



## Thomas Eric Holmdahl

October 9, 1943 - November 30, 2022

Thomas Eric Holmdahl, 79, passed away November 30, 2022, at his home in Tonasket, WA. He was born in Mason City, WA, on October 9, 1943, the third son of Norman and Margaret Holmdahl. Tom attended Coulee Dam High School graduating in 1961. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Washington followed by a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MBA from the University of Washington. On December 27, 1961, he married Sharon Lea Gallaher in Coulee Dam, WA. Together, they raised three children -Todd, Bret, and Christy. Living first in Bellevue, WA, the family later moved to Tonasket, WA in 1976. Tom's career took two very different paths, starting as an engineer at Boeing and later transitioning to a life as a farmer in Tonasket, building the family home by hand. In each, his work ethics and capabilities were well respected by many. Tom loved his family. His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy. Some of his favorite family activities were watching Star Trek, playing Scrabble and cribbage tournaments, and engaging in friendly debates. Other interests included playing chess, compiling the family genealogy, basketball, outdoor activities, Border Collies, and reading. He was a lifelong learner, always expanding his knowledge often in the interest of tackling challenging problems. This wealth of knowledge was a valuable resource for his family whether that was resolving an irrigation issue or giving advice on the intricacies of raising children. He was also known as the best gift giver, usually spending months creating the most memorable,

unique, personal gifts for his children and grandchildren. His infectious smile, fierce loyalty, and sense of humor will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon. He is survived by his brothers John Holmdahl and James Holmdahl, his children Todd (Anne) Holmdahl, Bret (Stacey) Holmdahl, and Christy (Bryan) Boesel, and his grandchildren Jordyn, Carson and Jacey Boesel and Eric, Ryan, Quinn, Nate, and Shea Holmdahl.

A family service will be held in the spring.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Eric Holmdahl*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:06 AM

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*I just learned of Tom's passing and am sorry that I wasn't able to write of my memories of Tom. We played sports against each other in high school. He from Coulee Dam and me from Pateros. We had the better of the Beavers in football and baseball but were usually placing second in basketball. Tom was a true sportsman in that he always had a kind word or two in victory and took defeat in stride. I always enjoyed visiting with Tom after games. Belated prayers to Tom's family. Jim Stone*

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**Jim Stone** - April 25 at 10:01 AM