



## Thomas Michael Bethea

November 12, 1950 - October 19, 2021

US Army Retired Major Thomas Michael Bethea, 70 of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021, at his residence. Mr. Bethea was born on November 12th, 1950, to Thomas Morrison and Dorothy Grell Bethea.

Mr. Bethea is survived by his wife, Karen Bethea; daughter Kelley Bethea-Watters; four-legged child Maxwell; father Thomas Morrison Bethea (Dallas, TX); siblings Dr. Julie Stoll (Koby) and James Terrell Bethea (Elaine); several cousins in San Antonio, TX; and several nieces and nephews in Alabama, Texas, Maryland, and Virginia).

Preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Grell Bethea; four-legged child Braxton; and several aunts and uncles.

No memorial services are planned at this time.

Thomas was a great lover of wildlife. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the North Alabama Animal Warriors. You can visit their Facebook page for more information.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Karen and Kelley,  
I am so very sorry. Prayers of comfort for you both and all his family  
and friends.  
Love,  
Debbie Elliott Snow*

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**Debbie Snow** - October 21, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ *Jeffrey Raglan lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas Michael Bethea*



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**Jeffrey Raglan** - October 20, 2021 at 10:23 PM

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“ *Karen, Kelley and family...my heart goes out to you during this time.  
Prayers for comfort and an overflowing of memories to fill your  
hearts.  
God's Speed, Tom!  
Paula*

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**Paula Smith** - October 20, 2021 at 01:13 AM