



## Von Thomas George

September 5, 2024

In Loving Memory of Deacon Von T. George, LTC U.S. Army (Ret.)

Deacon Von Thomas George, 62, passed away on September 5, 2024 in Allentown, PA after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Von led a life of service, dedication, and faith. He was born on September 21, 1961 in Charleston, WV to the late Raymond George and Kelly Light George.

Deacon Von T. George is survived by his wife of 39 years, Jane McNeill George; children, Raymond Reid George (Brandi), Dr. Ellen McNeill George, Anthony Light George (Katherine), and Robert Byrne George, Esq. (Elizabeth); mother-in-law, Ellen Gowen McNeill; siblings, Vincent (Martha), Victor, Valerie, and Vanessa; two grandsons and an expected granddaughter; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Von is predeceased by his parents, father-in-law, Robert John McNeill III, and brother-in-law, Gary Ellis.

Von graduated from George Washington High School in Charleston, WV in 1979. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Ohio University in 1984 and a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration from Ohio University in 2018. He earned a Master's of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Saint Bernard's School of Ministry and Theology in 2024.

Von served his country for 28 years in the United States Army, Army

Reserves, and Pennsylvania Army National Guard. He served as an Officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Army Logistics Branch. His military service extended to Hawaii, Germany, Lithuania, Kosovo, Egypt, and Iraq. Von retired from the service in 2012 as a Lieutenant Colonel and a combat veteran.

As a civilian, Von most recently served as the Director of Supply Chain and Procurement for St. Peter's Healthcare System in New Brunswick, NJ. He previously was a logistician for the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and the Director of Supply Chain for St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem, PA. He served his community as a member of the Parkland School Board and Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors. He was a proud Brother of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and a fourth degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Von answered his calling to Holy Orders when he was ordained as a Deacon in the Catholic Church on August 10, 2024. He was assigned as clergy to the St. Thomas More Parish in Allentown, PA where his faith and compassion touched many lives.

The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown will offer a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Thomas More Church, 1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103. Calling hours will be held on Monday evening, September 9, 2024, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 1601 Hamilton St, Allentown, and Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the church. Condolences may be offered at [www.jsburkholder.com](http://www.jsburkholder.com).

Contributions may be made in Von's memory to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania for the Von T. and Jane George Diaconate Endowment Fund. The fund supports the education, training and formation, professional development, recruitment of permanent deacons, and the special programs related to the Diaconate Program in the Diocese of Allentown. Gifts may be

made online at <https://www.catholicfoundationep.org/donations/von-t-and-jane-george-diaconate-endowment-fund/> or mailed to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern PA at PO. Box 1430, Allentown, PA 18105.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

547 N. Krocks Rd.  
Allentown, PA 18106

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc  
1601 W Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 433-5161  
info@jsburkholder.com  
<https://jsburkholder.com>

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
1040 Flexer Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18103

## Mass of Christian Burial

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SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
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Allentown, PA 18103

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ Von was one of the kindest souls I've ever known and always had a story to tell. Bless you Von. Go easy!

Phillip Hutchens - October 22, 2024 at 08:04 AM

GS

“ It seems that all my free time growing up with Von was magical. From pre K to 6th grade we shared so many wonderful times. From Forth of July parades to swimming at the neighborhood pool it was nothing but fun. Best of all was going to many shows at the Charleston Civic Center and multiple trips to downtown to Charleston's Daniel Boone Hotel to visit his dad and eat at the luchonette. His memory will always be a bright light in my mind. God bless Von and his family. Much love, Gabriel Salamie

Gabriel Salamie - September 14, 2024 at 05:23 PM

MD

“ Fond memory of serving breakfast to Veterans at St. Luke's Miners. A caring man who will be missed by many. May your memories bring a smile to your heart. Blessings



Maureen Donovan - September 13, 2024 at 02:59 PM

ST

“ Stephanie and Calvin Thomas-Yang purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Von Thomas George.



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**Stephanie and Calvin Thomas-Yang** - September 10, 2024 at 11:36 AM

ST

“ Stephanie and Calvin Thomas-Yang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

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**Stephanie and Calvin Thomas-Yang** - September 10, 2024 at 11:36 AM

KC

“ Jane and Family.  
I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of Von.  
My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.  
Kerri Leh-Crossin

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**kerri leh crossin** - September 10, 2024 at 10:35 AM

KI

“ I supported Von at Saint Peter's University Hospital. I instantly connected with Von over our shared love of our Country, and while chatting I shared with him that my son who served in the U.S. Army, was deployed to Iraq at the same time Von was there serving. I cannot begin to describe Von, he was a man of such great honor, humility, grace and kindness, that even while fighting cancer, he always asked how I was, and how my son and his family were doing. I will always carry Von in my heart and work diligently to keep his spirit and memory alive every day. I miss you beyond words Von and know that you are at Peace and smiling down from Heaven on all of us. We all have another Angel to watch over us ❤️

Kimberly - September 09, 2024 at 02:47 PM

KH

“ Kimberly Hoffman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Von Thomas George.



Kimberly Hoffman - September 09, 2024 at 01:24 PM

SC

“ Scott purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Von Thomas George.



Scott - September 09, 2024 at 12:01 PM

LG

“ Lisa G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

Lisa G. - September 09, 2024 at 11:59 AM

DA

“ David Agee purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Von Thomas George.



David Agee - September 09, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.



September 09, 2024 at 09:45 AM

BJ

“ Some of the best times I had in my 27 years of military service was serving with Von. The great memories I have of him as the HC 213th ASG Company Commander, 1SG Pike and I are plentiful. It was truly a privilege and honor to serve under his command. His passion to soldier and care for his troops was second to none. But above all Von was a great friend. A friend who will be dearly missed. I love you my brother in arms. Rest in eternal peace.

Barry Robert Sottolano Jr - September 09, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.*



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September 09, 2024 at 07:15 AM



“ *Stacy T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.*

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**Stacy T.** - September 09, 2024 at 07:15 AM



“ *Love, Cynthia, Alex, Grant, & Clark Napier purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Von Thomas George.*



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**Love, Cynthia, Alex, Grant, & Clark Napier** - September 09, 2024 at 01:25 AM



“ *Von was a bright light in this world. He will be remembered for his dedication to his faith, family and country. He was such a positive influence in the lives of our three daughters. We will miss our dear neighbor.*  
*Wayne and Roberta Hower*

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**Roberta and Wayne Hower** - September 08, 2024 at 09:07 PM

PU

“ PPL Electric Utilities purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Von Thomas George.



PPL Electric Utilities - September 08, 2024 at 09:04 PM

PB

“ PEM family at Newark Beth purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Von Thomas George.



PEM family at Newark Beth - September 08, 2024 at 08:47 PM

SF

“ Staver Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Von Thomas George.



Staver Family - September 08, 2024 at 06:07 PM

BB

“ Bonnie B. purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Von Thomas George.



Bonnie B. - September 08, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ *Tatiana&Jihad, Maria&Rami purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Von Thomas George.*



Tatiana&Jihad, Maria&Rami - September 08, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.*



September 08, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ *The Brophys purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Von Thomas George.*



The Brophys - September 08, 2024 at 12:26 PM

CR

“ Von was truly a wonderful man and represented all that is good in the world. He served his country, family, friends and church every day and was a role model to many of us. It's been my district privilege to have reconnected with both Von and Jane during the past fifteen years and truly enjoyed our time together. May his memory be a blessing to all fortunate enough to know him. So many happy memories from our youth at Ohio University in the Sigma Chi house as well as wonderful time spent while our children attended the University of Tennessee. You will be missed everyday.

Carl Rocco - September 08, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.



September 08, 2024 at 11:49 AM

RF

“ Rachel Harris and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

Rachel Harris and Family - September 08, 2024 at 11:49 AM

JC

“ Julio Coronado purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Von Thomas George.



Julio Coronado - September 08, 2024 at 10:45 AM

JC

“ Julio Coronado planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

Julio Coronado - September 08, 2024 at 10:45 AM

PD

“ PPL Public Affairs Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Von Thomas George.



PPL Public Affairs Department - September 08, 2024 at 10:35 AM

PD

“ Pam Priest and Steve Dartt purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Von Thomas George.



Pam Priest and Steve Dartt - September 08, 2024 at 09:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.



September 08, 2024 at 06:52 AM

MW

“ Molly and Patrick Whelan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

Molly and Patrick Whelan - September 08, 2024 at 06:52 AM

TF

“ The Medina Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Von Thomas George.



The Medina Family - September 08, 2024 at 12:36 AM

TF

“ The Medina Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

The Medina Family - September 08, 2024 at 12:36 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.



September 07, 2024 at 11:27 PM



“ *Marsha Boris & Liza Valentino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.*

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**Marsha Boris & Liza Valentino** - September 07, 2024 at 11:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.*



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September 07, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ *Peter Stace & Margie Ball planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.*

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**Peter Stace & Margie Ball** - September 07, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.*



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September 07, 2024 at 10:51 PM

LC

“ Leslie Raney & Jamie Smith-2nd cousins purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Von Thomas George.



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**Leslie Raney & Jamie Smith-2nd cousins** - September 07, 2024 at 09:53 PM

LC

“ Leslie Raney & Jamie Smith-2nd cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

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**Leslie Raney & Jamie Smith-2nd cousins** - September 07, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.



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September 07, 2024 at 09:36 PM

LR

“ Lisa Robbins purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Von Thomas George.



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**Lisa Robbins** - September 07, 2024 at 08:41 PM

LR

“ Lisa Robbins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

Lisa Robbins - September 07, 2024 at 08:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.



September 07, 2024 at 06:23 PM

SA

“ Scott, Desiree and Aidan Andreas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

Scott, Desiree and Aidan Andreas - September 07, 2024 at 06:23 PM

MG

“ Marina Guirguis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Von Thomas George.



Marina Guirguis - September 07, 2024 at 06:15 PM

MG

“ Marina Guirguis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

Marina Guirguis - September 07, 2024 at 06:15 PM

WF

“ With love, The Rocco Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Von Thomas George.



With love, The Rocco Family - September 07, 2024 at 05:13 PM

WF

“ With love, The Rocco Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

With love, The Rocco Family - September 07, 2024 at 05:13 PM

WL

“ Will & Lidia LeMieux purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Von Thomas George.



Will & Lidia LeMieux - September 07, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.



September 07, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ The Holcomb Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

The Holcomb Family - September 07, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ The Supply Chain Team at Saint Peter's University Hospital purchased the Sacred Duty S pray for the family of Von Thomas George.



The Supply Chain Team at Saint Peter's University Hospital -  
September 07, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Von Thomas George.



September 07, 2024 at 02:23 PM

LF

“ Love, Julie and Dave Dawson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Von Thomas George.

Love, Julie and Dave Dawson and Family - September 07, 2024 at 02:23 PM

MY

“ I will most definitely remember Von's sense of humor behind all that serious exterior.. One might call it a Cheshire Cat smile. He certainly made a difference in my life As we crossed paths in Athens, Ohio.

Mik Yori - September 07, 2024 at 02:13 PM

DW

“ Doug and Jean Werner purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Von Thomas George.



Doug and Jean Werner - September 07, 2024 at 01:44 PM