



## Mr. Thomas Walter Pokusa Jr.

August 20, 1950 - July 14, 2019

Mr. Thomas Walter (Tom) Pokusa, Jr., age 68 of Auburn, Georgia passed away July 14, 2019. A native of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late Thomas Walter, Sr. and Helen Trgina Pokusa. He was preceded by a brother, Steven Pokusa and a brother-in-law, James Liput. Tom was a United States Marine Corp Veteran, serving honorable until he retired from service. He was employed at Cottrell Manufacturing Company in Gainesville, Georgia and had taught aircraft structure at numerous locations.

The Family will receive friends Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 6:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M. at Carter Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Surviving are Wife, Nancy Pokusa, of Auburn, Georgia, Children, Thomas E. (Trinity) Pokusa of Braselton, Georgia, Kasey (William) Riley of Winder, Georgia and Joseph Pokusa of Auburn, Georgia, Grandchildren, Melanie Pokusa, Ryan Pokusa, Savannah Pokusa, Thomas H. Pokusa, Bradley Pokusa, Holly Pokusa, Brittany Riley and Chandler (Christian) Riley, Great Granddaughter, Charlotte Riley, Siblings, Deborah (Randy) Brock, of Leechburg, Pennsylvania, Daniel (Dora) Pokusa of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Sharon Liput of Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania, Sister-in-law, Kelly Pokusa of West Deer Township, Pennsylvania.

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Carter Funeral Home

265 Highway 211, N. W., GA, US, 30680

# Comments

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Jack Echevarria - July 17 at 03:27 PM

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“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Walter Pokusa Jr..



July 16 at 09:26 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Walter Pokusa Jr..



July 16 at 08:21 PM

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“ I met Tom at Chattahoochee Technical College where he was one of the instructors for the Air Craft Structure Training program. It was my pleasure to have met such a good man that loved his family, and served his country. Although years have passed I will always treasure the memories of Tom. He was a true Steeler 4 life! If you are a Steelers Fan you must be a good person. His stories would leave you smiling and wanting to hear more. He will truly be missed. You've packed your backpack for the last time.

Lakesha Dudley

Lakesha - July 16 at 08:17 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Walter Pokusa Jr..



July 16 at 05:14 PM

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“ A better brother has not been made. Tom taught all that knew him how to love family and friends, how to be a Marine and how to love a country. If I had to sum up Tom's life in a few words I would say he was a great son, a great father, a great Marine and a great man who lived a great life. Financial wealth escaped him but he was rich in character and humanity. Tom was very proud of being selected to serve on HMX-1, the presidential helicopter, out of MCAF, Quantico, VA. Only the best of the best are selected to be anywhere near the President so I shared his pride. Tom was a man's man who lived his life his way. He portrayed a hardened Marine but was more than capable at showing tenderness and affection for family even taking a 1500 mile trip to dote on my grandson. He had a heart the size of Georgia and shared it freely. We both bled black and gold and took our Pittsburgh sports teams with us no matter where we lived; especially the Steelers. He was very proud of his Polish heritage and relished any time he could get a Polish meal.

I love and will miss you. "Semper Fidelis," always faithful is what you were. I am certain that you will have Heaven squared away in short order. God's speed, brother.

Daniel

Daniel Pokusa - July 16 at 03:46 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Walter Pokusa Jr..



July 16 at 01:00 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I wish the family all of God's peace and comfort during this time. We were blessed for a short time to have him and Nancy as wonderful neighbors.

Troy and Angie

**Troy Besseche** - July 16 at 12:35 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Walter Pokusa Jr..



July 16 at 09:59 AM

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“ I spent more time staying with Tommy's family than with anyone else on my family's visits to Western PA, growing up. He was my little cuz - my closest male cousin in age. We had so much fun together, and, yes, got in a little trouble, now and then - like when we "borrowed" Uncle Boobie's car and went for a spin - I was maybe 14 and Tommy a couple years younger. Everything would have been fine had we not knocked over a neighbor's mailbox trying to park the car on our return, and eventually given up in frustration with the car facing the opposite direction from when we started. "Maybe Uncle Boobie won't notice" I thought. Well he noticed, and there was hell to pay!

I adored the entire family, Aunt Helen and Uncle Boobie (Tom Sr.), Tommy, Debby, Danny, Sharon and Steven. Just good, genuine, accomplished people I was honored to call family. There is a giant hole in so many lives today with the passing of this great American, quintessential Marine, father, husband, brother and son. Love you Tommy! RIP.

Deepest condolences.

Jerry, Nicki & all us Bodensteins

**Jerry Bodenstein** - July 16 at 09:25 AM

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“ RIP MGySgt Pokusa.  
S/F,  
Brian Blashka GySgt USMC(RET)



Brian Blashka - July 16 at 09:20 AM

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“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Walter Pokusa Jr..



July 16 at 08:37 AM

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“ We knew Tom since 1972 (over 47 years ago!) when he and I were sergeants in the Marine Corps while attending the Advanced Avionics course in Memphis. Our families lived only a few houses apart in base housing at the New River Air Station in NC for over ten years.

He was a man who truly enjoyed life with his family and friends. Whether it was skiing behind his boat, (appropriately named the "Ski-Use-Me") or coaching our kids in soccer, tee-ball, or little league.

He served our country faithfully for 26 years (including his years at Quantico directly supporting two presidents). He was a good man, a good Marine. We are honored to have called him our friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Semper Fi Thomas

Jim & Linda Bulman & Family

Jim Bulman - July 16 at 12:27 AM



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**Jack Echevarria** - July 17 at 03:19 PM

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“ Tom was a wonderful man, I worked with him at Lockheed Martin in Marietta Georgia. He was a good instructor, coworker and friend. He will be missed by all, my prayers go out to Toms family and friends. Rest in peace Tom, until we meet again.



**Penny Camp** - July 15 at 08:23 PM

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“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Walter Pokusa Jr..



July 15 at 06:20 PM

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Walter Pokusa Jr..



July 15 at 04:59 PM