



Theodore (Ted) Thomas Bean

December 31, 2020

Theodore (Ted) Thomas Bean, 81, of Woodbridge, Virginia, died on December 31, 2020, at Sentara Hospital after a valiant nine-month battle against myelodysplasia, an incurable bone marrow disease.

Ted was a Civil Engineer by education, but a systems engineer by profession. He served in the United States Marine Corps from his enlistment in 1958 until his retirement in 1978 as a Major, during which time he completed his undergraduate and master's degrees and earned a commission. He served in Vietnam in 1968-1969 and spent his USMC career working on Marine Air Command and Control Systems. Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps, he worked briefly at SAI (which became SAIC) before taking a position at The MITRE Corporation in 1979, where he held positions of increasing responsibility developing command and control systems for the Army and technology for the Missile Defense Agency. Upon his retirement from MITRE in 2009, he returned to SAIC supporting the Marine Corps until his final retirement in 2014.

Ted's many volunteer activities ranged from coaching his children's soccer and baseball teams and their elementary school teams in the STEM program called Odyssey of the Mind, to serving in retirement as a docent at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia and as a member of the board of directors of the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation in Prince

William County, an organization that provides permanent housing to intellectually challenged and working poor residents of the county. He was also very active in the ministry activities of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Woodbridge.

Ted's love of baseball, especially the Washington Nationals, is legendary among his friends and if he wasn't at Nationals Park when the Nats were playing, he was glued to his TV screen. He also loved spending time at the family's second home at Bryce Resort, and traveling the world as he checked off his "bucket list."

Ted is survived by his wife of 35 years, Kathy Brown, and their children, daughter Morgan Bean of Overland Park, KS, and son Trent Bean, an active-duty Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC; sisters Patricia Dailey (John) and Peggy Bean (Larry White); and multiple generations of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore Woodrow Bean and Mabel Christine Bean (nee Presson).

A Celebration of Life will be held for Ted on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 12351 All Saints Place, Woodbridge, VA. Due to COVID restrictions, attendance will be restricted; however, the service will be live-streamed on YouTube. Interment will follow on Friday, January 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. with a grave-side service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4109 Jerome Road, Edinburg, VA.

The family will receive visitors from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA.

Contributions may be made in Ted's memory to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation on behalf of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA 22172; and to the Good Shepherd

Housing Foundation, 13190 Centerpointe Way, Suite 102, Woodbridge, VA
22193.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
12351 All Saints Place
Lake Ridge, VA 22192

Tribute Wall



“ Theodore (Ted) Thomas Bean

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ Ted was a fellow Docent at the NMMC and customer of mine at the Tun Tavern as well as a friend. He will be missed. My father told me that Marines do not die, they just change duty stations. Rest well my Friend.

Bob LaChance, Docent, NMMC

Robert W. LaChance - January 07, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ A long time ago in Yuma Ted and I became Marine Friends. Later we were studying in Monterey. Many tours followed. What memories. He is the best kind of friend you can ever have. Where does the time go. God Bless Ted.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON III - January 07, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ Kathy, I remember meeting Ted at a work event and how we talked about the Marine Corp. I was blessed to be able to share time with him and talk about his service to our country. I cannot imagine the loss and want you to know that we are with you in thought and prayer. Tom D

Tom D'Agostino - January 06, 2021 at 08:05 PM

MS

“ *Marty Schaller NMMC docent*

Ted and I often crossed paths on our common docent days. Aside from both being from Southern Illinois and having worked at SAIC after our service careers concluded, Ted was a great source of Marine lore for this Navy surface warfare guy. His pleasant, warm personality and professional knowledge always brightened up the day when I saw Ted. Now he is at rest. After a life we'll-lived, he has now gone to rest with our Savior. Peace be with you, Ted

Marty Schaller - January 06, 2021 at 02:03 PM

NY

“ *I am very saddened by Ted's death. We worked together on the Marine Corps G-BOSS Program for several years. In fact he hired me into his group at SAIC after my Northrup Grumman contract expired. We attended many, many meetings together; generated and reviewed numerous documents; traveled together; etc. It was always a great experience. Over all those years we had almost no disagreements, but when we did we always agreed to disagree and moved on with no hard feelings. He was a joy to work with. He was my mentor, my supervisor, my colleague, and my friend and I'll greatly miss him. I believe I am a better person for knowing him because he set a great example.*

My deepest sympathy goes to Ted's family.

Norm Young - January 06, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore (Ted) Thomas Bean.*



January 06, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *I always enjoyed crossing paths with Ted while serving as a docent at the NMMC. He was a real gentleman and person . Very outgoing and always with a smile. It has been a very trying year and I offer my condolences. Rest in Peace, Major*

Jay Campbell, Docent - January 06, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore (Ted) Thomas Bean.*



January 06, 2021 at 07:12 AM

CP

“ *My sincere condolence to the family of Ted as we always enjoyed his stories. A few years back we were celebrating September 25th as it was Phil Mitchell's birthday and Phil informed me that it was also Ted Bean's birthday and that we are welcoming him to our little party at Cracker Barrel. I added Ted's name to the cake and the rest was history. I truly enjoyed chatting with Ted while working at the NMMC, not only his stories but his knowledge that shared gave me the warm feeling that he was talking to me and not just on a topic. I am Proud to of served with him and he will be dearly missed. Ted may you RIP and Semper Fi Marine*



Chris Plumley and Family

Christopher Plumley - January 06, 2021 at 12:51 AM

FM

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about Ted’s passing. I offer my deepest condolences to Ted’s family and friends. Please know that many prayers are being offered for Ted.

I always thought of Ted as a real “character”, in the best sense of that word. He was quick to blow off steam, and just as quick to laugh, and he had that voice that could be heard a mile away!

When I was retiring from the Marine Corps, I forwarded him a resume for his review and comment. He, instead, sent my resume to the MITRE site in Eatontown, NJ. That was the start of my 10 years at MITRE.

No matter what project you were working on, you’d never know when you would hear Ted’s voice as he would show up at a program review or on some classified site in the middle of nowhere. I even ran into him occasionally during my post-MITRE career with Raytheon.

He was a fellow Marine. He was a colleague. He was bigger than life. He was my friend. And now he is gone.

Semper Fi and Rest in Eternal Peace Ted.

*Frank McBride
Virginia Beach, VA*

Frank McBride - January 06, 2021 at 12:34 AM

SD

“ My condolence to the family. Ted was always a nice coworker at the Marine museum, giving pleasant discussions on our beloved Marine Corps and museum. Will miss his presence at the museum, rest in peace brother.

Sondra Bianchi NMMC Docent - January 05, 2021 at 10:08 PM

MH

“ *Eternal Father, welcome Ted into your heavenly Kingdom, and comfort his family in this time of sorrow. We shall miss his friendship and humorous stories, as well as his smiling face. Semper Fi, and Rest in Peace, Marine.*

Mark & Susan Hayden - January 05, 2021 at 05:51 PM

DD

“ *Ted was a good friend and colleague . We worked together at MITRE , and had many professional and family discussions . He had a quick smile and many interesting stories . He will be missed greatly by me and his many other friends ,colleagues and family . May he Rest In Peace . Danny DeMariis*

Danny DeMarinis - January 05, 2021 at 05:41 PM

TN

“ *Ted was a great friend and asset to the NMMC Docent. He always had a pleasant smile and good word to say every time we met. Rest in peace.*



Terry Basham Docent NMMC - January 05, 2021 at 05:29 PM

FM

“ Ted volunteered at the National Museum of the Marine Corps on most days when I was also volunteering. He was a super fine friend to all. Always caring and asking about how life was going. Due to COVID and other matters of life we did not see each other since prior to the pandemic. We do know his wife as a daughter of the Browns who attended Grace Lutheran Church in the 70s and 80s. A fine couple. May Gods peace surround his family during this time and in the days and weeks ahead. Rest in peace together with well done good and faithful servant are words that come to mind.
Frank and Barbara Marr

Frank and Barbara Marr - January 05, 2021 at 05:08 PM

L(

“ RIP Devil Dog. One of the best of the "Few", in leading and mentoring Marines, and fostering Esprit de Corps. An American Patriot. 🇺🇸 Per the Marine Corps Hymn, the streets of Heaven are much safer, now that you have assumed the watch.



My deepest sympathy to Ted's family. May the great architect of our universe provide comfort during this difficult time, and may fond memories offer solace. God Bless. 🕊

LtCol GP Mandis, US Marine Corps, (Ret.) - January 05, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theodore (Ted) Thomas Bean.



January 04, 2021 at 10:04 PM