Feb. 10, 1942-May 28, 2013



Thomas E. Groves, 71, of Delphos passed away on Tuesday afternoon, at the St. Rita's Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1942, in Delphos to Harry and Golda (Link) Groves, who preceded him in death.

He was formerly married to Nancy (Hawk) Rosen, who survives in Delphos.

He is also survived by two sons, Barry (Victoria) Groves of Roseville, Mich., and Brandon Groves of Delphos; a daughter, Stephanie Groves of Delphos; a grandson, Isaiah Groves of Roseville; and the children of long-time companion Deborah Meister, Tricia (Rudy) Guerrero, Sarah (Robert) Ruiz, Hope (Marc) Wright, Charity Meister and James Meister.

He was also preceded in death by the love of his life, Deborah Meister; and her son, Jared.

Tom graduated from Jefferson High School in 1960 and was a member of the Wildcat marching, concert and commencement bands. He attended Ohio Northern University's School of Pharmacy for two years. He later acquired an insurance license and became the sole owner of Groves Insurance Agency in Delphos. He was a member of several Delphos civic organizations, including the Jaycees, Kiwanis and Council #72 Royal and Select Masons as well as the Spencerville Chapter #169 Royal Arch Masons. He was a Past Lodge Education Officer and Master Mason of Hope Lodge #214.

Tom was an avid tennis player, cyclist, hunter/shooter and all-around lover of the outdoors. He was a wordsmith, W.W. II military buff and a perennial student of life. He was an all-around good guy who loved to socialize and did not know a stranger. He played the drums for Stevely Brass, which later became the Band Box Boys, and loved to share his skill on the harmonica.

Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Strayer Funeral Home, with a Masonic Service following at 4 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made in Tom's memory to the family.

Condolences may be shared at www.strayerfuneralhome.com