



Thomas Charles Parten

June 27, 1955 - May 7, 2026

Thomas Charles Parten (70) long time resident of Okanogan, WA passed away peacefully on May 7th, 2026, at Regency – Omak with his family by his side.

Tom was born June 27th, 1955, in Omak to Charles Parten & Eileen Painter. Tom graduated from Okanogan High School in 1973 & married Molly Woodrum with whom he had his eldest two children, Erin & Nathan. Tom joined the United States Air Force right out of high school. He served four years as a Munitions Maintenance Specialist (AMMO). He was stationed at Hill AFB in Utah, Andersen AFB in Guam, and Moody AFB in Georgia. Tom was incredibly proud of his military service & it was often the topic of conversation. After Tom's military service, he returned home to Okanogan & joined the workforce. He met & married Laura Tugaw with whom he had his youngest two daughters, Lea & Lyn. Tom worked at Crown Zellerbach for several years before moving into the auto parts business. Tom worked at various auto parts businesses but most notably Valley Auto Parts where he spent most of his career working for Harlan & Marjorie Tverberg. He was very proud that he was the "highest paid parts man in all of Okanogan County". Tom loved the outdoors. Often spending his days farming & fishing. He also enjoyed learning about history.

Tom is survived by his daughters Erin Hudak (Chris), Lea Workman (Chad),

Lyn Featherly (Budd), son Nathan, brothers Leroy Parten (Chris), Bob Parten (Brenda), mother in-law Abbie Tugaw, brother in-law Tom Tugaw, sister in-law Kim Parten, & grandchildren Ian, Nora, Emma, Hunter, Carter, Zack, Hudson, & numerous nieces & nephews.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents Charles & Eileen Parten, his wife Laura Tugaw, brothers Terry & Randy Parten, sister Susan Tuthill, brother-in-law Neil Tuthill, sister-in-law Cathy Parten, sister-in-law Peggy Tugaw, father in-law Swede Tugaw & son in-law Justin Workman.

A potluck memorial service with military honors for Tom will be held Saturday, June 20th, 2026, at the Okanogan Eagles 4:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

Potluck

JUN **20**. 4:00 PM (PT)

Okanogan Eagles
1820 2nd Ave. North
Okanogan, WA 98840