

Thomas L. Ramsbacher



NAME: Thomas L. Ramsbacher

AGE: 81

DATELINE: Fort Peck, Montana

DATE OF DEATH: Friday, March 1, 2013

PLACE OF DEATH: Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow, Montana

SERVICE: Wednesday – March 6, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. at the St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow, Montana

INTERMENT: Fort Peck Cemetery in Fort Peck, Montana

MORTUARY IN CHARGE: Bell Mortuary in Glasgow, MT

It is with sad hearts that we say goodbye to our beloved husband, dad, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend. Tom passed peacefully on March 1.

He was born July 16, 1931 in Beaverton, MT to Frank and Honora Ramsbacher. Tom was one of 11 children. He graduated from Glasgow High School in 1949 and upon graduation he joined the Air Force, serving until 1953. From there Tom pursued a degree in electrical engineering from Montana State University, earning his BS in 1957. He had an opportunity to move back to Fort Peck after receiving his degree and began a 33 year career as District Manager with the Bureau of Reclamation, later WAPA. He retired in 1990.

On July 6, 1961 he married his life-long friend Dorothy Thielke McPherson and not only became a husband, but also a dad, as Dorothy had three daughters from a previous marriage. Tom was a quiet man who loved his wife and his girls. He and Dorothy had two sons and Tom was absolutely at his best with the boys and later with all his grandkids.

On June 11, 1994, he married Betty Stein and shared his retirement years with her and found great joy in spending time with her family. They went south to Arizona for a few winters and enjoyed their love of square dancing.

A few other things Tom enjoyed and ways he served his community included coaching Little League, serving on the Fort Peck school board, Mayor of Fort Peck for several years, and served as a lay leader in the Fort Peck Catholic Church. Tom loved to boat, as well as play volleyball, softball, racquetball and basketball. He took up golf in retirement and found great enjoyment/frustration in this.

A bout with cancer led to a series of medical issues that ultimately culminated in his being moved to Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow the last three years of his life. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to have been touched by this wonderful man are mourning his passing. But we know that through his life he loved the Lord and know that he has gone home to be with his Savior.

Tom was preceded in death by his first wife Dorothy, his siblings Mary, Joe, Margie, Julia, Charlie, Alfred and Peggy.

He is survived by his wife Betty, Dorothy's daughters, Janice (Bill) Bradley, Gail (Ed) Weber, and Terry (Lynn) Sather - all from Billings, sons Rob (Heather) Ramsbacher (Dallas, TX) and Kurt Ramsbacher (Denver, CO); 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He has also been dad and grandpa to Betty's children - Deb (Daryl) Waarvik, Dean Stein, Doug (Lynne) Stein, Doyle (Marilyn) Stein, Doreen (Dale) Pugh all from the Fort Peck Glasgow area and Delvin (Kim) Stein from Billings; 14 grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers John, Harold and Bob.