

Tommie Hayes Haffelder

Tommie Hayes Haffelder, age 78 passed away peacefully at St. David's Medical Center on February 2, 2024 surrounded by his loved ones. Tommie was born on September 19, 1945 at Breckenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas to his mother Elizabeth (Tizzie) Haffelder and father Tommie Benton Haffelder.

Tommie was preceded in death by his parents, Tommie B. and Tizzie. Brother Lonnie and wife Jan, His sister Judy and grandson Greg. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Margaret Thiem Haffelder, his sons Tommie Lee and wife Wendy, Donnie Alfred and wife Traci. His grandchildren Amanda and husband Wesley, Tyler and wife Kelsey, Cameron, Payton, Kyle, Megan, Hayden and Henleigh. His great grandchildren Skylar and husband Garrison, Kip, Ella, Nelson, and Bryson. And his newly added great-great granddaughter Leighton.

Tommie's brothers Donnie and wife Detta, Ronnie and wife Jan, and countless other family members.

Tommie met the love of his life at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Austin, Texas at the ripe old age of 7. Pleasant Hill became a common denominator throughout their relationship. Both were baptized there and while singing in the church choir they became quite smitten with each other and continued their courtship through high school. Tommie and Margaret were later married in the same church in 1964. Tommie and Margaret moved from Austin to Cedar Creek in 1979 living in the home they built together with blood, sweat, and tears.. Tommie found out quickly that the magic words were "Yes dear."

Tommie was a Vietnam Veteran serving our country in the United States Army. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1970 Tommie spent 27 years as a motorcycle police officer for the Austin Police Department. Tommie retired in 1995, spending the next 29 years enjoying the beautiful family he cultivated. TPa enjoyed spending every minute he could with his sons, and all his grandchildren, teaching them everything there is to know about the great outdoors, woodworking, silly shenanigans, and good hearted monkey business.

Anyone that ever met Tommie immediately noticed his great stature but once you got to know him you found that his heart was just as large. Tommie was extremely caring and kind but boy did he know how to have a great time! We will truly miss Tommie's warming smile and big comforting hugs. His absence will leave a void in all of us. We are comforted by the fact that Tommie left a great legacy that was as big as he was.

Visitation will be at Harrell Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 from 6PM-8PM.

The funeral will be held at Harrell Funeral Home Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 11AM. Tommie will be laid to rest at Live Oak Cemetery immediately following the service.