

## Obit

Thomas Richard Groves, age 65, of Hernando, FL passed away April 2, 2021 at his home. Thomas was born on September 26, 1955 in Davenport, Iowa to Richard Everett and Florence Lucille (Riepe) Groves. Thomas moved to Citrus County 6 years ago from Ankeny, Iowa. He was a Mechanical Engineer for John Deere.

Thomas was a member of U.S.A. Triathlon, Silver Sneakers and Boat U.S. Throughout his life he was an active participant in triathlons, including several Ironman Triathlons in Canada, Hawaii and Florida. Thomas was very proud of making it to Mt. Everest on his Wattbike. Thomas enjoyed spending time boating, watching NASCAR races and watching Iowa Hawkeyes football team. He always had his best friend, Hawkeye, his dog, by his side.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Everett Groves and Florence Lucille (Riepe) Groves.

Survived by his two children, Becky and her husband Mike Robinson, Cris Groves; one sister, Barb and her husband Al Brockmeyer; one brother, Jim and his wife Julie Groves; two grandchildren, Blake Robinson and Allie Robinson; Thomas is also survived by his former spouse, Jackie Ericson.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL. A celebration of life will be announced in the future.

