



## RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims

February 7, 1960 - September 26, 2023

THADDEUS JABLONSKIA MIMS "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims was born on February 7, 1960, in Montgomery, Alabama to the late Willie Owens and Anna Louise Mims-Brantley. Thaddeus was raised by his aunt and uncle, Mary Grace Langford and Willie Langford and graduated from Stanhope Elmore High School, Millbrook, Alabama in 1979. He transitioned from this life to eternal rest on September 26, 2023.

Thaddeus left Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 18 and joined the United States Army on September 11, 1979. His first duty station for two years was at Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina. He then served two years of active duty in Germany. He returned to Ft. Bragg for two more years, went back to Germany again, then for one year he was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. He got out of the military in 1992. At that time, he started working for Coty Inc. in Sanford, North Carolina. Thaddeus moved up at Coty Inc. to become a Bulk Compounder, Grade 7. Several years later, Thaddeus re-enlisted in the Army Reserve. In 2014, Thaddeus retired from the Army as Sergeant First Class, completing 30 years of military service.

In 2010, Thaddeus was ordered to active duty for Global War on terrorism. He was stationed at Ft. Pickett in Virginia, where he met Marlene Porter. On January 2011, they both were stationed at Camp Parks, Dublin, California. They both returned to their homes of residency in October 2011. In 2014, Marlene received orders for training at Ft. Bragg. Thaddeus invited Marlene

over for a home cooked dinner of ribs and collard greens, which she fell in love with. She came back the next day for more and continued to come back. Marlene graduated from college on June 1, 2018. That same night, Thaddeus proposed to her and they were married on August 17, 2019 and have shared a union of love, trust and laughter ever since. Thaddeus was a life-long Mason of Nero Prince #47 in Fulda, Germany. His favorite past times were riding motorcycles, shooting pool, playing dominoes, bowling, playing basketball and racquetball. He also enjoyed dancing, listening to his Southern Soul music, while Fish Fry Fridays became a tradition in the Mims' home. He always traveled with his wife seeing the world, visiting friends, family and grandchildren whom they affectionately called "Grandpa T".

Thaddeus was preceded in death by his mother Anna Louise Mims-Brantley; father Willie Owens; aunt Mary Grace Langford and uncle Willie Langford, aunt Willie Mae Robinson, sister Priscilla Lamar, brother David "Gus" Mims, and nephew Zachary Owens, Sr. Thaddeus leaves to cherish his life and memories: his beloved wife Marlene Mims; three stepchildren: Tenean, Tracenia and Isaiah; godson Dominick Sumpter; grandchildren: Nevaeh, Sean, DeMarcus, Marenah, Tamia, Camren, and Hiko. Sisters: Gloria Tucker (Jimmy), and Ida Walker. Nieces and nephews: Emma Rudolph (Marvin), Monica McQueen (Arthur), Kunta Mims (Tamika), Ellis Mims (Jamell), Shaneka Mills (Samuel), George Stewart, and Mayor Kelvin Owens; a host of great nieces and nephews, colleagues, and many friends, especially those who he endearingly referred to as, "My Brothers".

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

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## Livestreaming

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Facebook: Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory-Fayetteville & Lumberton  
<https://www.facebook.com/ColvinFuneralHomeCORP/>

## Burial

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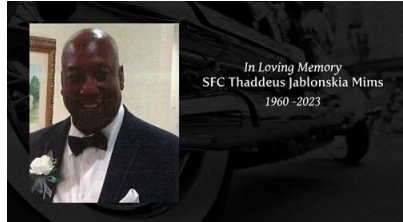
OCT 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery  
8220 Bragg Blvd  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - October 04, 2023 at 12:40 PM

SC

*This was absolutely beautiful!!!*

Sylvia C - October 04, 2023 at 05:20 PM

DH

*Sending Prayers and Comfort to the family, Love Donna McGhee Hartwell, Millbrook Al*

Donna McGhee Hartwell - October 05, 2023 at 09:22 AM

CT

*What an outstanding memorial video. Sending love and prayers your way*

Charlotte Trotter - October 05, 2023 at 01:07 PM

KA

*Sharing in your sadness as you remember the loss of your beloved husband. We're wishing you strength and comfort during this difficult time. We will continue to keep you and the family in prayer. Your friends Phillip and Kelly*

Kelly Adam - October 05, 2023 at 10:11 PM

KT

“ Sending my Condolences to the Mims Family, my thoughts and Prayers are with you all. He will be missed.

Koling Tenney - October 06, 2023 at 09:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.



October 06, 2023 at 01:29 AM



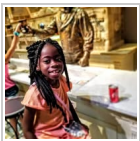
“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.

October 06, 2023 at 01:29 AM

JH

“ Thank you Sir for loving my sissy the way you did. Rest easy Mr. Thaddeus

Julia Hales - October 06, 2023 at 01:28 AM



“ I am so lost for words. TJ was like my brother. He will be dearly. Praying for the family. James and Robin Price



Robin Price - October 05, 2023 at 09:39 AM

LS

*Beautiful Tribute, My Sincerest Condolences to the Mims Family*

Lakesha Sagers - October 05, 2023 at 06:30 PM

PT

“ Patrick Thomas lit a candle in memory of  
RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims



Patrick Thomas - October 04, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia  
Mims.



October 04, 2023 at 05:51 PM

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“ Norma (Coty) lit a candle in memory of  
Thaddeus Mims



Norma McKinnon-Bernard (Coty) - October 04, 2023 at 01:28 PM

VW

“ Vickie and Cleveland Williams lit a candle in memory of Thaddeus Mims



Vickie (Hicks) and Cleveland Williams - October 04, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.



October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM

AD

“ I'm sure Heaven has a place for you to find something to tinker with. You are already missed, it's never goodbye just see you later. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. May God bless and watch over the loved ones you left behind. Rest well my friend!!



Audrey Dobson - October 04, 2023 at 11:04 AM

SC

“ Heaven has gained a jewel! Your presence will be missed! God bless and watch over the family!

Sylvia C - October 03, 2023 at 05:24 PM

UM

“ Ulysses Percival Massey/lillington,nc lit a candle in memory of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims



Ulysses Percival Massey/lillington,nc - October 03, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.



October 03, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.



October 03, 2023 at 10:33 AM

HW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Mims family ( Alan & Heidi Winchell ) Coty



Heidi Winchell - October 03, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.*



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October 03, 2023 at 01:19 AM



“ *Katina Stacey lit a candle in memory of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims*



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**Katina Stacey** - October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Praying with you all he was such a joy and very cool guy. Great friend and co worker knowing him from Coty for years. Rest well my friend*  
*Artis and Yvonne McDougald*

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**Artis McDougald** - October 02, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *We were saddened to hear of the loss of T.J. He was a brother to Terry and me. He will truly be missed. May he rest peacefully and May God comfort you Marlene, the love of his life and remember the joyous moments that you had with him. We love you. Terry and Rixene Hicks*



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**Rixene Hicks** - October 02, 2023 at 05:16 PM

MG

“ Class of 1978 Stanhope Elmore Millbrook AL: Thaddeus was a very somber younger man of few words and that spirit appeared to follow him into his adult and senior years. I was so happy to reconnect with him about 10 years ago. It was well received and we parted as classmates and friends the last in box I got was on 8/08/2023 with a simple "Hi there hopefully all is well with you...My response was check out YouTube Alabama is on the Map and sent him videos of the Riverfront....he never replied. I will miss our random but continued check ins...May The Lord Watch between Me and Thee while we are Absent from one another....Rest in Righteous Peace my dear Friend. Always Mary Green

Mary Green - October 02, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of RET. SSG Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.

October 02, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.



October 02, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of RET. SSG Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.

October 02, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims.*



October 02, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of TJ's passing. Met him at Coty's many years ago. Great all around person and friend. He will truly missed. ❤️*



**Jacqueline Cain** - October 02, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**James Bell Jr** - October 02, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ *Chris Thomas lit a candle in memory of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims*



**Chris Thomas** - October 02, 2023 at 01:24 AM

GH

“ *It was so wonderful sharing a holiday with him recently. He will be sorely missed.*

*Gavin & Donna Marie Henry*

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**GAVIN HENRY** - October 01, 2023 at 11:26 PM

PM

“ *This hurts,I met you when we were five years old. We have keep in touch with each other throughout the years. I will miss you my friend and classmates. Priscilla*

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**Priscilla McDowell** - October 01, 2023 at 09:55 PM

RG

“ *My condolences to the family. He will be missed*



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**Roslyn Gray** - October 01, 2023 at 09:37 PM

VF

“ *Valdean & Family lit a candle in memory of Thaddeus Mims*



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**Valdean McLean & Family** - October 01, 2023 at 09:35 PM

VF

“ Valdean & Family lit a candle in memory of Thaddeus Mims



Valdean McLean & Family - October 01, 2023 at 09:33 PM

VM

“ Valdean McLean lit a candle in memory of Thaddeus Mims



Valdean McLean - October 01, 2023 at 09:30 PM

JD

“ Sorry to hear about TJ meet him at Coty. RIH was a nice man. Praying for the family. 🙏🌹

Joyce Davis - October 01, 2023 at 08:47 PM

JC

“ John Chance lit a candle in memory of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims



John Chance - October 01, 2023 at 08:47 PM

JD

“ *Joyce Davis lit a candle in memory of RET.  
SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims*



**Joyce Davis** - October 01, 2023 at 08:43 PM

VM

*My heart is really hurting right now. SFC Mims was an awesome leader and a kind soul. He will truly be missed. My sincere condolences to the entire Mims family.*

**Vernicka MaxwellCrudup** - October 04, 2023 at 11:42 AM

BG

“ *RIP Thaddeus!!!*

**Baby Girl** - October 01, 2023 at 03:09 PM

TD

“ *Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of  
RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims*



**Thaddeus Daniels** - October 01, 2023 at 09:42 AM

RM

“ *Ronald & Lanite McDougald lit a candle in  
memory of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia  
Mims*



**Ronald & Lanite McDougald** - September 30, 2023 at 10:21 PM

BL

“ Sending my Condolences to the Mims Family,  
my thoughts and Prayers are with you all.



*Bobby Lykes*



**Bobby Lykes** - September 30, 2023 at 07:51 PM

CK

“ I work with TJ for over 20 years at Coty. He  
was a very kind person. He will be missed.



**Cynthia Kaauamo** - September 30, 2023 at 06:32 PM

KJ

“ Karen Judd lit a candle in memory of RET.  
SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims



**Karen Judd** - September 30, 2023 at 06:26 PM

LH

“ Larry Harrington lit a candle in memory of  
RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims



**Larry Harrington** - September 30, 2023 at 05:29 PM

MW

“ *Melinda Washington lit a candle in memory of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims*



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**Melinda Washington** - September 30, 2023 at 05:27 PM

GR

“ *Greg Rodgers lit a candle in memory of RET. SFC Thaddeus Jablonskia Mims*



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**Greg Rodgers** - September 30, 2023 at 03:46 PM

CA

*My husband and I met TJ some thirty years ago visiting Ernest in NC and many others motorcycles riders. He was always the life of the party. We will forever cherish the memories. Thank you for your service. Rest Up ROLL TIDE!!!! Jerry & Cathlean Legare*

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**Cathlean** - October 04, 2023 at 10:17 PM

MM

*Thank you all for your kind words and expressed comments and memories of my husband. I am thankful that you all got to experience what true caring and concern are about. My husband aka MY Thaddeus gave me something NO OTHER MAN HAVE EVER GAVE ME. MY Thaddeus gave me unconditional love, never jealous never bossy never controlling. Always loving me the way a King loves his Queen.*

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**Marlene Mims** - October 09, 2023 at 11:00 AM