

September 30, 1999

Dear Mrs. Fitzgerald:

Since our phone conversation I have been to the Accomac office of Congressman Herbert H. Bateman. He is not in town but his secretary made copies of the Washington Post column and the column written by my editor, Bill Sterling, at the Eastern Shore News. She is faxing it all to Mr. Bateman.

Mr. Sterling gave a recent history of myself, so that will introduce us. He is a very sweet man, as you can see. I told him he gave me a life.

Also, my son did have Hodgkins Lymphoma.

I hope you are successful in getting a memorial for our serviceman.

Sincerely,


Helen Rowbottom

**Memorial
Service
for
CW2 Thomas
Rowbottom**



CW2 Thomas M. Rowbottom

Date of Birth

25 November 1937 Akron, Ohio

Date of Death

Wednesday, 20 January 1999 Salisbury, Maryland

Tom married Wanda 10 August 1971 in Texas. He was a highly dedicated family man and an excellent soldier. Every soldier in the 200th Military Police Company respected and revered Tom's dedication to Duty, Honor and Country. He would consistently Lead by Example. He was a "doer" not a "watcher". Tom would always exceed the minimum standards, no matter what the task. During the annual physical fitness tests, Tom would always beat the younger soldiers, some were 20 or more years his junior. He was an excellent mentor and he could share his expertise with younger soldiers and make them feel part of the Team. Tom could do anything, he would tackle any mission and see it through to success. He will be sadly missed by all and we all look forward to the day we will be reunited in Glory.

Military Service

United States Army

1955 - 1957 Active Duty 11th Airborne Division
1967 - 1968 Active Duty Warrant Officer Candidate School
1968 - 1971 Active Duty Helicopter Pilot - Vietnam
1971 - 1972 Army Reserves
1985 - 1990 Maryland National Guard, 200th MP CO
1990 - 1991 Active Duty - Desert Storm
1991 - 1998 Maryland National Guard, 200th MP CO

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Awards & Decorations

Bronze Star Medal - Heroism
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal for Heroism - with the "V" device for Valor
~~Air Medal with 32 Oak Leaf Clusters~~
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Good Conduct Medal - 1st Award
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Ribbon - 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
Vietnam Service Medal - with 1 Service Star
South West Asia Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
NCO Professional Development Ribbon - with numeral 2
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon
Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon
Kuwait Liberation Medal
Army Aviators Badge
Expert Marksmanship Badge

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Isaiah 41:10