

Lambert, Thomas Arthur

1946-2021

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Thomas Arthur Lambert, went to be with our Lord Friday Oct. 22, 2021, at the age of 75.

His celebration of life will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at the First United Methodist Church of Decatur.

Thomas was born Sept. 29, 1946, to Woodrow Ancel Lambert and Joan Toy Jones Lambert in Phoenix, Ariz. Thom was a member of the Oklahoma Choctaw Nation. He was the grandson of the Original Choctaw Nation Enrollees, Jesse Jones and Mary Roberts Jones and proud of his Indian heritage.

He grew up in an Air Force family living in different places, including Alaska. While Thom's family was stationed at Shephard Air Force Base, he graduated from Burkburnett High School in 1964 and began working with TXU.

He joined the Army in April 1968 and served his country during the Vietnam era. He loved his country dearly.

Thom attained his Bachelor of Business Administration as well as associate degree in electrical engineering from UT-Arlington.

Thomas, known as Thom or "Bull" to his family, met and married Judy Waddell

Lambert June 14, 1986. Thom and Judy were married more than 35 years. Thom was devoted to his family and together they raised a blended family of two sons and two daughters, Glenn, Bill, DeDe and Stacy.

Thom was devoted to his profession with Texas Economic Development. He has more than 40 years of experience in the field of economic development. Thom served on the Texas Economic Development Council Board of Directors for eight years and was a member for many years. Thom served Decatur EDC as the Executive Director of Economic Development. He was a best friend and mentor to all that knew him.

Thom loved God, his country and his family. Thom told all that knew him that he loved his wife more than life. He was a jokester and always made everyone laugh until their sides hurt. If he wasn't picking on you, he didn't like you or know you. He never met a stranger and put everyone at ease. He loved his church, his church family, golf, his tea party group, hunting with his brothers and family, travel, food, drink and was an avid reader. He will be missed and loved for eternity by many family and friends. Life will never be the same until we meet him again.

He was preceded in death by his father Woodrow Lambert, mother Joan Toy Lambert and son Bill Duncan.

Those left behind to cherish Thom's memory are his loving wife, Judy Lambert, of Decatur; son Glenn Lambert and wife, Holly; daughters Stacy Hamilton and husband, Scott, and DeDe Lanoue, and husband, Jamie; grandchildren Heather, Claire and Emma Lambert, Alan Rolf and Colton Baxley; brother Jesse "Butch" Lambert and wife, Charlotte; sisters Mary Jo Cook and husband, Sidney, and Joyce Johnson; numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the TEDC Thom Lambert Memorial Golf Tournament, 1601 Rio Grande, Suite 455, Austin, TX 78701.