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Huntington, WV – William Thomas Lane, Sr., 70, was born November 21, 1951 in Lenoir, North Carolina and passed away on Monday, December 27, 2021. He was son of the late James Lane and Frances Dale Kinlaw.

The oldest of six, he became the unofficial patriarch of his siblings, and jokingly laughed about being the smartest and most well behaved, an opinion often bantered at family gatherings. His mantra was God, country and family, but everyone understood that his family actually came first.

He attended Augusta College in Augusta, Georgia and earned his bachelor degree at night while working and starting a family. Then later, he was honored with acceptance to the US Army War College for his masters, earning the highest grade point average of any non-military student to date, again, while working fulltime only by then in Germany. He excelled academically, feeling it his duty and honor to live up to his highest capable standards, standards that far outclassed the average student.

Tommy served 38 years Federal service with the US Army, four in active duty. His work took him internationally from South Korea to Saudi Arabia and Germany, with multiple tours in the States. He cared deeply for the people he worked with from clerks to generals, civilian and military, and remained close to many of them throughout his life. An incredible patriot, he cherished his country and was eager to carry on geo-political as well as domestic

conversations with young and old, knowledgeable and not.

His best years and best of times were by far the 41 years he spent married to his wife, Angela Kay Clark Lane. Anyone who spent any time with them instantly noted how they meshed like an old married couple while at the same time enjoying each other like sixteen-year-olds. They embraced a marriage everyone wished they had. Tongue in cheek, he bragged about being the smart one, to the patient, knowing smiles of his wife. The two traveled the world together, intensely enjoying the diverse peoples and cultures, with Tommy particularly fond of what he called “all that good food.” He especially loved toasting with a Jameson or Guinness.

He called people “son,” and he meant it to those he said it to, and those souls recognized the deep intent of the word, carrying the respect well into their lives. In half jest and half sincerity, he spouted many a time, “If I like you, I’m going to pick at you. It’s when I don’t that you should worry.”

Tommy held a rocky love-hate relationship with the Atlanta Braves and the Alabama Crimson Tide. He adored his dogs almost as much (sometimes more) than his children. Amanda, Sookie, Sammy, and Jabronie definitely owned pieces of his heart, and he spoke with adoration of them to anyone who would listen.

In his family younger years, he coached baseball, football, and basketball. Unless detailed to the desert or halfway around the world, he attended every practice, game, and event like it was a religion and attended with fervor.

Family meant the world to him.

His beloved family include so many.

Children and grandchildren:

- Shelley Lane – Lily and Lea
- Jennifer Litsch (Dean) – TJ Blevins (predeceased)
- Jenny Zartman (Jake) – Tyler and Colton
- William Thomas Lane, Jr. (Andrea) – Peyton, Addilyn, and Ellie

Siblings:

- Dale Lane Williams (Robert)

- Ann Lane Way (Donny)
- Jane Lane Garris (Greg)
- Jimmy Lane (Sharon)
- Harry Lane (Sabrina)
- Alan Lane

He also leaves behind countless others from cherished nieces and nephews to friends and professional peers. He was father figure, mentor, and beloved individual to so many.

Funeral services will be conducted at Henson & Kitchen Mortuary, 6357 E. Pea Ridge Road, Huntington, WV 25705 on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 3:00 PM with Rev. Bill Blankenship officiating. Military rites will be conducted prior to the service and the family will receive friends from 1:00-3:00 PM on Thursday at the mortuary. For those unable to attend, the funeral service will be streamed on the Henson & Kitchen Mortuary website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com

Previous Events

Visitation - Following COVID-19 Guidelines

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of William Thomas Lane Sr.*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - December 29, 2021 at 05:52 PM

ED

Thank you for your service sir and my condolences to the family

Emma Davis - December 30, 2021 at 11:06 AM

MG

*He was
My oldest brother, a lifeguard, Sunday School teacher,
Sang solo in church,, academia was paramount
A military intelligence leader
Commander of missiles and tanks during the Gulf War
And he told me that he made friends with camels
Lover of all animals
Family patriarch after we lost our Dad at the tender age of 57
I painted his military portrait when I used to paint and draw
Loved academia and taught me to love the same
He taught me to be still and not move when we said the Blessing and
you did not eat unless you said the Blessing or put anything over the
Holy Bible which was passed down from Mama
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My brother
May the Peace which passes all understanding be with you always
I will forever remember the solos you sang in church growing up
The Old Rugged Cross
How Great Thou Art
Amazing Grace
now in the hands of the Greatest of all, Creator of Heaven and Earth
Evergreen and We've only Just Begun which I loved singing in your
wedding. You taught me to love the art of song and the beauty of the
human voice
May you Rest In Peace and in His Holy Name
We love you immensely
Love,
Your Baby Sister*

Mary Jane Lane Garris - December 30, 2021 at 02:15 PM

MB

*You will be missed by so many people ❤️ I'm thankful to get to know
you and say you will always have a special place in my life and thank
you for your love and friendship to us.*

Mark Bierman - January 11, 2022 at 10:14 PM

JC

Condolences to the family and May he Rest In Peace

Jo Christie - January 19, 2022 at 08:01 PM

WT

Condolences to the family and Rest in Heavenly Peace my friend.

William C. Trotter - June 17, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ *William Thomas Lane Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM

WT

“ *I have great memories of Tommy Lane from the 1984 - 1986 time period at CECOM Ft. Monmouth NJ. He invited me to his home in Toms River for a delicious home cooked meal - Thanks. We serviced together again in the 90s, at Hammond Barracks, Seckenheim Germany. I have great memories of you and family... R.I.P. my friend.*

Bill Trotter

William C. Trotter - June 17, 2022 at 10:30 PM

DC

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathy to the family. Tommy was loved by everyone that knew him. I knew Tommy from Evans High School.*

Donna Efremoff Christian

Donna Efremoff Christian - January 07, 2022 at 09:38 AM

WJ

“ *Rest in peace, William Tonmy Lane.*

William Chatman Jr - January 02, 2022 at 09:11 PM

CG

“ *Dear Angela,
We are so sorry to hear about Tommy. He was always so nice and a great man. He will be missed dearly and we will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

Love,

Cory & Julie Gellerstedt



Cory Gellerstedt - December 30, 2021 at 05:50 PM

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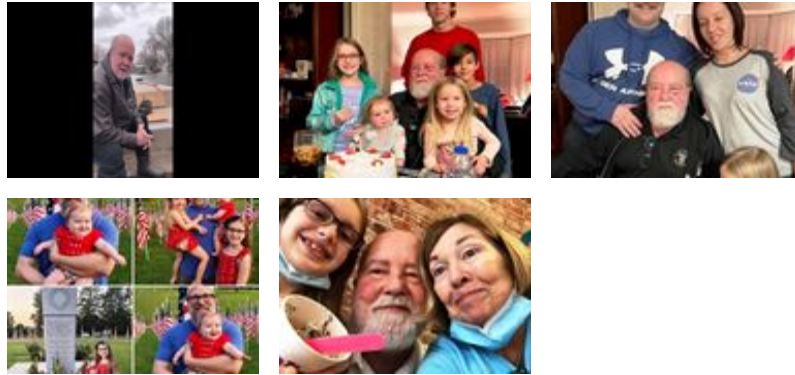
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Thomas Lane Sr..*



December 30, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *75 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - December 30, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ Tommy Lane is a great man! He made a difference throughout his life serving our country and our soldiers around the globe. A great husband, a great father, a truly great American patriot.....and my great friend for so many years. Tommy, Angela and I have seen the world together and have broken bread so many times. I shall surely miss him. His life is best captured in something Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote..."Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime. And departing, leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time." God bless you, Tommy....and God be with you, Angela and comfort you in this time of loss.
Hamp McManus

Hamp McManus - December 30, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Thomas Lane Sr..



December 30, 2021 at 07:44 AM



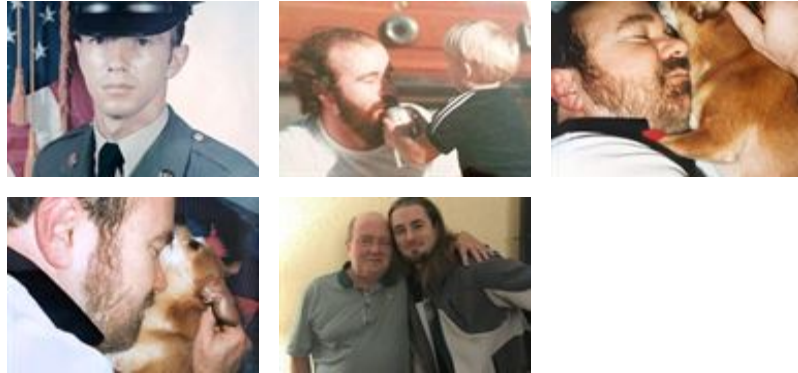
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lauren Honerlaw - December 30, 2021 at 12:02 AM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - December 29, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *William Thomas Lane Sr.*



December 29, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *William Thomas Lane Sr.*



December 29, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Thomas Lane Sr..*



December 29, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *God Bless Tommy Lane. He was a great American patriot, a friend to all and a wonderful man. We will miss you. Tim & Becky Considine*

Timothy Considine - December 29, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Thomas Lane Sr..*



December 29, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Thomas Lane Sr..*



December 29, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Thomas Lane Sr..*



December 29, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Since meeting Tommy in 1986 we shared many mutual experiences and created many wonderful memories. We offer our deepest condolences to the Lane family; may your fond memories comfort you in the days ahead. May God bless the entire family!*

Bill and Penny Hart

William S. (Bill) Hart - December 28, 2021 at 11:26 PM



“ *There are so many memories with the Lane's on Deutschland, it's impossible to retell them all. At the Fests, dinners then back to the Lane's for a nightcap, the lake, Christmas parties and boat rides. Trip to Ireland for St Patrick's Day! Tommy you will be sorely missed but I am Blessed to have crossed paths with you.*

Donna Gemba - December 28, 2021 at 08:53 PM

RS

“ *My deepest sympathies Angela and the entire Lane family. I first met Tommy Lane when I assumed command of Army Materiel Command (Europe) in Seckenheim, Germany in 2001. Tommy was the consummate professional and eventually became my Deputy Commander during a time of great turmoil in U.S. Army Europe. He assumed command of the organization in 2003 while I was deployed to Iraq and the organization provided unmatched support to our deployed Soldiers in that theater. He was an outstanding leader and motivator and deeply respected by everyone in the organization. I considered him to be my “go to” guy for anything needed to accomplish the mission. But he was more than that. He was a great friend who I depended on for professional and personal advice. Tommy, Angela and the Lane family provided wonderful support for our Soldiers and Civilians alike dealing with the challenges of being assigned so far from home. Tommy shall be deeply missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.*

Robert Spidel - December 28, 2021 at 05:45 PM