



Mr. Thomas "Tom" Farrar Sr.

October 3, 1942 - February 25, 2026

McLean Funeral Directors - Gastonia, NC

Mr. Thomas "Tom" Kenneth Farrar, Sr., 83, of Gastonia, NC, passed away at CaroMont Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. He was born October 3, 1942 in Macon, Mississippi, a son of the late Kenneth L. and Mary Elizabeth Young Farrar.

Tom graduated from Macon High School in 1960. He got a football scholarship to East Mississippi Junior College where he graduated in 1962. He went on to Southern Mississippi University to graduate in 1964 in the ROTC. After graduation, he was sent to Officers Marines Training School. He served two tours in Vietnam, came back to the US and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and was honorably discharged.

Following his service, Tom remained in North Carolina, and would go on to enjoy a 34 year career as a teacher, coach, and an assistant principal with Brunswick County Schools.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Walton Farrar; two children, Thomas "TK" Kenneth Farrar, Jr. (Sondra); Judy Farrar Morris (Cliff); two step-children, Gregory Alan Walton (Donna); Candice Walton Conner (Tyler); grandchildren, Drew, Crystal, and Lacy; step-grandchildren, Parker Walton, Chloe and Callie

Conner; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Robert “Bob” Farrar (Virginia); sister, Elizabeth Ann Farrar Barnett; brother-in-law, Bobby Woods (Linda); aunt Johanna Young; several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by grandparents, a great-grandchild, uncles and aunts.

A funeral service will be held at 3pm, Sunday, March 15, 2026 in Founders Chapel of McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia with Rev. Tim Parker officiating. The family will receive friends following the service at the funeral home. Interment will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 2:30pm at Salisbury National Cemetery with Military Rites provided by the US Marine Corps.

Condolence messages may be shared at www.McLeanFuneral.com.