



## George Russell Townsend Sr.

March 15, 1948 - May 14, 2017

George "Russell" Townsend, Sr., age 69 of Chickamauga, passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2017. He was a lifelong resident of North Georgia and was of the Christian Faith. Russell served his country in the United States Marine Corps, during the Vietnam War. He earned the Bronze Star and 5 Purple Hearts, during his 2 tours. He retired in 2012 from Talley Construction after more than 25 yrs. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and uncle, who will be greatly missed.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, James LeRoy and Dot Akins Townsend; grandson, David Christopher Hamilton; and sisters, Janie Dotson and Linda Stewart.

He is survived by his loving wife, of 51 yrs., Gail Townsend; children, Tyra Shae and George Russell (Gwendolyn) Townsend, Jr.; grandchildren, Jeffery Michael Hamilton, Whitney Townsend, and Kyle Townsend; great grandchildren, Austin and Landon; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 18, 2017 in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Wednesday and prior to leaving for the cemetery on Thursday. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-J. Avery Bryan Chapel, Chickamauga.



# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 17.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel  
215 Lee Ave.  
P.O. Box 370  
Chickamauga, GA 30707  
(706) 375-2161  
[bo@wilsonfuneralhome.com](mailto:bo@wilsonfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

**MAY 18.** 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery  
Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Tribute Wall

TE

“ *Tim And Becky Eversole sent a virtual gift in memory of George Russell Townsend Sr.*



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**Tim and Becky Eversole** - May 16, 2017 at 12:54 PM

TE

“ *To all the family, We are so sad to hear of your loss! May Jesus comfort you all!  
The Eversole Family*



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**Tim and Becky Eversole** - May 16, 2017 at 12:52 PM

GT

*Thank you, Tim and Becky we appreciate your prayers.*

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**Gwen Townsend** - May 17, 2017 at 07:34 PM

TE

“ *Russell, We remember being at your parents home. They were so welcoming! Your Dad was always friendly when we saw him. This picture is from the Father-Son BBQ Lunch in 2001 he attended with you.*



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**Tim and Becky Eversole** - May 16, 2017 at 12:48 PM

JG

“ *He will be greatly missed & always be an  
angel watching over us.  
He will stay in our hearts forever.  
Love always,  
June*



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**June Gilles** - May 16, 2017 at 10:01 AM