

Thomas Erwin McPherron

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Thomas Erwin McPherron, 84, passed away peacefully Dec. 30, 2018, in Fort Myers, Fla.

Tom is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Jo Pease McPherron; three children: Randall (Carol) McPherron of Anchorage, Alaska; Kim (Kenny) Sailor of Argos; and Chris McPherron of Bremen; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his siblings: Larry (Nancy) McPherron of Plymouth and Kathy (Mike) Van Horn of Fort Myers; and a brother-in-law, Chester Lemler of Tippecanoe.



Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Hope Fites McPherron; and a sister, JoAnna Lemler.

Tom was born in Marshall County on Jan. 25, 1934. He graduated from Tippecanoe High School and Indiana University with bachelor's and master's degrees. After graduation from IU in 1957, he entered the U.S. Army as a 2nd lieutenant and served on active duty until 1959. Then he started his career as a high school mathematics teacher and coach and continued in the U.S. Army Reserves until 1994. During his dual career, Tom graduated from numerous military schools including Command and General Staff, and War College. Tom retired as a full colonel.

Tom taught and coached in Lakeville, Bourbon, Tippecanoe, Crothersville and Bremen, where he coached wrestling, girls track and cross country. In his early teaching career he coached basketball and baseball.

A memorial will be held at Faith United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, followed by a life celebration service in the clubhouse at Tropicana Mobile Home Park at 3:30 p.m.

A funeral service is planned May 4 in Bremen.

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