

Joseph's Obituary



Joseph Thomas Goertz, Jr. "Tommy", 71 a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Slidell, Louisiana, departed this world on Sunday, November 22, 2020, surrounded by his family at Slidell Memorial Hospital.

Tommy was born January 12, 1949, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the late Joseph T. Goertz and Marie Isobel Byrnes.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Peggy May Goertz and son, Michael Thomas Goertz, daughter-in-law, Leslie and two grandchildren, Spencer Thomas and Natalie Rose Goertz and his cat Sweet Pea who he dearly loved.

Tommy achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He was a 1967 graduate of Holy Cross High School and attended University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette. He proudly served in the United States Navy on the Ballistic Missile Submarine USS Kamehameha SSBN 642. He retired from the US Food and Drug Administration as an investigator/supervisor after 34 years of service.

Tommy was an avid outdoorsman who had a lifelong passion for fishing, hunting, and boating. He also loved cooking and being a Ham Radio operator. Throughout his life he was a member of several organizations and clubs. He was one of the founders of BSA Troop 348 serving as Scoutmaster. He held his HAM Radio License and served as Past President, Past Board Member and member of the Ozone Radio Club, Vice Commander of Redfish Base US Submarine Veterans, Chaplain of Ocean Orleans Lodge #144, and current float lieutenant in Dionysus Mardi Gras club.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Services on Friday, December 4, 2020, at Honaker Funeral Home, 1751 Gause Blvd West, Slidell, LA 70460.

Visitation will begin at 9 am followed by funeral service at 11 am.

Burial with military honors will be at Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery.

Donations to the Saint Francis Animal Sanctuary, 813 Florida St., Mandeville, LA 70448, preferred in lieu of flowers.

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