



Thomas Edward Hicks

January 3, 1940 - October 7, 2014

Thomas Edward Hicks age 74 of Arcadia, OK passed away Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at Deaconess Hospital in OKC. He was born January 3, 1940 in Casa Grande, Arizona. He was the 2nd child of seven children born to Walter Lewis Hicks and Hazel Fern (Brown) Hicks. Thomas grew up in the OKC area and later moved to Nowata, Oklahoma. Before graduating from high school at the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Navy on November 14, 1957. Thomas proudly served his country for three years before being honorably discharged on June 16, 1960. Two of those three years he spent overseas. After returning home from the military, Thomas later met and married Leona Reba Batson. Together they made their home in the OKC area near North Britton. There they raised six children and Thomas went to work as a machinist. He worked most of his life as a machinist and retired from L & S Bearing in OKC. Throughout his life, Thomas enjoyed traveling, camping and fishing with his family. He liked listening to country-western music and listening to the Beatles. In his later years he enjoyed staying at home, watching old western movies and reading his bible. He will be remembered as a wonderful father, grandfather, he was a special brother and a dear friend to all who knew him. He was preceded in death by: Parents, Walter and Hazel Hicks; Wife, Reba Hicks on March 19, 2003; Daughter-in-law, Kathy Faubion on March 30, 2008; Brother, Billy Leroy Hicks; Step-daughter, Donna Sue Batson; He is survived by: Five children, Pete Faubion of OKC, Sam Faubion of OKC, Willis Batson of OKC, Terry Batson of Arkansas, John Hicks of Arcadia, OK; Three brothers, Kenneth

Hicks of Nicoma Park, Bob Hicks of McLoud, Freddie Hicks of Shawnee; Two sisters, Margaret Kepler of OKC, Shirley Tarver of Moore; And numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel, Norman, OK. Arrangements are by Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Newcastle.