



Thomas Boatwright

May 7, 1943 - November 29, 2022

1SG Thomas J. Boatwright (ret), 79, of Lampasas passed away on November 29, 2022, at home with family at his side.

Thomas was born on May 7, 1943 in New York City, to the late Thomas J. and Lena (Caputo) Boatwright Sr. After graduating from Dickinson High School in Jersey City, New Jersey, Thomas entered military service. He served his country during the Vietnam War with the 25th Infantry Division.

While stationed in Germany, he had a chance meeting with a young Japanese lady who was abroad visiting a friend. Thomas and Hiroko Tamura were married in Tokyo, Japan, on September 28, 1972. Shortly after, the couple moved to Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

During his time in the Army, he attended Cochise College in Arizona. He also went to school to train as a K-9 handler, specializing in training narcotics and explosive detection dogs. Thomas was the recipient of a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service, Armed Forces Expeditionary, and National Defense Service Medal. Thomas retired from the Army after 24 years of service. He attended Central Texas College and majored in agriculture. Settling in Lampasas, he raised horses and cattle on his small ranch.

Mr. Boatwright was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas J. and Lena

Boatwright and sister Gail Galla. He is survived by his wife, Hiroko Boatwright, of Lampasas, Texas; son, Tim Boatwright, of Lampasas; daughter, Toni Mendoza (Raymond) of Kempner, Texas; daughter, Tracy Padilla (Joe) of Mansfield, Texas; and grandchildren, Midori, Kierin, June, Caiden, and Camden.

Interment with full military honors will be held for 1SG Thomas J. Boatwright at 1 p.m. Monday, December 12, at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Arrangements are entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home, Lampasas.

Cemetery Details

Heritage Crematory

401 North Key
Lampasas, TX 76550

Previous Events

Interment

DEC 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery
11463 TX-195
Killeen, TX 76542
(254) 616-1770

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Boatwright.* ”



December 11, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Boatwright.* ”



December 10, 2022 at 11:09 PM



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“ *Tommy you were my first crush and alway a good friend. I loved you than, I love you now and will love you always. Denise* ”

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