

Note from Dennis McFadden:

I am very sad to see the passing of Larry Thomas. A great shipmate. This is the URL for his Obituary: <http://www.chattanooga.com/2011/6/22/203830/Thomas-Larry-Wayne.aspx>

Larry was on the last 2 of my patrols, 1971, fresh out of MT"C" school. The most junior in the MT Division. He was married with a baby. My wife and I hung out with his family. Larry stayed with the boat for overhaul at Newport News. I transferred to instructor duty at MT"C" school, Damneck. We still hung out in VA and lost contact over the years. As you can see by his obituary he had a glorious Navy career. Larry was from Jasper, TN. He was given the nickname of Grit, as in corn grits, and "ridge runner". Jasper is in the hills above Chattanooga

**Thomas, Larry Wayne
Navy Veteran Worked In Commercial Real Estate**

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Larry Wayne Thomas, 62, died on Monday, June 20, 2011.

He was the son of James C. Thomas (deceased) and Fran Thomas of Jasper, Tn. He was a member of Bayside Baptist Church. He deeply loved his Lord, family, friends and this Country, the United States of America.

Mr. Thomas was a graduate of Marion County High School and attended UTK before joining the Navy Submarine Service. During his 14-year stint in Charleston, S.C., he attended Charleston Southern University where he graduated with honors and was awarded Outstanding Business Student of the Year. He was offered a scholarship to attend Vanderbilt University.

Larry enjoyed a distinguished military career, retiring as a Senior Chief after 20 years of service. After retiring from the Navy, he worked in many facets of the commercial real estate industry attaining a position of vice president of Asset Management. Most recently, he was affiliated with Results Realty, LLC.

He is survived by his mother, Fran Thomas; brother, Terry Thomas, of Jasper; wife, BJ Thomas, of Ringgold; son, William Forrest Thomas (Amy), of Greenville, S.C.; daughter, Heather Ward (Isaac), of Ringgold; son, Jeremy Hill, of Ringgold; niece, Nichole Thomas of Chattanooga; nephew, TK Thomas, currently deployed to Afghanistan; seven grandchildren, Jonathon Wright, Taylor and Mason Ward, William and Emily Thomas, and Jay and Dekcon Hill.

A celebration service will be held at Bayside Baptist Church, 6100 Highway 58, Harrison, at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 24, officiated by Brother Eric Stitts and Brother Grady Cooper.

The following day he will return to Tates Funeral Home in Jasper, Tn. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. A funeral service will be held after the visitation.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Bayside Baptist Missions or the Gideon Society.

Arrangements are by Tate Funeral Home, Jasper, Tn., 423 942-9500, www.tatefh.com.