



## Thomas Andrew Goode

December 9, 1956 - May 14, 2024

Thomas Andrew Goode of Round Hill, Virginia, passed away suddenly on May 14, 2024 at the age of 67 from complications following cancer surgery.

Tom was born December 9, 1956 to Roland and Dorothy Goode in Springfield, Virginia. He was the fourth of seven children and spent most of his childhood in Oakton, Virginia. After Tom graduated from Herndon High School he attended Brigham Young University. He served a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Padova, Italy. After returning to BYU he married Melinda Ann Thomas on July 7, 1979 in the Washington, D.C. temple. He graduated with a degree in Political Science in 1981.

He served in the United States Air Force as a C-130 pilot stationed in various locations including Tokyo, Japan, Tacoma, WA, Little Rock, AR, and Yorktown, VA. He then flew for American Airlines from 1999-2020.

Tom was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings. Tom and Melinda served an 18-month mission for the church in Rome, Italy after retiring from the Airlines.

His greatest joy came as he and Melinda raised their seven children, Roland, Tim, Steve, Janine, Kelly, Tony, and Anna.

Tom is survived by his wife, Melinda, their seven children, 23 grandchildren, two sisters and one brother (Marti, Clare, and Gordon). He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister (Elizabeth) and a brother (Tim).

Tom is remembered for his optimism, sense of humor, and love of others.

“WHO’S THE LUCKIEST GUY YOU KNOW?”

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Tom to <https://donate.churchofjesuschrist.org/contribute>

For those who are unable to attend in-person, the following is the Zoom link for the service.

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/broadcasts/local-meeting-979644?lang=eng>

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
15 N. Reid Street  
Hamilton, VA

### Funeral Service

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
15 N. Reid Street  
Hamilton, VA

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ I flew with Tom at American Airlines as we were both based in Washington and lived in Loudoun county so our schedules often aligned. Never heard him speak of being a cancer survivor, which I gather he was based on the testimonials. He talked a lot about his large family living with him in his home on Snickersville Turnpike and late in his career spoke of being asked to become a check airman at American. He told me that he flew C 130 transport aircraft in USAF and as was typical of the 130 pilots he flew very well. I always looked forward to working with Tom. He made me laugh.

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**chet moore** - August 02, 2024 at 10:23 PM

CE

“ My name is chuck eason and i worked in American Airlines operations at LaGuardia in New York for 52 years. Tom always brightened up our office during his years in nyc. and no matter how bad a situation got he always put a positive spin on it. He was truly a joy to work with. one of my favorite pilots ever. to his family i am so sorry for your loss. please know Tom was loved and respected by all his co-workers at. American. God bless you Tom and thanks for being such a great guy and wonderful person.....sincerely chuck eason

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**chuck eason** - July 02, 2024 at 09:04 PM

JW

“ I met Tom at Air Force flight school. We were both student pilots and had attended BYU, but unknown there. Tom had been a friend of my brother at BYU and they started AF flight school together. While at flight school, Tom was placed on administrative leave while cancer was treated. He served as a popular personality in base non-flying capacities. Tom was also popular in the Del Rio TX Ward as a Sunday School and Quorum instructor. Once the condition was cleared, he returned to the flight line and finished the course successfully.

After Tom's required Air Force flight duty years, he hired with American Airlines as had I. It was there that we flew several times together as pilot crew members. We enjoyed each other's reminiscences, perspectives and testimonials. Tom was a positive thinker and optimist.

The American retiree network gave too late notification of Tom's passing to allow attendance. Fondest regards and sympathy to his family. John Widtfeldt

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John Widtfeldt - July 01, 2024 at 04:28 PM

ES

“ *Bishop Goode, as I always affectionately called him, was a truly unique and inspiring presence in our ward and in the lives of every member of our family. His blessed influence touched us deeply. Every time I saw him at church, my spirits would lift – such was the profound effect he had on all who knew him. His warmth, wisdom, and unwavering faith were a beacon of light in our community.*

*Bishop Goode's legacy will continue to inspire and guide us. His spirit remains with us, illuminating our paths and reminding us of the power of kindness and faith. We are grateful for the time we had with him and will carry his memory in our hearts always.*

*This beautiful poem was one I loved in my youth, I hadn't thought of it in many , many years - this is for you Bishop Goode:*

#### *High Flight*

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air....*

*Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew —  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.*

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Eric Singleton - May 17, 2024 at 11:25 PM

BN

“ I was one of the missionaries in the GIRM (Great Italy Rome Mission) who had the pleasure of serving with Anziano Goode. He was truly a 'goode' man and us young missionaries appreciated his humor, kindness, and promptness in assisting us. I was always impressed by his dedicated service in the Lord's work.

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**Benjamin Nelson** - May 17, 2024 at 10:59 PM

RT

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Anziano Goode on our mission. I don't know but I just clicked with him and loved him as a missionary, as a person and as friend. I remember commenting to him at one of our mission senior retreats, that I admired his dedication and devotion to his wife. They were always holding hands and you could see the love that they have together. He is kind soul. He was dedicated to serving and he loved so many people and has been loved in return. The world lost a great man and I am grateful to have been associated with him if only for a short time. Geri and I pass our love to you Melinda and your family.

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**Roland L Tietjen** - May 17, 2024 at 05:43 PM

VD

“ Dear Melinda and Family. I am thunderstruck. I just visited with Tom a few weeks ago and he was as strong and handsome as always. I am so sorry, so sorry to hear that he is no longer with us to share his great smile and firm handshake. We always enjoyed bantering about the airline business...American vs. United. He was so wonderful to share news about your children, three whom I taught in Seminary. He was so proud of his family and rightly so. All those young grandkids will miss knowing their grandpa and making those special grandpa adventures. My heart aches for each of you.  
Vicky DelHoyo

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**Vicky DelHoyo** - May 17, 2024 at 05:33 PM

R&

“ Raul &. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

Raul &. - May 17, 2024 at 03:26 PM

SV

“ Scott Fairbanks and Max Vargas purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



Scott Fairbanks and Max Vargas - May 17, 2024 at 02:52 PM

SV

“ Scott Fairbanks and Max Vargas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

Scott Fairbanks and Max Vargas - May 17, 2024 at 02:52 PM

VF

“ Victor, Marsha, Aaron, Anahit & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



Victor, Marsha, Aaron, Anahit & Family - May 17, 2024 at 02:05 PM

JS

“ John and Mary Seaman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



John and Mary Seaman - May 17, 2024 at 11:11 AM

JS

“ John and Mary Seaman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

John and Mary Seaman - May 17, 2024 at 11:11 AM

YF

“ Your Leidos Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



Your Leidos Family - May 17, 2024 at 10:23 AM

DH

“ David & Dotty Harris purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



David & Dotty Harris - May 17, 2024 at 01:21 AM

TF

“ *The Scalzi and Terrell Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.*



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**The Scalzi and Terrell Family** - May 16, 2024 at 08:05 PM

TC

“ *Tony colleagues purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.*



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**Tony colleagues** - May 16, 2024 at 05:30 PM

TC

“ *Tony colleagues planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.*

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**Tony colleagues** - May 16, 2024 at 05:30 PM

DF

“ *Doug and Beverly Housewright and family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.*



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**Doug and Beverly Housewright and family** - May 16, 2024 at 04:55 PM

CC

“ Tom, we always called each other brother. You radiated a joy that came from your holiness, although you never acted "holy". You could never be other than kind, no matter the situation. You through your whole body into your hilarious accounts of every family story. There's a lot more laughter in the Goode section of Heaven now. Hug Elizabeth for me.

Chas Cate - May 16, 2024 at 02:42 PM

TC

“ Tony's work colleagues planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

Tony's work colleagues - May 16, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



May 16, 2024 at 01:40 PM

PS

“ Peter S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

Peter S. - May 16, 2024 at 01:24 PM

LF

“ Larry and Patsy Kitchen Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

Larry and Patsy Kitchen Family - May 16, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



May 16, 2024 at 12:03 PM

PW

“ What a nice and humble human being! Tom was always the one to lend a helping hand. He always made you feel special. Listening skills was his attribute. He loved life and his friends and his family. He will truly be missed. Love and prayers to his family. Love Patti Wovcha

Patti Wovcha - May 16, 2024 at 10:15 AM

BS

“ Brother & Sister Stelse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

Brother & Sister Stelse - May 15, 2024 at 11:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.*



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May 15, 2024 at 11:47 PM



“ *From the Cate Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.*



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**From the Cate Family** - May 15, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Uncle Tom. I always looked forward to seeing him and knew that I was going to be in for some serious laughs! I remember trips to Lake Anna with my cousins and Uncle Tom and Aunt Melinda and playing on the Hobie-cat when it was sitting on the trailer at the Oakton house. I am so fortunate and thankful to have gotten to see Tom and family very recently and will remember that time very fondly. I will miss the wonderful personality, kindness, stories and endless laughs that I could always look forward to whenever I got the opportunity to see the best Uncle anyone could ask for!*

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**George Cate** - May 15, 2024 at 05:48 PM



*His light, love, and laughter will be forever missed.*

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**Dennise Grayson** - May 16, 2024 at 12:39 AM

SC

*Melissa, I retired Sept22 and as such have been out of the loop. I just learned of Tom's passing from and APA "Gone West" list. My prayers of comfort for you and Tom's large family. I know that you know this but He loved you and each of his children, grandchildren etc and spoke of you often. I too flew often with Tom and like Chet live in Loudoun too. it was always going to be a good sequence when I saw Tom was going to e my F/O. I was very happy to see his promotion to Capt.*

*May the peace that passeth all understanding given to us by the only begotten Son of the Father, the creator of all from "in the beginning" be with you as you continue life with Tom by your side in memoriam. Bless be our souls.*

*Godspeed and God Bless  
Stephen "Mudbone" Caldwell*

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**Stephen Caldwell** - August 03, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.*



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May 15, 2024 at 04:38 PM

PS

“ *I was a brand new Assistant Professor when "Tommaso" enrolled in my upper-division Italian courses at BYU. He was newly married and balancing school, work, marriage, and family. Even though he carried a big load, he did so with a bigger smile and an unbeatable "can do, will do" attitude. 44 years have passed, and I still recall him with fondness and admiration. Condoglianze sincere a Melinda. (Retired Prof.) Madison Sowell*

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**Prof. Madison Sowell** - May 15, 2024 at 01:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.*



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May 15, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *My family was very close to Tom when he first came in contact with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints as a high school student. He was practically part of our family in his early years as a church member. Tom and I shared a love for flying and I was so pleased that he found such a fine career in the Air Force and with American Airlines. I shall always remember his smile, his sense of humor, and his ability to relate to everyone. He made a lasting impression on me and on my entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with Melinda and their wonderful family. Soar to even greater heights dear friend.*  
*Jack Follmer*

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**Jack R Follmer** - May 15, 2024 at 12:27 PM

CT

“ I had the privilege and joy of serving by Tom's side as he led our congregation in the lay clergy position of bishop. He's one of the best men I have ever met: so full of patience and love that I can only surmise that he was taken back home a bit early because he was too good for this world. His admonition to "forgive, forgive, forgive" rings in my ears to this day. What an amazing man. He lifted my spirits any time I was around him and made me feel like I might actually amount to something if I became more like the person he thought I was.

*I will miss you, Tom Goode, and I'm going to try hard to be the kind of man who can greet you on the other side. Your example will stay with me forever. Thanks for believing in me.*

*To his dear family, I can only express my thanks for lending him to the rest of us so long and so often. May fond memories and future reunions comfort you in this hour of loss.*

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**Colin Talbot** - May 15, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



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May 15, 2024 at 11:49 AM

AP

“ Alina Pinkard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

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**Alina Pinkard** - May 15, 2024 at 11:45 AM

AP

“ Alina Pinkard purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



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**Alina Pinkard** - May 15, 2024 at 11:45 AM

JS

“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of our dear Bishop Goode. He is a great man with a big heart. He was the first to greet us when we moved into the Catoctin Ward and was sure to shake our hands every week. I know he leaves a big hole in the ward. Our prayers are with the whole family. Melinda we love you.

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**Jon and Karen Scholl** - May 15, 2024 at 10:06 AM

LB

“ Love, Nancy, Megan and Blake purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.



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**Love, Nancy, Megan and Blake** - May 15, 2024 at 09:45 AM

MI

“ Dear Melinda  
Our hearts are broken for the tragic shock. We will miss Him until we meet again. He is still for me a greatest and loved friend. He lives and I miss him so much. We love you dear Melinda and we are so grateful for the love, light you both shared and your faithful example. We pray for you and we send millions kisses and hugs.  
Michele and Rosa 🍷❤️🙏

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**Michele** - May 15, 2024 at 09:28 AM

ME

“ Michele E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

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**Michele E.** - May 15, 2024 at 09:12 AM

DF

“ Uncle Tom was a hero to me growing up. He will be greatly missed for his kindness, humor, and humility. He was not only an all around great guy, but he was amazing with animals and mother nature. He was the original Survivor who taught me to be an outdoorsman. He was the first to teach me how to fish, to build a fire, and to set up a campsite. He taught me to forage, and was even the one who showed me the 1,2,3 plant roots (sassafras) to pull up so we could make root beer with Goo-Goo. Now, I make Rocky Mountain Root Beer for a living. I owe much of my own love and knowledge of the great outdoors to Uncle Tom. I will never forget all the lessons he taught me and the gifts I will be able to pass on to my own son Dash. For that, I am forever grateful to our very own Captain America...

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**Drew Fulton** - May 15, 2024 at 09:05 AM

BT

“ Becky Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Goode.

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**Becky Thomas** - May 15, 2024 at 08:47 AM

BT

“ *Becky Thomas purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.*



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**Becky Thomas** - May 15, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ *I am so glad we knew Tom and his family during the Oakton, VA years. He was a great example of good works.*

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**Sally Curle** - May 15, 2024 at 06:19 AM

OM

“ *Our love, Clare, Gordon and Marti purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Thomas Andrew Goode.*



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**Our love, Clare, Gordon and Marti** - May 14, 2024 at 10:38 PM

LL

“ *Tom and I supported each other in USAF pilot training. I really appreciated his sense of humor and steadfastness. I am so dissapointed to see his passing. I was able to see him while passing through Little Rock in the c130 school house during the fall of 1990 prior to deploying to the gulf war. I was glad to see him join the airlines when he got out. Melinda, thanks for your warm house and sharing our children with us while in pilot training. The memories are of a fond time in our lives. Rest in peace my friend. Lon*

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**Lon Lease** - May 14, 2024 at 09:25 PM