

Koester, Thomas L.



Master Chief Petty Officer Thomas L. Koester USN (Ret.), age 79, passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2015.

He is survived by three sons, Brian, Brett and Bennett; two granddaughters Sierra Brook and Asylee Hope.

Tom was born on November 2, 1936 in Teutopolis, Illinois. He joined the US Navy in 1953 and was an aviation electronic technician. After a year at Antarctica he went into the naval FBM submarine service. He retired in 1974. He worked in the postal service in Albuquerque until he retired at 65.

Memorial services will be at Santa Fe National Veterans cemetery on Tuesday, November 17 at 12:45 p.m.

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Ships served in as listed in the USSVI Decklog.com database.

USS Simon Bolivar (SSBN-641) 1966 Qual Boat

USS Stonewall Jackson (SSBN 634) 1967-70

Sailor, rest your oar.