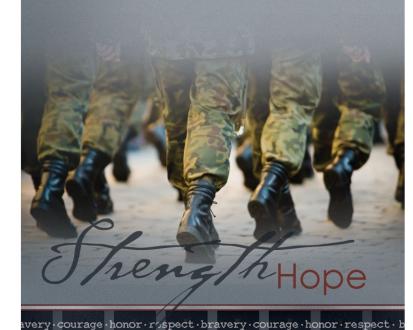
God of our fathers, whose almighty hand, Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor thro' the skies Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by thee our lot is cast, Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay, Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, By thy strong arm, our ever sure defense, Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, Lead us from night to never-ending day. Fill our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud, and praise, Be ever thine. Amen.



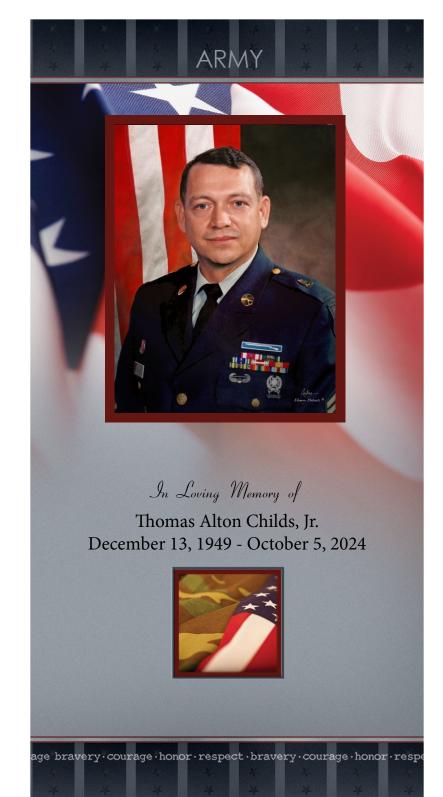
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For us to know that our burden of grief was shared by our family & friends.

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He leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my /

soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD A Vever.

Funeral Service

3 o'clock in the afternoon Friday, October 11, 2024 **Woodlawn Methodist Church**

Officiating

Pastor John Moore

Interment

Woodlawn Methodist Church Cemetery

Pallbearers

United States Army

Contributions

Samaritan's Purse Hurricane Relief for Western North Carolina, an area Tom loved and called home for the last 25 years

> A Service of Berry Funeral Home Elberton, Georgia

Mr. Thomas Alton "Tom" Childs, Jr., 74, of Morganton, NC and Elberton, GA, husband of Sandra Hipps Childs, passed away on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at UNC Health Blue Ridge in Morganton.

Mr. Childs was born in Elberton on December 13, 1949, the son of the late Thomas Alton Childs, Sr. and Alice Ruth Scott Childs. He was a graduate of Gardner Webb University. Mr. Childs loved his country and dedicated 30 years of his life to serving the United States Army. A true military man, Tom was awarded many decorations and medals for his service, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Saudi Kuwait Service Medal. Of all his years of service and achievements, Mr. Childs was most proud of the opportunity to serve his country in the Gulf War. As part of Desert Storm, he was an Army Infantryman serving as part of the 1st Brigade, 101st "Screaming Eagles" Airborne Division – the first unit to initiate the air assault into Iraq the first day of the ground war. After his military retirement, he worked for the Burke County Zoning Department in Morganton, NC.

Surviving, in addition to his wife Sandra, are his daughter, Kimberly B. Greaves of Atlanta, GA; daughter/granddaughter, Tessa Beach of Elberton, GA; son Shannon Beach of Morganton, NC; siblings: Julia Faye Mills, Carolyn Elizabeth (Ray) Jones, Patricia Wenona Churney, and Sandra Ruth (Jon) Eckstein, and grandchildren: Taylor Elizabeth Greaves, Dayton Greaves, and Carson Scott Greaves. Mr. Childs was blessed with many nieces and nephews who he cherished dearly. Known affectionately by family as June Bug, Pappy, and Poppy, Tom will be missed by all.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers William Orr "Bill" Childs and Larry Gene Childs.