



Gary Todd Booth

January 23, 1961 - November 30, 2024

Gary Todd Booth, 63 of Athens, passed away on Saturday, November 30th, 2024, at Athens Limestone Hospital. He was born on January 23rd, 1961, to Archie Booth and June Allfrey Booth, of Athens.

Mr. Booth is survived by his son Richard P. Booth; daughter Rebecca J. Booth; father Archie L. Booth; sister Cindy B. Evans (W. Jerry); nephew Martin L. Evans; niece Corinne E. Skaggs (Kurt); great-nephews William and Jasper Skaggs; and great-niece Erica Skaggs.

He is preceded in death by his mother.

Mr. Booth served in the 20th Special Forces Group, Airborne. After graduating the Special Forces Qualification Course, he was commended as the Honor Graduate of class 4-86, naming him a “Noncommissioned officer of the highest caliber, distinguishing himself from his peers through his leadership ability and technical knowledge.” He qualified as an 18 Echo Communications Sergeant with expertise in Special Operations communications, cryptographic systems, procedures, operation and signal, and communication security, planning and procedure. During his enlisted career, he strengthened his unit’s skillsets further, cross training as an 18 Bravo weapons sergeant and 18 Charlie demolitions and engineer sergeant, becoming expertly trained in the use of U.S. and foreign small arms, anti-tank, anti air, and indirect fire

weapons systems as well as skills in military demo operation and the disabling/disassembly of explosives. Throughout his enlisted career, he earned awards for his stellar physical fitness and combat readiness as well as his good conduct. He earned Medals of Achievement from the U.S. Army for “tireless effort and superior training” to make ready his units; for “invaluable assistance as an aggressor” in operations with the 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing; his personal performance, performance of his unit and others affected; and the long-term implementation of strategies/techniques he used to improve the readiness of the units with which he operated. Even with these prestigious accolades, his priority remained his reputation and the respect he earned throughout his career as an NCO from his subordinates and leaders. He received letters of appreciate from all ranks, citing his positive attitude, strong character, and drive to go above and beyond to ensure success, his ability to provide creative solutions, quick action, as well as how rare it was to work alongside an individual of his like. These citations and high regards would follow in the many letters of recommendation for promotion, and for his acceptance into the Army ROTC Reserve Officer Training Corps, where he graduated Summa Cum laude, as well as Cum Laude as an electrical engineer from the University of Alabama. Upon his graduation, Todd was commissioned as an officer for the United States military, where he would continue his exemplary service until his retirement in April of 2001.

Upon honorable discharge from 20Th Special Forces Group, Todd continued his dedication to his country as an Electrical Engineer for SAIC in Huntsville. He specialized in Radar Communications regarding the design, testing, and configuration of threat detection systems and complex data interpreting systems, just to name a few. For more than 26 years, he gathered a diversified wealth of knowledge and experience. As he progressed, his keen ability to find creative solutions to complex problems would shine in field operations and the many testing facilities in which he worked. He earned his team many letters of appreciation for stellar performance, immediately integral

to the success of these systems; he garnered respect and great merit for both himself and his group until his retirement. His successes in the developing, enhancing, and implementation of systems and programs for a near-30 year career continue even now to benefit our military and defense of our country.

Todd was a man of many hats and great talent that could not give you anything less than his best. Countless letters of his physical and mental toughness, strong will, intelligence, creativity, and his positive attitude come from those who shared experiences with him. For all these qualities, his lifelong, selfless love will always transcend his accomplishments. His laugh was contagious, and he would go far out of his way to bring people joy without complaint at every opportunity. He savored time with his family and friends on the water, in the woods, and at gatherings. His immeasurable love will always ring loudly over our reflections of his life. His heart was and always will be the greatest gift – one that he leaves with all of us.

Funeral services for Mr. Booth will be held Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, at 1:00pm at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home with Full Military Honors at Athens City Cemetery immediately following the service. Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 10th, from 5:00-7:00pm at the funeral home.

Mr. Booth was a member of the 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

In lieu of flowers, please donate to:

20th Special Forces Society

NA Chapter

PO Box 4144

Huntsville, AL 35814-4144

,or your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Athens City Cemetery

598 Washington St E
Athens, AL 35611

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
322 Hwy. 31 N.
Athens, AL 35611
(256) 232-1051
info@limestonechapel.com
<https://www.limestonechapel.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Military Honors

DEC 11. 2:30 PM (CT)

Athens City Cemetery
598 Washington St E
Athens, AL 35611

Tribute Wall

SK

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Todd. He was a great person and always tried to make you laugh, no matter how bad of a day he or yourself was having. Thank you Todd for giving me the pleasure to call you a dear friend. You will be missed by many until we meet again, RIP my friend.

Sherry King - December 11, 2024 at 06:35 PM

DE

“ David and Kap Cha Edwards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Todd Booth.

David and Kap Cha Edwards - December 11, 2024 at 10:59 AM

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“ David and Kap Cha Edwards purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Todd Booth.



David and Kap Cha Edwards - December 11, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Todd Booth.

December 10, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Todd Booth.

December 10, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gary Todd Booth.



December 10, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ *My heart and prayers are with the Booth family. I knew Todd from the 3rd grade via Julian Newman Elementary. Nothing but fond memories. May Peace & the power of Christ be your portion.*
Reginald L. Turner

Reginald L. Turner - December 09, 2024 at 03:26 AM



“ *Todd and Pam Blalock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Todd Booth.*

Todd and Pam Blalock - December 08, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ *Todd and Pam Blalock purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Todd Booth.*



Todd and Pam Blalock - December 08, 2024 at 09:55 PM

TF

“ Todd's SAIC and MSIC Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary Todd Booth.



Todd's SAIC and MSIC Family - December 08, 2024 at 03:08 PM

HC

“ Hayden, Curtis, Shelley Casteel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Todd Booth.

Hayden, Curtis, Shelley Casteel - December 06, 2024 at 10:37 AM

HC

“ Hayden, Curtis, Shelley Casteel purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gary Todd Booth.



Hayden, Curtis, Shelley Casteel - December 06, 2024 at 10:37 AM

TB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Todd Blalock - December 04, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Todd Booth.

December 04, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Gary Todd Booth.



December 04, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ *I pray that God gives comfort to the members of the Booth family. I knew Todd since 2003 when we met through work. I had never met anyone like him before with the knowledge, attention to detail and the accuracy of any test that was performed on a radar. The many hours spent doing various test led to a many down home conversation, funny stories, military humor and various locations for almost 6 straight years. Work demands change so or encounters taper off over the later years. I do feel blessed for I got see and talk with him for about an hour about 2 years ago. Same smile and humor. I was happy to know you and You will be missed. Till our paths cross again Todd. David R Edwards*

David R Edwards - December 04, 2024 at 12:16 PM



*David thank you for sharing your memories of Todd with the famiy. My brother loved his work and was so grateful for the many frienships made. Thank you for being a part of his life.
Cindy Evans*

Cindy Evans - December 06, 2024 at 11:33 PM

DH

I met Todd during the transition of the public-school systems in 1969. He soon became one of my new friends. He always treated me with respect and fondness, and I have not forgotten the kindness that he showed to me through our school years. Not only do I feel profound sadness after hearing of his passing, I am also sad that I was not able to tell him how much I appreciate having him as a friend. I honor him as a classmate, football teammate, bandmate, and an exceptional human. I am blessed to have known him, and I shall not forget him.

Dana Harris

DANA HARRIS - December 10, 2024 at 04:35 PM

TQ

Todd Booth a man of quality, character, and a professional in everything he did that has passed on way too early. Will miss you brother. TQ

Terry Quarles - December 13, 2024 at 06:20 AM

TC

I'm just now seeing Todd's obituary and I'm so very sorry to hear of his passing. I worked with Todd at SAIC and he was one of the most pleasant and personable people I've ever met. I will never forget his infectious laughter and quick wit. I'm so glad I had the privilege of knowing Todd and I'll always remember him fondly. My condolences to his family. Tracey Creekmore

tracey creekmore - February 23, 2025 at 07:42 PM