



Chief Warrant Officer Thomas H. Burrier

December 20, 1966 - March 13, 2006
 Born in Waterloo, Iowa
 Resided in Alexandria, VA

Obituary

Chief Warrant Officer Thomas H. Burrier, 39, of Alexandria, Virginia, and formerly of Waverly, Iowa, died Monday, March 13, 2006, in Alexandria, Virginia, as a result of a single car accident.

Tom was born on December 20, 1966 in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Leonard and Donna (Voigts) Burrier. He was baptized on January 15, 1967 and later confirmed on October 31, 1982 both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly. He attended the Waverly-Shell Rock School System and graduated from high school in 1985. Tom then attended Wartburg College for one year before entering the United States Army. On July 13, 1990 he was united in marriage to Cathy Chapman in California. In 1992 he was stationed at Vint Hill Farms, Virginia, and in 1996 he was transferred to Germany where they lived until his transfer to Fort Bragg, North Carolina in 1998. In 2000 he was transferred to England and while there he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland. In July of 2005 they returned to the United States where Tom was pursuing a Master's Degree in Strategic Intelligence. He was due to graduate with his class in August of 2006. His goal was to retire from the military, spend more time with his family and to continue to serve his country in the political realm.

Tom is survived by his wife, Cathy Burrier of Alexandria, Virginia; his son, Zachary Burrier of Alexandria; his parents, Leonard & Donna Burrier of Waverly; one sister, Valerie (Jim) Mormann of Waverly; two brothers, David (Karen) Burrier of Pleasant Hill, Iowa, Dan (C.J.) Burrier of Waverly; his mother-in-law, Carol Butterfield of Congress, Arizona, and one sister-in-law, Margaret (Tim) Mitchell of Frederick, Maryland. He was preceded in death by his niece, Emily Mormann

Services will be 11:00 AM on Monday, March 20, 2006 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly with military honors at Harlington Cemetery, Waverly, where he will be buried following cremation. Visitation will be on Sunday from 3:00pm until 7:00pm at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation.

Guestbook



Kevin Stokes
 Created : Feb 11, 2011

To the Burrier family I met Tom's parents when he worked for me at Ft Riley, KS... Tom was like a son to me and was always at our home, After I left the military I was fortunate enough to find out he was only miles from me at Vint Hill and we got together and I found that he was married which he always told us he wouldn't and also had a son Zac and his rottweiler. Again he was on the move and we lost touch, I searched and searched only to find today that again he had been living just miles from me only now he's gone... Tom a.k.a bam bam I miss you and it hurts to know you are no longer with us RIP my friend...



Ryan Vazquez

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Tom was my leader and friend and will be sorely missed by his family and the US Army. My thoughts and prayers for his family.



Charles Henry

Created : Apr 06, 2009

I am sorry about your loss. You and Zachary should be proud of Thomas. I will be honored to assist you with the paperwork I mailed to you today for help with his IRA. Charles Henry



John Crisp

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Tommy was a great influence and a great inspiration. He helped me decide what I should to do in the Army. The week after he passed I joined the Infantry.



DAN BURRIER

Created : Apr 06, 2009

this is the first time that have looked at this guestbook. i want to thank all of toms friends for all of your kind words. they all help a lot. tom will trully be missed. we miss you and love you very much tom



Mike & BJ Jessen

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Leonard & Donna, We were so sorry to learn of your son's sudden death in the car accident. Koters called us from Texas early this morning (Wednesday)What a tragic happening. I was able to read his obituary on line at Kaiser-Corson plus the nice picture of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sending Our Love & Hugs. Mike & BJ



Kay Dreesman

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Just saw the obit. in the Waterloo Paper and then went to Kaiser/Corson web page. My daughter, Wanda went to school with Tom. They graduated together. So sorry to hear of his death. Our prayers are with you at this time.

Cheryl and Dick Ingersoll



Created : Apr 06, 2009

Dan and family, We want to extend our sympathy to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Les & Tracy Haskin
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Jeff & Jan
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Dan & CJ Jim & Valerie, Our thoughts are with you at this time. May you find comfort. Friends at Heritage UMC Jan & Jeff Strickler



Jeff Rosauer
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Valerie and Family: My thoughts and sympathy are with you and your family. I so sorry to learn of your brother's death. Jeff Rosauer



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CW4 Matt Bell
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Mrs. Burrier: I knew Tom for 8 months at the JAC and considered him a friend. I am sorry never to have met you or Zack. Please accept my sorrow and know that you have a network of friends and fellow Warrant Officers to call upon. Sincerely, CW4 Matt Bell



Tom Blume
Created : Apr 06, 2009



Pat and John Kemper
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Hello Val and family, We are very sorry to hear of Tom's death. He was a good friend of our son Tom (WSR class of 85) and he was at our home often with their gang. We enjoyed his always good nature. Our sympathy to his wife and child and the whole Burrier family. Sincerely, Pat and John



Brian Illian
Created : Apr 06, 2009

To the parents of Tom Burrier- Tom was a great friend and a wonderful team mate in football- He always loved being part of the team.He will be missed by many! God Bless!!



Joe Jaspers

Created : Apr 06, 2009

I'm sorry to hear about Tom's passing. I know Tom from our high school days. He always had a smile on his face and a great attitude.



Mark & Jean Schloemer

Created : Apr 06, 2009

To all things there is a purpose,we don't always understand or comprehend them but life goes on, it will get better. Our thoughts are with you all.



Amy Kemper

Created : Apr 06, 2009

My thoughts and prayers are with Tom's family. I will always remember him for his role in "Who's On First" in junior high. He always had a smile on his face.



COL Kevin Voigts

Created : Apr 06, 2009

I share your grief and mourn a fellow fallen comrade. I appreciate his service and your support as a family for his sacrifice many times in his career.



Lisa Sethre-Hofstad

Created : Apr 06, 2009

I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to Tom's family. I was friends with Tom through W-SR Chamber Choir, and remember with fondness his infectious laugh and zest for life. The world has lost someone wonderful. His memory will remain in many hearts forever.



Steve Ingersoll

Created : Apr 06, 2009

The Burrier's: Knowing your family through the years, I can trust the comfort of God's promise is in your hearts. I have a feeling Em and Thomas are going to be a pair of great angels. My love and prayers...Steve



Shane Arns

Created : Apr 06, 2009

W-SR Chamber Choir Memories 1985 Vienna Austria, Tom will be missed by everyone whose life he has touched.



Amy (Walker) Middleton

Created : Apr 06, 2009

I remember "don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes" from our grade school play. Tom had a great sense of humor and wonderful charm. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



Burnett Ingersoll
Created : Apr 06, 2009

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family thru this time.



Rebecca (Ingersoll) Pritchard
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Valerie and family, my deepest sympathy is with you. Praying for you and your family. Always remember the good times.



Terry Krueger
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Kathy, My deepest sympathy. Take Care



Cheryl Krough
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Dan and family I am so sorry to hear about your brother, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Cheryl Hartman Krough



Laura (Wedeking) Healey
Created : Apr 06, 2009

My last memories of Tom are from our 1985 choir trip, and although memories fade, I remember very well Tom's great laugh and sense of humor, not only on that trip but throughout our school years. He could make an otherwise boring day fun, and that's a pretty great mark to leave--we should all be so lucky. Please accept our deepest sympathies during this sad and difficult time.



Carol Clary
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Dear Jim, Val, and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother; I am so glad you had your visit with him in England. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Carol



Ron Rappe
Created : Apr 06, 2009

To the Burrier Family, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Tom's passing. Tom and I worked together briefly in England and I fondly recall the many spirited political debates he and I often had in the office. He was one of those rare, truly genuine persons, tireless in his pursuits, an expert in his career field and madly in

love with his family. I admired him greatly for all of that. Today, the world is a lesser place and I will miss my friend.



Matt Dorpinghaus
Created : Apr 06, 2009

I knew Tom in High School. I remember him as fun-loving, hard working, and whose heart was always in the right place.



Pam Westbrook
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Zak and Cathy, I am so sorry to hear you have lost someone so special and dear. Words fail me as I can't imagine what I can say, to either of you, to make this difficult situation easier to handle. Please know I am thinking of you both. Zak--I have thought of you often this year. You will always be one of my most special students. You know I've taught for years so you had lots of competition and still came out on top! I know you will continue to make your mom proud and be a credit to your father and his memory. We miss you here in England. I have been, and will be, praying for you both and for Tom. My deepest sympathy,



Kimberly Schulz
Created : Apr 06, 2009

I grew up in Waverly and was a childhood friend of Tom's. I am deeply saddened by the news of his tragic death. I remember him as an unusually likable young man with a great sense of humor. I send heartfelt condolences to his family.



Thomas Best & Lynn Ford
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Tom was a great friend and a wonderful comrade. He was an honor to serve with and I will remember him always.



Larry Mennenga LowDog
Created : Apr 06, 2009

We send our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely Larry



Marie Diesburg
Created : Apr 06, 2009

To the Burrier Family - I went to school with Tom (Class of 85). I will always remember him in the Jr High Play in 'Who's on First'. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Julie McAlister
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Tom's enthusiasm for life was infectious. It was an honor to know and work with him. My prayers are with all his family, especially his wife, Cathy and son Zac. Julie

McAlister



Eddie Thompkins
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Tom, You inspired all who crossed your path. I have been blessed to have worked with you for four years. To most of your coworkers, you were family. God Bless, Eddie Thompkins



Scott & Beth Summers
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Cathy, Zak & the extended Burrier Clan, words cannot express the pain & loss we are experiencing and we know that doesn't even begin to compare to your own loss. We hope that we have been good friends and have and will continue to do right by Tom. Our personal grief is so strong only because of how much we want Tom in our lives, and in our children's lives as well - that is the best testament to his friendship that we can possibly offer up at this painful time. You and Tom will always remain our dearest friends and know that our journey has not ended, a piece will always be missing, but our hope is that you know we are here for you and will remain so. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we are sending to all of you our love and support. Forever ~ Scott, Beth, Lexi & Tristan Summers



The Brown Family
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Cathy, Zak and Burrier Family, Words can't express how sorry we are for your loss. Tom, Cathy and Zak have and always will be dear friends to us. We'll always remember Tom's contagious smile and wit. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Michelle, Michael, Miles and Mason



Cristela Carrizales-Grimes
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Cathy, Zach & Burrier Family, Tom was always a warm face to see around base and we know he will be missed greatly. Our prayers and condolences are with you at this time and always. Much love, Cristela Carrizales-Grimes & TSgt Edwin Grimes



Kendra (Schwartz) Crooks
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Our thoughts and sympathy are extended to your family. I'm a '85 classmate of Tom's and enjoyed his cheery attitude back in our school days. Those of us left here on earth may struggle why someone so young and loved would be taken from us. While we don't know the answer of "why" we have to keep the faith and believe in the bigger plan that there is for all of us. Blessings in your time of sorrow, Kendra



Don, Jamie, Brandon and Brittany Severn
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Cathy, Zach and Burrier Clan, Tom and I served at Ft. Riley, KS and at DLI in California. Tom and Cathy used our place in Germany for their jump-off point when

they toured around Europe as well. Tom always made my days brighter with his love of life and infectious laugh. Words can not express our feelings of loss and we pray you find your way through this painful time. Cathy, please let us know if there is anything we can do for you and Zach. The Severns



Robert Ives

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Valerie and family, It was a honor and pleasure working with Tom at JAC Molesworth. Tom brought so much life into the office each day and touched all our lives in a way that you rarely find and is impossible to forget. Though the lucky few who knew him are scattered around the world, to us, Tom was our friend, will be missed, and will always be remembered.



Michael, Sandy and Alex Haycraft

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Cathy and Zak, We are very sorry for you loss. Tom was a great man, father and soldier. He will be greatly missed by us as a friend and a mentor. He made us all better by just knowing him. God Bless.



Yolanda, Joe, Aleksandr, Max, and Eleanor Rogers

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Dear Cathy and Zak, You are ALWAYS in our thoughts and prayers. We love you like family and if you ever need anything we are only a plane ride away, our home is always open to you. We love you dearly!



Stacey Johnson

Created : Apr 06, 2009

You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Jeff, Jenny, Nick and Natalie Stansfield

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Mrs. Burrier, Zach, We are so sorry for your loss. Tom was an inspiration to us all. Whenever I was down, I knew that he would always be there for me. He was a mentor, a great leader, a model soldier and a great friend to everyone who ever crossed his path. We will miss him dearly. Zach, Always remember that your father was a great man. He was a role model, someone that we all wanted to emulate. He worked hard to set an example for others to follow and was always there when people needed him. He will always be by your side. Never forget that.



Maribeth Crawford

Created : Apr 06, 2009

To the Burrier family: I want to thank you for welcoming me as if I were a member of the family at Tom's visitation and funeral. My heartfelt sympathy and of course, my thoughts are prayers, are with all of you. I will always remember Tom's sense of humor and I know he loved his family (and friends) very dearly. Cathy - you are my best and closest friend and my heart goes out to you. You know I'm as close as a

phone call and a short plane ride away -and I will be there for you anytime you need me, and Zak too. With love and sympathy, Maribeth



Melissa Clyburne
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Dear Cathy and Zak, Since having first met Tom he has become my "example" of someone who had the right attitude toward life. He was so upbeat and filled with enthusiasm -- one could not help feeling uplifted when near him. It was such a joy to see how much he adored both of you (such as his little "bringing you the camera ruse" at the OCSC function just to steal a kiss). There is nothing (I am sure) that any one of us can say that will ease your pain at this time, but at least we can all take comfort in the knowledge that Tom lived a good life. Please remember that I love you both and am here for you always. Sincerely, Melissa (and Doug, Bryce and Julianne)



Kelle Stanley
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Cathy, Words cannot convey the sorrow I feel for you and Zak. Please know that all of us in the Alconbury OCSC have you in our hearts and prayers. May you find comfort in knowing that Tom truly is in a better place; a place where you will see him again someday. May God bless you and give you peace! Kelle



Ron Hamilton
Created : Apr 06, 2009

It seems as though it was just last week I was talking to Tom under the trees at Cedar Bend Park, his loss will be felt by many...



Katherine Iooss
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Dear Cathy, My heart breaks for you. Please know that God is holding you and carrying you and will stay with you through it all until you meet with Tom in Heaven. love, Katherine (Steve, Andrew, and David)



David Coffman
Created : Apr 06, 2009

I only recently found out about Tom's death. He and I were in school together through highschool graduation, and were 9th grade science partners. I don't know of another person more fun-loving and dedicated to the spirit of life. I never saw Tom without a smile. To the Waverly-Shell Rock Class of 1985: carpe diem.



Denise and Tom Smith
Created : Apr 06, 2009

Dear Cathy, We know that no words can heal your sorrow, but our prayers are with you and Zach and for Tom at this sad time.

Tara Johns



Created : Apr 06, 2009

To Cathy, Zack and the Burrier family, Please accept my condolences for this terrible loss. The memory of Tom's good heart and great attitude towards life will stay with me forever. I will miss him greatly.



Jenny Johnson

Created : Apr 06, 2009

To Tom's family, I graduated with Tom and knew him from St. Paul's church. I cannot think of Tom without hearing his laugh in my head. He was fun loving and so spirited. I am sorry for your loss.



stephanie calisti

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Cathy and Zach, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that God will keep you close and guide you through this trying time. If there is a way, I'm sure Tom will be a guardian angel for the two of you. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Stephanie



Buffy Donahoo

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Cathy and Zac, I'm so very sorry to hear about Tom. He was a beautiful light in your lives and will continue to shine for you in memory until you are together again in Heaven. I have read many guestbook entries and though I didn't know Tom, it is so heartwarmingly obvious that he was truly a tenderly loved and cherished man. His beautiful memory is living in all the people who knew and loved him. What an amazing tribute to an amazing soul from an amazing family. My prayers and thoughts are with you always, Buffy



LeeAnna Ausberger

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Dear Friends, I, too, was in high school chamber choir with Tom. He never failed to make me laugh. What a great spirit he had. I will pray for your loss.



Brit Berner

Created : Apr 06, 2009

Cathy and Zach, My thoughts and prayers are with you both during this time. Tom was a special person who was always a joy to spend time with (Fox News while waiting for Bunco!). He loves you and Zach very much, and will be watching over you from heaven. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Brit Berner (and Dennis, Bria, Connor and Dacyee)

Photos



Services

Cemetery

Harlington Cemetery

1001 1st Street S.W.
Waverly, IA US 50677

 [Map / Directions](#)

Visitation

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly

218 2nd Street SE
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215

 [Map / Directions](#)

 Sunday, March 19, 2006
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

 Visitation will also be for one
hour on Monday at the church

Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church- Waverly

301 1st Street NW
Waverly, IA US

 [Map / Directions](#)

 Monday, March 20, 2006
11:00 AM