



## Thomas J. Webb Sr.

May 4, 1928 - December 7, 2018

Wantage - Thomas J. Webb, Sr., age 90, peacefully passed away on Friday, December 7, 2018 at his residence. Born in Newfoundland to the late John and Nella (VanHook) Webb, Thomas has been a resident of Sussex County for most of his life. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was a member of the 27th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed the "Wolfhounds."

He was a lifetime active member of many local charitable and civic organizations that included; the former Franklin Kiwanis Club, the American Legion Post 213 in Sussex, and the former Masonic Samaritan Lodge No. 98 in Hardyston. Thomas was a member of the Sussex County Agricultural Society, the New Jersey State Fish and Game Council, a Director of the Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative for 31 years and also served for eight years on the Allegheny Electrical Cooperative Board of Directors.

A commercial Beekeeper, Thomas was a founding member of the Sussex County Beekeepers Association and held a number of statewide positions in the industry. He was also a Director of the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show and served on the Executive Committee for many years and thoroughly enjoyed the time each year when he conducted the honey bees demonstrations.

Besides his parents, Thomas was predeceased by his brother, James Webb. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Helen (nee Sisco); his son, Thomas J. Webb, Jr. of Madison; his daughter, Denise Webb of Wantage; and

his granddaughter, Allison Vicedomini and her husband Eric of Hoboken. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment to follow at Mount Rest Cemetery in Butler. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Monday, December 10, 2018 from 2- 4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the Thomas J. Webb, Sr. Scholarship Fund, c/o Sussex County Beekeepers Association, P.O. Box 261, Lafayette, NJ 07848 or to the Disabled American Veterans, [secure.day.org](http://secure.day.org) Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Rest Cemetery

15 Kakeout Road  
Butler, NJ 07405

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
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## Visitation

DEC 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

VR

“ I have been going to the Farm and Horse Show since I was a high school student, in 1986. I would always stop by the hive booth and be mesmerized by Mr. Webb inside demonstrating his handling of the bees. I only briefly asked him a couple questions here and there. A few years ago, I finally became a beekeeper myself. I can say without hesitation that it was Mr. Webb who sparked my interest in bees and caused me to eventually take up the hobby myself. I'm very sad to hear of his passing. Please accept my sincerest condolences.

*Vin Ricciardi  
Randolph, NJ*

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**Vin Ricciardi** - December 31, 2018 at 12:33 PM

JZ

“ Dear Webb Family,  
I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I do have fond memories of Tom helping my mother Ann Zuzov, second grade teacher of Sunnybrae Elementry School in Hamilton Township, NJ, who initiated the impulse to make the NJ State Insect the Honey Bee in 1974. Although I was quite young at the time, I remeber Tom's presence as he was the NJBA President at the time during this project. I remeber his enthusiasm and love for bees. He was so excited to be a part of this history in NJ. A few years back I wrote an article for the NJBA Newsletter entitled, "The Story of How the Honeybee Became the New Jersey State Insect". The article included a picture of Tom holding a bee skep on the state house steps. I do hope he was able to see this article and know how important he was to my mother. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.  
Blessings,  
Janice Zuzov

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**Janice Zuzov** - December 30, 2018 at 08:19 PM

JF

“ A long, long time ago when I first started in beekeeping I used to drive over to Tom's place to pick up package bees and equipment. I remember him and his devoted wife in the garage giving out packages. That was more than fifteen years ago. Well I still keep bee's and fondly remember getting my start from Tom. It was guys like Tom that encouraged you to keep bee's because they were so unique. They don't make em like Tom anymore. Thanks for your inspiration and encouragement ! RIP- John Faivre Herb'N Renewal Honey Farm Old Tappan, NJ

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**John Faivre** - December 29, 2018 at 05:53 PM

ER

“ Learning of this late and sending aloha and wishes to the family. Our father passed away a year ago. Our dad's were both in the Koren war though mine was a Marine. Both participated in many of the same organizations. The Reilly Ohana (formerly Yacuk, Highpoint HS)

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**elizabeth reilly** - December 20, 2018 at 07:50 PM

AH

“ So sorry for your loss. Tom was always such a main attraction at the fair year after year. It was a pleasure to work with during his time on the board. I'm sure he has left many generations know him as the bee man.

*Alan Henderson, Past President NJSF/SCF&HS*

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**Alan Henderson** - December 09, 2018 at 04:34 PM

CH

“ I will always remember getting into that booth with Tom at the fair! He had a wonderful sense of humor.

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**Carole Richards Hough** - December 08, 2018 at 04:31 PM