



Thomas Pertierra

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Thomas Anthony Pertierra passed away on February 4 at Brynwood Rehabilitation Center in Monticello, FL. Tom was born in Atlanta and grew up in Ormond Beach, FL. He graduated from Mainland High School in Daytona Beach in 1968. Tom attended Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University, making it a priority to attend as many home and away Seminole football games as possible. Tom and his wife of 46 years, Betsy Joan Pertierra, moved to Greenville, FL from Orlando in 1999. Tom was a successful business owner representing Garrett Metal Detectors Security Division for over 30 years. He also co-founded the National Association of Police Equipment Distributors and served as the Administrative Director since 1990.

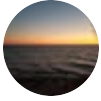
Tom became interested in archaeology at an early age and he pursued that passion as an avocational archaeologist until he suffered a stroke in 2013. He founded the Southeastern Paleoamerican Society, a support organization for archaeological investigations such as the Page-Ladson Project and university field schools held by USC and UTK. He also produced several national archaeological conferences and served on the board of the Center for the Study of First Americans and the Aucilla Research Institute. His hobbies included flint knapping, lithic analysis and scuba diving. Tom and Betsy shared a love for animals and the outdoors. They enjoyed years of hard work building a small ranch as a home for their numerous dogs, cats, horses and other livestock.

Tom and was predeceased by his loving mother Jeanne Shuman Pertierra and is survived by his father Henry Anthony Pertierra of Tallahassee, FL. A celebration of Tom's life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made in Tom's name to Aucilla Research Institute, Inc. 555 N. Jefferson St. Monticello, FL 32344 for a scholarship fund.



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Gail Joubert lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

March 3 at 12:20 PM



Kay Hawkins lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

February 18 at 1:27 PM



Kay Hawkins lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

February 18 at 1:26 PM



Kay Hawkins posted:

Tom and Betsy gave me one of the most precious blessing in my life. 'Sally'. Sally was a Cardigan Welsh Corgi. She eventually became a little angel who loved me during the most stressful times in my life. Thank you Tom foe sharing her with me. Betsy, Hugs. Give me a call when you get a moment. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

February 18 at 1:23 PM



Joyce posted:

I knew Tom to be a caring, kind man. A devoted and loving man to Betsy, A serious working man, and a friend to all who met him. His wonderful sense of humor, smile and laughter brought joy to all. He shined such a light into peoples lives. Such a light and that wonderful smile made him unforgettable to all who knew him. You were one of this earth's greatest find. Rest in peace.

February 18 at 12:10 PM



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Mike Albert posted:

Tom was a very nice person who would get things done from SWAT Round Up to NAPED. I recall a story that Tom told me about working Security with Scanners at the Academy Awards and Steven Seagal hid a large knife under his belt. Tom told looked up at him maybe standing on his tip toes and made him give the knife . He did not care how big he was! Tom was not going to let him carry a knife inside!

February 18 at 11:02 AM



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