he was assigned to the GA Executive Security Detail at the Governor's Mansion under the Carter and Busbee Administrations. He traveled extensively with Governor Busbee in this capacity. From there he transferred to GA State Patrol Headquarters where he retired as Major, Division of Administrative Services after 29 years. One of his proudest accomplishments was being assigned to the State Olympic Law Enforcement Command (SOLEC) where he helped plan and provide security for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Tom was proud of his service with the Georgia State Patrol.

Tom's love of fast cars and motorcycles led he and Bess to join "The Buckhead Bikers" group in Atlanta where they took many fun trips and created lasting friendships.

Tom loved God, his Country and his family and always let everyone around him know. He was a joy to be around and could be quiet and caring as well as the life of the party. He had a gift for remembering details like everyone he played with on the Little League baseball team and that they were the first team to play under lights.

He was an avid viewer of Fox News, NASCAR, Braves baseball and Alabama football. He was blessed with many friends who were like family.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rising Fawn Baptist Church with Rev. Robby Dunn & Rev. Ed Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery with full military honors.

Please share expressions of sympathy at [ryanfuneralhome.net](http://ryanfuneralhome.net). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rising Fawn Baptist Church or the Wounded Warriors Project.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Ryan Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. until the service hour at Rising Fawn Baptist Church, 4411 U.S. Highway 11, Rising Fawn, GA 30738.

Arrangements are by Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, Trenton, GA

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Cemetery

Slygo Rd  
Trenton, GA 30752

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 3.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory  
11415 S Main St  
PO Box 506  
Trenton, GA 30752  
(706) 657-7525  
steven.ryan@ryanfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.ryanfuneralhome.net/>

## Visitation

**MAR 4.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rising Fawn Baptist Church  
4411 Highway 11  
Rising Fawn, GA 30738  
(706) 462-2126  
<http://risingfawnbaptist.com>

## Service

**MAR 4.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Rising Fawn Baptist Church  
4411 Highway 11  
Rising Fawn, GA 30738  
(706) 462-2126  
<http://risingfawnbaptist.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM

RM

“ I was doing database cleanup here in the office and came across Tom's "chart." I was stunned and heartbroken to see that he passed last year when I researched his name.

*You guys were some of my favorite people at Peppertree Lake / Dunwoody Springs. It was a bit more difficult to keep up when you guys moved North. My sympathy to the family! Gene Morgan / Bob Weinstein*

Robert E. "Gene" Morgan - June 17, 2021 at 12:10 PM

KP

“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Ken Pennington - March 04, 2020 at 09:05 PM

KH

“ A true American hero. Rest in peace Major Brown. Ride free and ROLL TIDE!

K. Hodges - March 04, 2020 at 11:31 AM

TA

“ The Smith's - Brandon, Stephani and Aubrey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown.



The Smith's - Brandon, Stephani and Aubrey - March 04, 2020 at 11:23 AM

LM

“ Lana and I will miss our old friend. Dale and I met in 1973 and were in trooper school in 74. We spent many good years working together especially during the 90s. God bless Bess, Shannon and family. Sid and Lana Miles

lana miles - March 03, 2020 at 11:31 PM

FW

“ My heartfelt condolences to Tom's family. I was sorry to learn of his passing. I remember Tom from our school days at Dade County. He was always friendly and out going. GO REST HIGH ON THAT MOUNTAIN. Sincerely Faye (Russell) Willey



Faye Willey - March 03, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown.



March 03, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ 82 files added to the album LifeTributes



Ryan Funeral Home - March 03, 2020 at 03:50 PM

GW

“ TOMMY BECAME MY FRIEND IN1977,, HE WAS GOV, BUSBEES DRIVER & AIDE. I WAS A PILOT WITH AIR TRANSPORTATION, I NEVER SERVED WITH HIM AS TROOPER, BUT WE BECAME VERY CLOSE FRIENDS RIDING HARLEYS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY... I HAVE MANY GREAT MEMORIES OF HIM & BESS ANN,, I WILL MISS HIM.. PRAYERS TO FAMILY & FRIENDS..

GLENN WEATHINGTON - March 03, 2020 at 10:33 AM

RD

“ So sorry to hear about Tommy Dale. Jimmy and I send our love to the Brown family. We had some great times at Harley-Davidson of Atlanta and the Buckhead Bikers.

*Jimmy and Rene' Durham*

Rene' Durham - March 03, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown.



March 03, 2020 at 06:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown.



March 03, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown.



March 02, 2020 at 11:58 PM

AY

“ I am sorry to see this. Very sorry. Tommy and all the family will be in my prayers. May God comfort you all.

Alan Yates - March 02, 2020 at 11:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown.



March 02, 2020 at 09:10 PM

JE

“ Major Brown gave me a chance to live my dream about 21 years ago. I have worked hard every day of my career to make good on his decision to allow me to become a Trooper. RIP, Major.

SFC Jason Ellis #198  
DPS Office of Professional Standards

Jason Ellis - March 02, 2020 at 08:50 PM

BW

“ It is with such a heavy heart that I write these few words in memory of a dear friend of more than 40 years. Time and its ravages have distanced us in recent years but the wonderful memories of all the good times remain a constant in our hearts. Only "Tommy Dale" Brown knows what he meant to me as a friend through the thick and the thin. From Bill and Michelle Wilson, we send our deepest sympathy to Bess Anne and the family. May God rest and bless his soul...

Bill Wilson - March 02, 2020 at 08:43 PM

JA

“ Bess and Shannon, we send our love and sympathy as this dark cloud passes over you.

Tom was a very dear friend whom we loved very much.  
Jerry and Linda Atkins  
Proverbs 3:5-6

Jerry Atkins - March 02, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JH

“ Dale was a special GSP friend of mine. When I retired from the GSP, Major Brown went out of his way to be at my retirement party. I always loved chatting with Dale in Headquarters and he was always awesome to be around. RIP Brother as you will truly be missed. Retired GSP031 JL Howell

J.L. Howell - March 02, 2020 at 06:58 PM

LD

“ To Shannon and Trey, Sydney and Andrew,  
My love and thoughts are with you and prayers for peace and strength during this time. Nothing prepares us for this, the shock and the sadness. I know your hearts are so heavy. I wish I had perfect words to share but sometimes there are no words. My heart is lightened to think he was very much like Nichole's Daddy and my dear husband, wonderful, stubborn, patriotic, giving and one of a kind. Hopefully, they have met in Heaven and can share some laughter and stories together. To God alone be the glory for his life.  
Mrs, Linda Dargan (Nichole's mother, Caroline's Grammie)

Linda Dargan - March 02, 2020 at 05:55 PM

LN

“ Love Rosalee and Jim Neill purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dale Thomas "Tom" Brown.



Love Rosalee and Jim Neill - March 02, 2020 at 05:39 PM