



Thomas Hendrix Kohlhaus

May 10, 1946 - July 9, 2023

Thomas Hendrix Kohlhaus, 77, of Lexington passed away the evening of Sunday, July 9, 2023 in Austin, Texas. He was born on May 10, 1946 to Robert and Ann (Charity) Kohlhaus in St. Francisville, Illinois. Thomas joined the United States Army and served two tours in Vietnam where he served in communications. After his enlistment term ended with the Army, he re-enlisted with the United States Navy, where he joined a submarine crew to finish out his military career. While overseas he earned a master's degree from the University of Guam.

Later, Thomas became a teacher who specialized in special education with Giddings High School. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and socializing. Tom was known for touring Lexington on his ranger with his dogs riding with him. He always loved to travel and enjoyed panning for gold. Thomas married Shirley Diane Pelham on April 5, 2014 in Lexington, Texas.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Shirley Diane Pelham-Kohlhaus of Lexington; his children, Robert and wife Stephannie Pelham of Lexington, John and wife Amanda Pelham of Dripping Springs, Lance Durst of California and Phaedra Kohlhaus of Arizona; four grandchildren, Kenneth Pelham of Lexington, Emily Pelham of Lexington, Benjamin Pelham of Lexington and Ellie Pelham of Dripping Springs; one brother, Robert Kohlhaus of Michigan, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ann Kohlhaus, and his sister Carol Kohlhaus.

Memorials may be made to an animal shelter of your choice or the charity of one's choice.

A private family celebration of life for Thomas Kohlhaus will be held at a later date.