



## Thomas Richard Schaffer

June 30, 1937 - December 16, 2020

Thomas "Tom" Richard Schaffer, 83, of Nowata, Oklahoma, took the hand of the Lord and followed Him home Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

Tom was born June 30, 1937, in Ellington, Missouri, to parents Harry Charles and Hazel Alma (Barton) Schaffer. He received his associates of business degree from Cisco Junior College.

Tom served our great nation in the US Air Force for over 20 years. He retired after multiple deployments to Southeast Asia on July 7, 1977. He then went to work for Texas Instruments and worked there for over 15 years.

He was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, where he obtained multiple awards, and was a lifetime member of the DAV, Chapter 65. Tom also enjoyed computers, woodworking, supporting and helping disabled veterans, tinkering and going to the casino.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, brother, sisters, son Richard and grandson Zachary.

He is survived by his loving wife Patricia, of the home, sons Michael and wife Stephanie of Nowata and Stephen and wife Megan of Haven, Kansas, daughter Kristina Burneson and husband Patrick, of St. Louis, Missouri, grandsons Dylan, Tyler, Austin and Dustin, granddaughters Katie, Bridget and Riley, 6 great grandsons and 1 great granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making donations to the DAV #65 in Dewey or the USO.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Church of God  
408 South Pine Street  
Nowata, OK 74048

## Graveside Rites

MAR 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

Martin Cemetery  
Childers, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Richard Schaffer*



May 09, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ *Thomas Richard Schaffer*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Thomas Richard Schaffer*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Uncle Tom was one of a kind. He and dad were so close. Him and Aunt Pat would come to dad's and we would all go fishing. We all loved fishing. If you didn't know him well you missed out on a man that was very loving, caring, funny, fun, but he could be tough when needed. A very patriotic man who loved his country and adored his family. I am gonna miss him so bad but I know he's with my daddy and he missed him so. I will look at the to the stars at night and pray that God will see me fit to be there with you and daddy one day again one day. I love you Uncle Tom and I am so proud of who you were. So proud.*

**Michelle Swoboda** - December 26, 2020 at 02:33 PM

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“ Many knew him as just Tom but I knew him as Uncle Tom was scared of him as a kid because he was strict but he was a big teddy bear I will always remember him picking on me for saying ya'll. I regret only not seeing him more. We just lived too far apart. To Aunt Pat Mike Kris and Stephen also the whole family I LOVE YOU ALL YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS  
Love  
Denise Samantha Ray Hunter Greyson & Rhylee  
All the family



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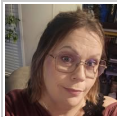
**Denise Nelson House** - December 23, 2020 at 09:16 PM

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*Sincere condolences to you family.*

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**Karen Hall** - December 28, 2020 at 04:27 PM



*Thank you Karen!*

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**Kris Burneson** - December 28, 2020 at 09:09 PM