



Thomas Michael Simcoe

August 29, 1949 - October 3, 2020

Thomas Michael Simcoe, 71 of Lanexa, VA, formerly of Arlington and Springfield, VA, passed away after a long illness October 3, 2020. Tom joined the Navy at age 17, and served in Vietnam on the U.S. Steiner as a signalman. He returned to the Northern Virginia area, took classes at George Washington University and Northern Virginia Community College, and worked for Western Electric as a customer representative until he joined the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Services as a firefighter in 1974. Tom retired as a Hazardous Materials Technician after 25 years of service. He continued to work to improve active and retired firefighter benefits by serving as President of the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Retirement Association, as a member of the Executive Board of Fairfax County Professional Fire Fighters Local 2068, and most recently as a member of the Fairfax County Uniformed Retirement Board. He was also a registered lobbyist and worked with Virginia General Assembly members on retired firefighter issues of concern.

Tom is survived by his wife of 47 years Barbara Simcoe; a daughter Shannon Labocki (Michael); granddaughter Hannah; nephew Dustin Simcoe (Bethany), nieces Jacqueline Speary, Jennifer Hill (Brian), Nicole Shanabrough (Chris); several great nieces, nephews and cousins; and a host of friends and associates. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary Simcoe, and brother Kenneth Simcoe.

A celebration of life service will be held 11:00 AM Monday, October 26, 2020 at Vincent Funeral Home in Providence Forge, VA. The family will receive

friends for thirty minutes prior to the service, at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album *Cruising with Tom*



Alan Harris - April 09, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ *I was fortunate enough to finally meet him many years ago..a man with a big heart.. one of the last times we were in contact was when I made him a couple of belt buckles the USS Steinaker..he could not thank me enough ..I do hope Baarb is doing well*

Alan Harris - April 03, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ After I sold Tom some badges he contacted me as he notice on our profile our son at 10 was a Nascar Fan..Tom worked at the track and on Camerons birthday at 11 a box of Nascar items arrived all wrapped in birthday paper. We became email pals and when Cam was turning 16 he invited us down to a race, we enjoyed their home and Cam was in awe of Toms collection and 'man' cave..Tom and friends showered young Cameron with memorabilia..somehow we lost touch with Tom and his wife Barb.. Cam still has the pictures taken at the track and at their home and is now 32...Tom I am sorry you never saw the man you helped inspire grow up...he has a Racing podcast that airs each wed, a live show most friday nights and a youtube on track with Cam K on monday nights...brother rest in peace
Al Harris.. fireal5@rogers.com

Alan Harris - April 03, 2024 at 09:23 PM

WO

“ I'll be drinking this tonight in memory of a good friend I never met.



Wayne Ogden - August 29, 2022 at 06:52 AM

WO

“ Tom and I never met. That did not stop us being friends from a distance. Meeting via eBay is probably not the most common place for a friendship to begin but after I sold him some fire service items that's what happened. Correspondence followed along with gifts going both ways. We were nearly met in the UK and in NYC but our paths never actually crossed. Sadly they never will. I was shocked to read of Tom's passing on posting on Facebook on his birthday 2022. So sad to hear the news. RIP my friend "from over the pond" as he would say.

Wayne Ogden - August 29, 2022 at 06:49 AM

CS

“ Tom and I first met on the Navy Ship USS Steinaker DD-863 while sailing off the coast of Vietnam. We did not know each other that well on this tour of duty. However, over the years we became very good friends when we would meet at the Steinaker reunions. Then we started taking pleasure cruises to the Caribbean, British Isles, and Alaska among others. Thru the years we became the best of friends.

I'm going to miss Tom dearly. I just want to say to Tom....you served your time with honor, courage and commitment....you are relieved for we have the watch.

“May the Lord fill our sails with fair wind, support our hulls in inviting seas. Guide our hand upon the tiller toward pleasant places and bring us home, Oh Lord to a safe and loving Harbor.”

RIP Sailor

My deepest sympathy to you Barb and your family.

Chuck Spencer - October 25, 2020 at 09:25 PM

BV

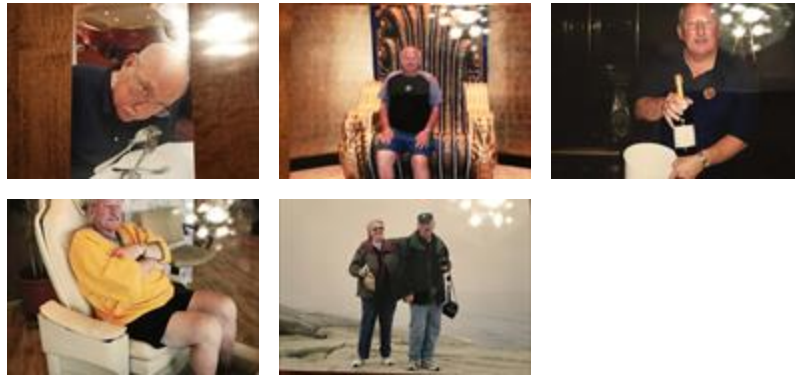
“ Shannon and Family, so sorry for your loss.



Barbara Vickers - October 19, 2020 at 05:16 PM

CS

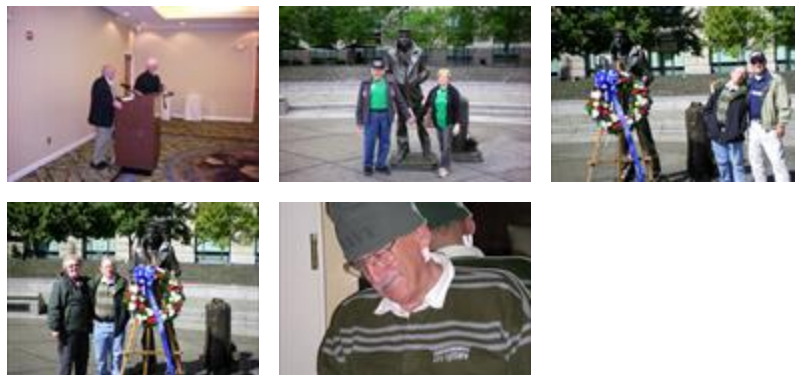
“ 10 files added to the album Cruising with Tom



Chuck Spencer - October 19, 2020 at 09:20 AM

CS

“ 10 files added to the album USS Steinaker DD-863, reunion



Chuck Spencer - October 18, 2020 at 01:58 PM

GB

“ *It was a shock to learn of your passing. Tom & I served aboard the USS Steinaker (DD-863) in Vietnam. One of the nicest guys you could ever meet.*

Fair winds and following seas my dear friend and shipmate. We have the watch. Rest in Peace.

My deepest condolences to Barbara and the rest of your family.

Greg Brown, PN2 U.S. Navy, MSG, U.S. Army Reserve, Army National Guard

Gregory M. Brown - October 16, 2020 at 01:22 PM

DG

“ *Our sincere condolences from the Fire and Rescue Department and the Gray family. Tom was one of a kind. He devoted his lifelong energy as a family man and protecting the liberties that we have today, whether serving in the military, being on the fire department frontline, as an executive board director with IAFF Local 2068, as our uniformed retirement system representative, as our NCPERS representative, and our legislative representative at the General Assembly in Richmond. He was always available to participate on any project, committee, during conference travel at Redmond or Conventions. Rest in peace my brother. Danny Gray*

Danny Gray - October 16, 2020 at 11:20 AM

SG

“ *Barbara and Family. I am deeply saddened to hear of Tommy's passing. I got to know him almost from the start when I became a member of Bailey's Crossroads VFD at about the same time he came aboard with FCFRD. We had our differences-me as a Vol. and him as a career man--BUT we always seemed to find a way to put those differences aside when it was necessary. And for much of the past 40 years we were able to share thoughts, interests and laughs. My sincerest thoughts go out to you all. I will miss him.*
Steve "Redman" Grainer.

Steve Grainer - October 08, 2020 at 09:31 AM

CM

“ *Very sorry about Tom's passing i got to know Tom from working with him as drivers at the Farley Center, as drivers we spent a lot of time together and i always enjoyed working with him.I will always remember him as a good person always helping and doing things for people.He was just a GOOD GUY and i will miss him.My condolence goes out to Barbara and the Simcoe family*

Charles Mule

Charles Mule - October 07, 2020 at 02:02 PM

DL

“ *Barbara and family,
It was great to talk to you yesterday.
I've known Tom since our days on "The Highway" together, and
worked with him for years on the Union's E-Board and Uniformed
Retirement Service Board.
Tom dedicated his life to the service of others, and there is no better
way to be remembered. Up until his passing, he continued to fight
for the health and safety of his brothers and sisters in public safety.
Rest in Peace, Brother Simcoe.
Dave Lyons, IAFF 2068*

dave lyons - October 07, 2020 at 09:57 AM

BS

*Tommy and I worked together on a number of shifts, he was a great
firefighter and friend who always made the people around him laugh
....and by the way he was a pretty damn good cook, I loved that
guy...Brad Cochrane Sr.*

Brad Cochrane Sr. - October 12, 2020 at 11:21 AM

JC

*Sad to hear of Tom,s passing, my condolences to the family. I had the
privilege to work with Tom at FS 26, funny how we always seemed to
get in trouble and he was in the thick of it with us. I will have many
memories of Tom and some of his shenanigans we pulled of at work,
but when it was time to work Tom was always there. Tommy made the
job fun even on the tough days, the Mouse will be missed.*

James Clark - October 15, 2020 at 08:31 PM

PF

Very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. I had the pleasure of working with him at FS 26A for several years. He was a fireman's fireman and knew the job well! But as others have mentioned he also was the ring leader of a lot of shenanigans around the firehouse and could give and receive with equal amounts of laughs (although a few times his attempts to give didn't quite work out as well as he hoped). We had good times outside the fire house also particularly after union meetings in Springfield. And his cooking was always excellent! Rest easy brother! You will be missed!
Pete Finley

Pete Finley - October 16, 2020 at 12:41 PM

RS

*Mrs Simcoe and family,
So very sorry to hear that Tom passed away. I worked with him on The Highway at Penn Daw FS11. As a young officer at one of the busiest houses in the County he was very instrumental to my survival and success. Always teaching and coaching with that wonderful sense of humor during rough times. What great times we had. Just before I left Penn Daw he gave me 2 hand crafted figurines from Haiti jokingly saying they were so my wife wouldn't let me forget him. I will always be grateful for his friendship and mentoring. What a Pro!! Yes he was right, I didn't forget him and neither did my wife. Always in my memories. Rest In Peace "Tommy 2 Times Simcoe*

*Deepest Sympathy
Richard Sweatt*

Richard Sweatt - October 25, 2020 at 06:17 PM



*Dear Barb. I'm so sorry to learn that Tom has passed. I do so remember him as a fun loving person with some great cooking skills and of course, the many years of happiness that you and he shared. My prayers to you and Shannon. Katrina Taylor Hankins, "Trina".
ktaylorhankins@gmail.com*

Katrina Taylor Hankins - July 02, 2021 at 04:10 AM