



Thomas W. Sparks

February 19, 1938 - December 26, 2025

Tom Sparks passed away peacefully on December 26, 2025 in Vancouver, WA surrounded by his loving family.

Tom was born in El Centro, CA to Thomas and June Sparks. In 1943 his family returned to Vancouver, where Tom remained a lifelong resident.

Tom attended Fruit Valley Elementary, Shumway Jr High and graduated from Vancouver High School in 1956. He attended Clark College until leaving to attend Navigator Training. Tom was an active member of the Air National Guard and served for 9 1/2 years as a jet engine mechanic.

Tom spent his working career with Safeway for 17 years and Frito Lay for 18 years. Tom loved all sports and was an avid golfer and amateur photographer. He loved camping, fishing, traveling, working in the yard and spending time with family and friends.

He began attending church at Fruit Valley Church of God and was a member of Vancouver Church of God for over 65 years.

Tom is survived by his loving wife Irene whom he married in 1961. They have three children, Janell Henderson, Kristine Bricker, Tom (Karen) Sparks.

Grandchildren Steven, Nicole (Yunior), Jeremy, A.J., Jordan, Andy and Shayla. Great grandchildren Jakob, Kaylee, Steven Jr, Kylie, Penelope and Elowyn. Great Great Grandchildren Asher and Willow and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his Father Thomas Sparks, Mother June Hoy (Tommy Hoy) and his Brother Quinton Sparks.

A memorial service will be held on January 3, 2026 at 1:00pm in the Vancouver Church Auditorium 3300 NE 78th St Vancouver, WA 98665.

Tom lived his last two years at The Finest Care Adult Facility in Vancouver. The Family would like to thank the staff for the loving care they provided as well as Legacy Salmon Creek for the care given in his final days.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM (PT)

Vancouver Church
3300 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, WA 98665
<https://vancouverchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

KA

“ To the Sparks Family, I am so heartbroken for you all, especially for Irene who lost her one and only. Tom was like a second Dad. I always knew when I was around him there would be laughter and jokes. He was always teasing me lol. I surely miss those Days. I hope we are all comforted knowing he is with our Lord and Savoir and is not suffering anymore. The best part is we will see him again. I am sorry I can't be at the Service but I am there in Spirit. Love to you all! Sending Hugs and Prayers.

Kim Amos - January 03 at 02:18 PM

DC

“ Many years ago, probably 1972, Tom, Lowell, my husband Tom & a great crew opened Tower Mall Safeway. It was a great store & was the first of its kind in this area. They remained friends for many years.

Dorothy Cooper - December 30, 2025 at 12:35 PM

TO

Dorothy I remember going there to see dad . He would put me in the plastic totes and send me down the old metal conveyor belt . My first roller coaster . 😊 I remember it well . Thank you for your kind words

tommy - January 03 at 10:56 AM

NK

“ Tom was a Family man of integrity and strength. A fun and caring man who will be fondly remembered. I life well lived

Nola Koch - December 30, 2025 at 08:17 AM

PK

“ Pauline K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Sparks.

Pauline K. - December 30, 2025 at 03:50 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Sparks.



December 30, 2025 at 03:50 AM

BF

“ Brenda Shular and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas W. Sparks.



Brenda Shular and family - December 29, 2025 at 11:08 PM

TF

“ The Cascio Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Sparks.

The Cascio Family - December 29, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Sparks.* ”



December 29, 2025 at 08:59 PM