



Mr. Thomas A. Howerton

October 11, 1951 - February 13, 2018

Mr. Thomas A. Howerton was born October 11, 1951, in Newport News, Virginia. He was the only son born to his parents, Tommy and Hallie Howerton and next to the last of seven children.

Thomas attended Newsome Park and Carver elementary schools in Newport News. He also attended George Washington Carver High School and graduated from Hampton High School in Hampton, Virginia in 1969. Thomas was selected two consecutive summers to participate in the "Upward Bound" program for gifted and talented students at Yale University. He attended Hampton University after his discharge from the United States Marine Corp.

Thomas joined the US Marine Corp in 1970. After his discharge and leaving Hampton University he worked at multiple jobs before applying for the Air Traffic Controller job with the Federal Government. He completed his Air Traffic Control qualifying courses at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He worked eighteen years as a Professional Air Traffic Controller at the Washington Air Traffic Enroute Control Center in Leesburg, Virginia before leaving.

Thomas enjoyed the remaining years of his life living with several of his sisters and getting to know them and their families. He also enjoyed playing poker and spending time with close friends and former school mates.

Thomas is survived by his sisters; Gladys Nash, Shirley Barrow, Dorothy Williams, Joyce Shepherd(Stephen, Evelyn Howerton and Karen Walker(John). Thomas also leaves a host of nieces, nephews and cousins who loved him and whom he loved dearly.

"The threads that bind my soul feel as though they may unravel and the journey that lies ahead must be solitary travel"

Crosswords- Linda Ellis 2016

Cemetery Details

Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
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Service

FEB **21**. 11:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

West End Baptist Church
2413 Shell Road
Hampton, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas A. Howerton*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - February 20, 2018 at 10:45 AM

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“ *Tom was a very good air traffic controller. He was 10 years older than me and he helped train me. I have good memories of working with him for about 15 years at Washington radar center in Leesburg, VA. Happy trails Tom, I appreciate everything you did for me. Ray Farrell*

Raymond Farrell - January 07, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas A. Howerton.*



February 20, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - February 20, 2018 at 09:39 AM

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“ My friend Mr. T will be greatly missed.
Marvin Shields

Marvin Shields - February 16, 2018 at 08:10 PM

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“ To the Howerton and Walker Families. News of Thomas' passing has saddened many who knew him. In our circle he was known as "Mr. T" and held a place of honor among us. Please accept our prayers and heartfelt wishes in this sorrowful time. John O'Hearn

John O'Hearn - February 15, 2018 at 05:20 PM