



Thomas Dale Palmer

July 19, 1943 - June 7, 2017

Thomas Dale "Tom" Palmer passed away on June 7, 2017, at his home in East Wenatchee, Washington. Tom was born in Portland, Oregon on July 19, 1943, a son of Frank and Hazel Palmer. In 1945, the family moved from Portland to a farm in Eastern Washington, near the town of Daisy, on the Columbia River. Tom attended school in a one room schoolhouse through grade five, prior to the family moving to Chewelah, Washington in 1954. Tom graduated from Jenkins High School in Chewelah in 1961 and attended Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Washington and Coeur d'Alene community college in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In 1963, he moved to San Jose, California where he met Janice Derby who was vacationing in the area from Iowa. Tom and Jan were married on October 9, 1964 and made their home in Atlantic Iowa.

Over the years, the Palmer family lived in Colorado, Tennessee, Indiana and Kirkland, Washington, as Tom was employed in the Christian music industry. In 1990, Tom and Jan established "Dance Time" dance studio in Kirkland, with Jan as the Director of Dance and Tom in charge of Administration. Dance Time became one of the premier dance studios in the Seattle area.

Tom's interest in music led him to play the steel guitar in bands throughout the State of Washington. That interest in the steel guitar led him to form a business in 2005 manufacturing protective covers for the instrument as well as the amplifiers. The business, D2F Covers (Designed to Fit), has gone on to produce and sell over 43,000 covers worldwide.

Tom and Jan moved to East Wenatchee in 2013 to be close to family during Jan's illness, in which Tom was her primary caregiver. Jan passed away August 13, 2016. Tom is survived by his twin brother, Timothy Palmer; son, Franklin Palmer (Christy); daughter, Danielle Chan (Barry); granddaughters, Kasse Palmer, Heather Palmer, Anabelle Chan and grandson, Bailey Chan. Tom's unlimited energy, enthusiasm, and entrepreneurial spirit were an inspiration to others. His loyalty to friends countrywide was unsurpassed and he maintained contact with all. He will be missed.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have only known Tom for the past 12 months through the caregivers support group. I found him to be a compassionate husband to Janice and his family. So sorry to hear of his passing. He was beginning to be able to share his grief and his plans for his future. I was blessed to know him.

Ruth Fisher - June 23, 2017 at 04:40 PM

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Ray and Sally Montee - June 16, 2017 at 02:14 AM

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