

Norman Burke Hess II (TOM)



Norman Burke Hess II (TOM) passed away at the age of 67 at his home in Ada, Ok on May 22, 2020. He was born July 19, 1952 at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. to his parents Norman Burke and Betty Louise (Mapp) Hess. After Toms birth he travelled with his parents to Air Force Bases in the U.S., Europe, and Japan.

Tom attended elementary school in Holland, Jr high school in Germany and Colorado then graduated High School in Leavenworth, KS in 1972. Shortly after graduating he joined the Navy. Specializing in Anti-submarine Warfare. Tom attended ECU in Ada, Ok and earned 2 degrees. Associates in Applied Science and Associates in Criminal Justice. He attended Murray State College and earned an associate degree in Gunsmithing. He went through C.L.E.E.T. and was a Certified/Commissioned Peace Officer.

Tom started his career with the Oklahoma Dept. of Corrections in 1978. He started his career in Stringtown, Ok then transferred to JHCC in Lexington OK. He then became a Fugitive Apprehension Agent for the Dept. of Corrections. As part of his job he was assigned to the Oklahoma County Drug Task Force and the ATF Violent Crime Task Force. He worked alongside his law enforcement partners on the investigation of the Alfred P. Murray Building. He was also the first webmaster for the Oklahoma Gang Investigators Association.

After his retirement in 2007 he moved to Ada Ok. Tom was preceded in death by his parents Norman and Betty and his brother James Hess. He is survived by his 4 children Bryan Cormier and wife Lisa of Poteau, OK. John Hess of Lexington, Ok. Amy Hess of Lexington, Ok. Kayla Hess of N Carolina.

His sister Laura (Hess) Townsend and husband Stan of Ada, OK. His brother Roger Hess and wife Brooke of Enid, OK. Tom is also survived by 1 granddaughter Paiton, 3 nieces and several great nieces and nephews.

Graveside Service are pending but will be at Rosedale Cemetery in Ada, Ok.

Tom served in Vietnam in the US Navy and was a member of the Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129, Stillwater.