



# Thomas Percy Blades

APR 29, 1942 - JUL 9, 2021



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**T**homas Percy Blades of Federalsburg, MD passed away suddenly on Friday, July 9, 2021 at Tidal Health Nanticoke in Seaford, DE. He was born April 29, 1942 in Federalsburg, MD. He was the son of the late Harlan P. Blades and Thelma Mowbray Blades.

Tom spent his life serving his country and community. He served in the United States Army for over 20 years and served as a police officer in Federalsburg and Preston, MD, as well as a Sheriff for Caroline County and a security officer for Caroline Circuit Court. Tom was a Life Member of Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company where he was a CRT and EMT and drove the ambulance.

He is survived by his wife of 6 years, Janice Hughes Blades, his children, Tammie Blades and John H. Blades (Angie) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Jason McKinney (Sam) of Marydel, DE, Chris McKinney of Romney, WV, Joshua McKinney (Jennifer) of Dover, DE, Jesse McKinney (Mary Anne) of Clayton, DE, Casey McKinney (Brian) of Henderson, MD, Darlene McKinney (Rene) of East New Market, MD, 20 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and a brother, Mike Blades (Dorothy) of Federalsburg, MD.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Elaine Travers, and his former wife, Janet Hiltz Blades.

A funeral service will be held at the Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 11:30am with Pastor David Talley officiating. Friends may call on the family from 10-11:30am prior to the start of the service. Interment will be held at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery immediately following the service.

Services entrusted to the Framptom Funeral Home.

Share memories with the family at [www.framptom.com](http://www.framptom.com).



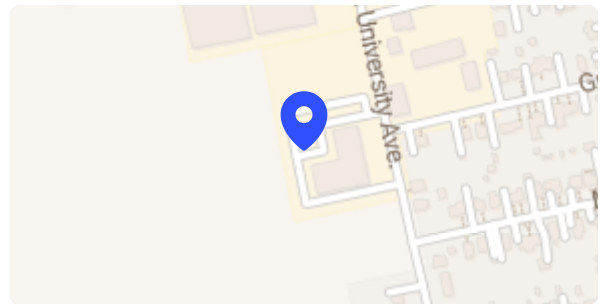
# Events

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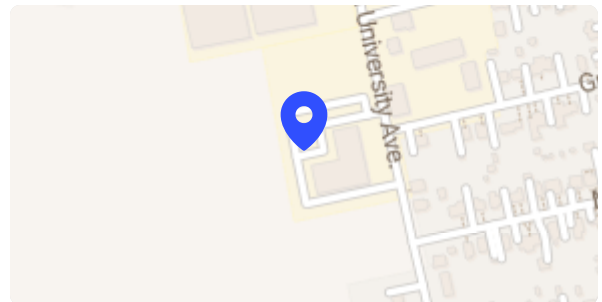
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, July 21, 2021
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET
- Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company**  
208 University Ave, Federalsburg MD 21632



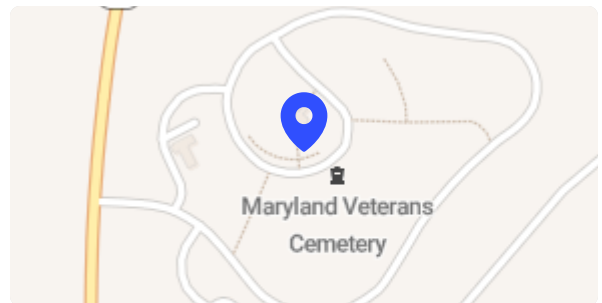
## Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, July 21, 2021
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ET
- Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Company**  
208 University Ave, Federalsburg MD 21632



## Cemetery Details

- MD Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery**  
6827 E. New Market Elwood Rd., Hurlock MD 21643





# Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a sympathy card to the Blades family.

July 22 at 5:37 PM



**Bob And Nancy Cramer** posted:

We will miss you and we thank you so much for coming to our home several years ago in SC and shared your Bluegrass Gospel music. What a special evening y'all created. Our condolences to Janice and all your family. You are so missed.

July 16 at 4:01 PM



**Joanne Jeffers** July 19 at 2:58 PM

Tom is greatly missed. Such a wonderful man of God.



**Bonnie Kenton- Hastings** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 15 at 10:13 AM



**Cynthia Lednum** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 15 at 4:30 AM



**Anneliese U. Peter Götter** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

You are not anymore there, where you have been, but you are everywhere, where we are. Thank you, Thomas, for your wonderful life time friendship. Our deepest sympathy to you, Janice. We feel so sorry. Anneliese and Peter Götter Schweinfurt, Germany

July 15 at 12:05 AM





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**Denise (Rogers) Hastings** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



July 14 at 6:17 PM



**Denise (Rogers) Hastings** posted:

I will miss my friend Tom. We met when I did an internship with the Caroline County Sheriffs Department. We became great friends. I offer my condolences to his family.

July 14 at 6:14 PM



**Dorothy Harding** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

I am going to miss my dear friend that I could talk to anytime.... he was like an old shoe just an everyday nice guy,, always kind and understanding . Heartfelt sympathy to Janice and Tammie ( my other daughter ) and all of the family; We are all gonna miss him terribly till we meet again.....



July 14 at 2:35 PM



**Deb Clark** posted:

heartfelt sympathy to Janice and the family. I know he will be missed by all who were blessed by his love of music. Prayers ongoing for peace and comfort.

July 14 at 12:34 PM



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BM

**Bill (Mac) Mccoy** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



July 14 at 12:19 PM

BM

**Bill (Mac) Mccoy** July 14 at 12:23 PM

Tom was one of the good guys in our MP Company - I don't ever recall him speaking badly about anybody. He was a professional who was always ready to the right thing, never shirking from his duties. For a time, he was my Desk Sergeant and he never once failed to back-up his MP's. A true, "Of the Troops, For the Troops," kind of guy. Nearly 40 years later at one of our MP Reunions, there was Tom - the SAME Tom as before with a quick smile and a firm handshake. Rest in peace brother.

TH

**Tracy Harding** posted:

Tom was a great friend to me. He and I went to college together and car pooled. We studied together and he was always there with a helping hand, a voice of support or a prayer. Tom you are missed my friend. Expecting you to greet me at the gates. Thoughts and prayers to his family. ❤️

July 14 at 4:24 AM

BB

**Bill Beall** posted:

I am so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. He was a good man, friend and supporter. Madeline and I sat with him and Janet at many events when she was able to get out and about. This is a big loss for the Federalsburg community.

July 14 at 4:22 AM

HP

**Henrietta Porter** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

So sorry for your loss. Tommy was a great friend and was always there when I needed someone to talk to. He will be missed.



July 13 at 6:32 PM



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JC

**Joanne Greenage-Coppage** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 13 at 4:22 PM



PS

**Patricia Stevenson** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 13 at 4:15 PM



MW

**Mary Williams** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 13 at 3:22 PM



JM

**Jim Mustian** posted:

Gods rest to you brother. I served with Tom in the Army several times in the 70s and 40 years later we got back together like we had never been apart. Gonna miss you Sarge. One of the kindest and toughest men I've ever known. Cared deeply about all his friends. A soldier, an MP, a fireman/ emt, A preacher, and a civilian Police. One of the best the world was priveledged to know.

July 13 at 3:19 PM

DW

**D. Ray Wands** posted:

I had worked with Tom and went to church with him. He has always been one of the Good Guys. Would be always willing to help with anything ever asked of him. I am now short another friend. Rest in the arms of God, my brother-no more pain. Ray

July 13 at 2:46 PM

EG

**Eric Gilbert** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Loved his kind demeanor. His genuine love of God and people will be missdd

July 13 at 2:43 PM





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RP

**Robin Peele** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 13 at 1:56 PM



GR

**Greg Robbins** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Always had the upmost respect for Mr. Blades. Prayers for the family

July 13 at 1:27 PM



JT

**Jerry Trice** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 13 at 1:25 PM



TF

**Tami Fitzgerald** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

So sad he had a heart as big as the sky gone to early. Thoughts and Prayers to hie family 🙏😞

July 13 at 1:11 PM



SK

**Stephanie Keene** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

We are thankful for the opportunity to have met such a wonderful person. Being a part of my husband's childhood, ministering to us through bible study and being a part of our wedding. You will be dearly missed. Love The Keene's

July 13 at 12:50 PM



MS

**Marty Dukes Smith** sent a virtual gift in honor of Thomas.

July 13 at 12:46 PM





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**June Bringman Shortall** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



July 13 at 11:45 AM



**Josephine Schmitt** posted:

You will be missed so glad I got to know you go and fly high til we meet again my friend

July 13 at 11:44 AM



**Mike & Joella Robinson** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



July 13 at 11:11 AM

**WB William Bell** July 13 at 3:21 PM  
RIP Ole Friend.... nothing but good memories.



**Cassandra Mckinney** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love and miss you dearly Pops 💜



July 13 at 10:59 AM



**Lois Andrew** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



July 13 at 10:03 AM



**Jack & Brenda Morris** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Sending Condolences



July 13 at 9:38 AM



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**Dallas And Melissa Wilson** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 13 at 9:18 AM



**Easternshore Threshermen** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 13 at 9:11 AM



**Sheri Todd** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

July 13 at 8:35 AM





## Media

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Cassandra Mckinney shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

July 13 at 10:59 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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