



## Tom Van Richardson Jr.

July 29, 1936 - December 19, 2019

Col. Tom Van Richardson, Jr., Age 83, of Centreville, VA passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at The Wellington of Lake Manassas in Gainesville, VA. He was born on July 29, 1936 in Monticello, GA to the late Tom Richardson, Sr. and Druscilla Martin. Col. Richardson attended Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA from 1954-56 before graduating from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD in 1960. Prior to his retirement in 1983, Col. Richardson served in the United States Marine Corps where he was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Meritorious Service Medal among others. Following his retirement, Col. Richardson spent a few years in real estate until 1990 when he and his wife established a horse boarding and lesson barn, Bull Run Stables in Centreville, VA for the past 30 years.

In addition to his loving parents, Col. Richardson was preceded in death by his brother, William Houston Richardson. Survivors include his beloved wife of 53 years, Joan Wells Johnson Richardson; their children Tom Van Richardson, III (Kelly Hodson Richardson) of Centreville, VA and Kimberly Richardson Baierl (Robert C. Baierl, Jr.) of Bradford Woods, PA; and eight grandchildren, Grant, Andrew, Grace, Hayley, Will, Sara, Abby, & Taylor.

Family and friends will gather for a Visitation on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 10:30AM until 12:00PM at Pierce Funeral Home & Cremation Services,

located at 9609 Center Street in Manassas, VA. Funeral Services will then be held at 12:00PM with a reception immediately following. Internment and full military honors will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Old Post Chapel at Arlington National Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Col. Richardson's name to the Alzheimer's Association of America ([www.alz.org/nc](http://www.alz.org/nc) a/donate) or the Middle Georgia State University Classes of '55, '56, & '57 Scholarship Fund. (<https://giving.mga.edu>)

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## funeral

JAN 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Reception

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JAN 11 (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room  
9609 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110  
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ We shared many exciting and entertaining times. Tom was a great friend and a fine, professional U.S. Marine. I will treasure his memory. Our hearts go out to Joan and to Jean and Arthur.

*Please do take care of each other.*

*Most Respectfully,  
Chuck and Geri Davis,  
in Fort Myers, Florida*

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**CHUCK DAVIS** - February 01, 2020 at 05:13 PM

RB

“ Tom was an exceptional Marine, loving and devoted husband and father. A very dear friend that we cherished and will dearly miss.  
*Ron & Cary Bub*

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**ronald i. bub** - January 28, 2020 at 01:41 PM

DB

“ My good friend, classmate and fellow Marine from the Third Company. Lots of memories of our time together on leave in New York and Washington, DC. I am grateful that my memory is not good enough to remember the details but I know we were young and had a great time. I will miss him.

*My condolences to his family.*

*Duane C. Beck  
USNA Class of 1960  
USMC Red.*

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**Duane Beck** - January 10, 2020 at 12:39 PM

JS

“ JJ and Sara purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Tom Van Richardson Jr..



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**JJ and Sara** - January 09, 2020 at 01:09 PM

J.

“ From HQMC in the early 70's to PISC and on to Quantico in the 80's T.V. and Joan were the consummate Marine family and it was always a special treat to be in their company. The Carroll clan sends our most sincere condolences and prayers to Joan, Kimberly and Tom Van. Remembering all the good times and wishing God's blessing on you all. God Bless, J.J. & Sara and the boys Bill&J.J.Jr.

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**j.j.carroll** - January 09, 2020 at 12:56 PM

SM

“ Knew Tom very well at USNA, and later our paths crossed many times in the Marine Corps. A super gentleman and a great officer of Marines. A final Semper Fi!, Marine!  
OOORAH!

*Sam McKee USNA 14th Co. & Col. USMC, Ret.*

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**Sam McKee** - January 08, 2020 at 12:50 PM

HJ

“ Many wonderful memories of time spent with Tom. God's Blessings be with the family. Semper Fi, Harper Bohr

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**Harper L Bohr, Jr** - January 08, 2020 at 11:02 AM

PS

“ Tom was a super friend at USNA. He earned the nickname of *Restriction* due to all the demerits he "earned" . Fond memories and he is missed. Pinkie Saunders

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**Pinkie Saunders** - January 08, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tom Van Richardson Jr..



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January 07, 2020 at 04:08 PM