



## Thomas Turpie,

September 7, 1946 - December 11, 2016

Thomas Spence Turpie, Jr. was a good man, a decent man, and a proud American. He was born near the tail-end of World War II and grew-up in New Orleans, LA before moving with his parents to Houston, TX his senior year of high school. In Houston, he made a home for himself in the grocery business, working at both Weingarten's and Rice Food Markets for a combined almost fifty years. Tom loved to eat all types of foods, travel to domestic locations, ranging from National Parks to Disney theme parks, and to watch old movies and tv shows. Tom graduated from Bellaire High School and the University of Houston with a degree in Economics. He proudly served his country in the US Army Security Agency during the Vietnam War where he saw many foreign countries. Tom was most proud of the personal connections he made in his life, especially with his family and close friends.

He is survived by his wife Judith Lewis Turpie, son David Spence Turpie, brother Stephen Spence Turpie and sister-in-law Libby Turpie, and mother-in-law Marcia Brooks Lewis, as well as brother-in-law Ralph Lewis, his daughters Dr. Julia Lewis and Erica Lewis, brother-in-law Mitch Lewis, his children Anna Lewis, Jordan Lewis, JD, wife Beth, brother-in-law Stephen Lewis and wife Cynda Lewis, and sister-in-law Andrea Cook and husband Dan Cook.

Tom was beloved by his family, friends in Del Webb Sweetgrass, and his legion of loyal customers.

Tom was the epitome of a gentle, patient, and kind man, a fun and funny guy, a loving son, a proud and adoring father and husband. He was an endearing man---his smile and twinkling eyes were a beacon to all who met him.. The Houston/Richmond community will be a little less decent and good without him. He will be missed.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello my name is Butch Iolar. I was a friend. Of THOMAS's. While. We.b. Served. Together in The. Army at Fort Bliss Texas. I am truly. Sorry to hear Of Thomas's death. My heart felt sympathy and sorrow go out to the whole. Family

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**Francis (Butch) Iolar** - March 02, 2019 at 06:43 PM