

Thomas “Tom” Wayne Boals of Hernando, Fla., passed away from natural causes on Oct. 4, 2022. He was 78 years old.

Tom was born May 2, 1944, in Sturgis, Mich. to Chauncey Burkhead and Henrietta Ake and was later adopted by Joseph and Ethel Boals of Howe, Ind. He graduated from Lima High School in Howe in 1962 and joined the United States Army, serving his country in Vietnam. After an honorable discharge, he belonged to American Legion Post 77 in Inverness, Fla. and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4252 in Hernando, Fla.

In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his daughter, Lorri DaNiel Smith Boals Hutchins.

He is survived by his son, Joseph Boals of Florida; one sister, Mona Burkhead Burch of Michigan; as well as a daughter.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m. at the VFW Post 4252. A service will be held for family in Indiana and Michigan at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations be made in his name to VFW Post 4252. Private cremation is under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

