



## Walter Howard Thrasher Jr.

August 16, 1944 - October 15, 2024

Walter Howard Thrasher Jr passed on into the hands of our Lord, October 15, 2024 in Hot Springs, Ar.

Better known as "SKYMAN" by his Military friends, family, and other organizations. Walter Thrasher was born August 16, 1944 in Dayton, Ohio. He grew up in a Military environment inspired by his father which lead to a life of extensive travel before settling down in Percy, Ar. Walt graduated at the age of 17 from Lake Hamilton High School in 1962. He immediately enlisted into the United States Air Force serving 2 tours in Vietnam. As a decorated Veteran, he gave 38 distinguished years to his Military career to "Protect Our Country and Our Freedom". Skyman had an extensive passion as a pilot for flying, riding motorcycles, and enjoying life where ever it lead him. He was very dedicated to the VVO, VFW, and The American Legion, amongst many other organizations. In the later years of his life, he enjoyed time with his family and friends here in Arkansas.

He is survived by sister, Patricia Juanita Weaver (Ron); two sons, Bill Thrasher (Stephanie) from Versailles, Ky. and Trey Thrasher from Hot Springs, Ar.; several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Viewing will be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Saturday October 19th at Hot Springs Funeral Home. Memorial services at 2:00 pm Sunday October 20th

with Military Honors provided by Little Rock Air Force Base at Hot Springs  
Funeral Home.

Final Resting Place will be at The Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North  
Little Rock, Ar.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home  
1017 Central Avenue  
Hot Springs, AR 71901  
(501) 623-8820  
hotspringsfh@sbcglobal.net  
<https://hotspringsfh.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ I went to school with Howard, we were like brother & sister, still LOVE U, we have been through much together, he almost married my sister twice. This is my nephew's phone Steven Fran's son, hi to every one I went to Lake Hamilton & Hemp Wallace Jerry Bailey, Janice Norman, Louise Mann, Martha Dawson, Shirley Crumpton, how is JoAnn In LA. & didn't U have a brother. WILLIE? Love all of y'al, friends.

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**Lou Fowler Holmes.** - November 29, 2024 at 05:51 PM

MM

“ Walt was a protector, confidant, true friend - RIP my friend

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**Manuela Monroe** - October 20, 2024 at 12:19 AM

RB

“ A dear friend and former classmate. You will be dearly missed.

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**Ruth (Rainwaters) Burks** - October 19, 2024 at 06:44 PM

SJ

“ I was a police officer in Hot Springs, AR. I run into a man sitting outside at the Ohio Club. Something seemed familiar with him. We later found out we were both Vietnam Veterans. Those Huey Slicks and all the Chopper pilots saved alot of our lives! Skyman was one of those guys that said that no one was going to disrespect any other veteran like the Korean and Vietnam Veterans were. We kept our word, but Skyman went above and beyond caring! Now my brother you have another set of wings are are flying higher than ever. Keep watch over us! God Bless you and see you on the other side. Your buddy and his family Thank you. Sam, Jr. (Chilipepper)

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**Samuel H Spencer, Jr.** - October 19, 2024 at 04:45 PM

ND

“ Walt was a “true friend “! So many happy memories of our times riding bikes. Thank you for your service. Salute!! Go rest high on that mountain, Skyman!!



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**Nelda Digby** - October 19, 2024 at 09:02 AM

TW

“ Flew with him and along side of him in the 114 Aviation at camp Robinson . Great friend and buddy .Didn't see him for several years . Was sitting at bar in Ohio Club. The owner said hey Terry here's somebody you need to meet . On the other side of him was Skyman I looked over and we knew each other from the 114 Mike said is there anyone you don't know. Fly high Skyman see you on the other side when once again we have wings

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**tTerry Williams** - October 18, 2024 at 01:36 PM

MP

“ We had a good friendship and shared great times at the R&R and the Ohio Club .. He served his country with pride !! He will be missed 🙏

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**Mike Parker** - October 17, 2024 at 08:25 PM

RD

“ I had just begun my life of being around this man he was very special. The crazy thing is I was there to help him and honestly he did most of the helping. He didn't know it at the time but spending time with him did a lot of good for me and he always had a smile on his face. We loved to watch old war movies and talk about our time although different times that we both shared in the air Force. This man was loved by so many and I know he definitely touched my heart.

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**Richard Dawson** - October 17, 2024 at 02:52 PM

BA

*Li had the honer to have worked and flow with Walt in Civil Air Patrol . Walt was a very . good pilot and I for one will miss him. May he fly with the angles . My thought and pryars go out to his family .*

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**Bill Akins** - October 19, 2024 at 06:41 PM

BP

“ My family moved to Pearcy in 1962, when I was a teen. Howard and Juanita were the first teens we met after we moved. They lived down the road from us. We rode the school bus together and attended the same church. My sisters and I always thought of him as Juanita's big brother. We remembered him as quite and soft spoken; however, even then he was passionate about flying and spent much of his free time around the Hot Springs Air National Guard. Our sympathies go out to Juanita and his family and friends.

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**Brenda Price** - October 17, 2024 at 11:44 AM

RC

“ I will never forget when he invited me over to help him make a big batch of his famous "SKYMAN SAUCE" . We had so much fun and he even gave me and my son Kevin a jar. We laughed so hard , and he told me several stories about his life.

Then my motorcycle 🏍️ was having light problems and he sat right there under his carport and re wired my bike to get the problem fixed.

We rode motorcycles together on a few occasions. He was really fun to spend time with. Such a good friend. I am blessed to have known him.

My prayers and condolences to you and your family ❤️

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**Renea Chrisman** - October 17, 2024 at 08:51 AM

ML

“ Thankful I was able to get to know my Uncle Walt better as I got into my 30's. I came to my rescue in a very desperate time in my life during my divorce with my 4 children. He was living in Panama at the time and was able to rent me a place I could afford until I got on my feet. I was able to return the favor and help him during the later part of his life and I'm so thankful I got to be there with him and help him til the end. Thank you for your Military Service, Fly high per the Mountains "SKYMAN" Until we meet again. Love your Niece, Marci Lawson



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**Marci Lawson** - October 16, 2024 at 02:05 PM