



## George "Tom" Bainard

November 6, 1952 - November 28, 2019

George Thomas (Tom) Bainard, 67, of Wenatchee, went to be with the Lord on November 28, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Tom was born and raised in Wenatchee. After graduating from Wenatchee High School in 1971, he enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Karlsruhe, Germany. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Army National Guard. Almost the entirety of his professional career, 37 years, was dedicated to the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier.

A habitual fun-seeker, Tom loved to be out-and-about visiting friends and family, watching football, or trying to master the game of golf. Always the joke teller, his sense of humor blessed us with countless smiles and laughs. He was a gentle soul whose positive attitude left an impact on everyone that knew him.

Tom is survived by his mother, Velma and preceded in death by his father, George. Loved ones that will miss Tom until they meet again are his daughters Shannon Ledebor and Michelle DesCombaz; brother Allen Bainard; sisters Sue Albright, JoAnn Yarbrough, and Beverly Bainard; three grandchildren; five nephews and nieces, and many close friends.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, December 5, at Jones & Jones Funeral Home in Wenatchee. An informal gathering at Tom's favorite pub, "Wally's", to follow.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Celebration of Life Service**   03:00PM

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Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home

302 9thStreet, Wenatchee, WA, US, 98801

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear about Tom's recent death. I met Tom and Pat in Karlsruhe Germany when he was stationed there. We had many fun times together playing pinochle in the evenings., going to the Community Center for an evening of entertainment, and looking forward to the birth of his daughter. Tom was always good for a laugh and a good joke. I send my prayers to his family and friends.  
Carla Woods

**Carla Woods** - December 07, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ Thank you, Carla!  
**shannon** - January 03 at 10:43 PM



“ Tom and I worked together for the Postal Service in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We had some great times together golfing and on his visits to our home and cabin. I always appreciated how Tom would stand loyal with his friends through any action that he felt to be unjust, no matter what the risk may have been to him personally. I will miss his stories about his youth and his time in the US Army and with the Postal Service. He was kind, loyal, and always fearlessly stood strong for the ideals that he believed in. I always knew that in times of trouble, when the dust settled, he would be standing by my side and by the side of anyone that he felt was being treated unfairly. Through all of his challenges he remained upbeat and never had an unkind word for anyone. I will miss you, my good friend and you will not be forgotten.

**Rick Juhlin** - December 07, 2019 at 01:09 AM



“ Prayers and blessing to you, Shannon and Michelle. Tommy, one of my longest and dearest friends...from Pioneer Jr. High days, Stemilt vs. Wenatchee Heights kids. One of the kindest souls I have ever known. In our recent couple of years though, our commonality was and is: our belief in Jesus Christ. 2nd Corinthians 5:8, Paul says, "We are confident, well pleased rather, to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." Within the first minute, you knew more about our Savior than I do. I look forward to seeing you again soon, my dear friend.

**Vicki Merchant** - December 06, 2019 at 12:34 AM

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“ Such a loving kind soul to all that that knew and loved him Love you Tom!

**Kymberly** - December 03, 2019 at 10:05 PM

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“ My heart goes out to all the family . Tom and I went to school together from first grade on , his Grand parents were our neighbors . So I am proud to say Tom was a friend of mine most of our live and I never met a better guy



**Arnie O'Brien** - December 03, 2019 at 08:39 PM

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“ Twila Taylor lit a candle in memory of George "Tom" Bainard



**Twila Taylor** - December 03, 2019 at 04:28 PM

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“ We met at Stemilt hill packing shed summer of 1971. He had just graduated & I was a senior at WHS. He had already enlisted in the Army so before he left in April for Karlsruhe Germany we were married on the 15, 1972. I joined him in Germany and after fun, travels & trials our first daughter was born: Shannon 1974 in Heidelberg. After the service we resettled in Wenatchee with all our families surrounding us & in 1976 we were blessed with another daughter; Michelle. We were young, full of dreams, full of hopes & fears. Somehow we remained friends joining in on many family gatherings. He was a fun-loving father and he will be truly missed with leaving a hole in so many hearts. Rest In Peace Tom, love Pat

**patricia (Clardy/Bainard) Phipps** - December 03, 2019 at 03:55 PM

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“ Dear cousin love to your family and your daughter Michelle DesCombaz we connected on Facebook through her mom Pat. You raised a good gal and your dedication to your family is to be commended. Rest in the loving arms of Jesus  
Lyn Howerton Fisher

**Lyn Howerton Fisher** - December 03, 2019 at 12:13 PM