



Thomas Finch

January 23, 1950 - November 16, 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Thomas Lee Finch. He was born January 23rd, 1950, and passed November 16th, 2022 surrounded by friends and family.

Tom was one of nine children born to Chester and Wyota Finch. He was born and raised in the greater Wenatchee Valley. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 30 years, Linda Finch; his children, Danielle Kayler, Sinoma Finch-Folden, Kristin Finch, and Nicholas Finch, and his grandchildren Ashton Guest, Kamryn Tomlinson, Savannah Tomlinson, Jace Kayler, Teagen Kayler, Kira Folden, Finnley Finch, and Leah Kayler.

He will also be missed by his friends in the racing and automotive community. Tom Finch grew up in the Wenatchee Valley. He joined the military early on in life and made his way back to the valley after he completed his service. His love of driving and automotive performance led him to pursuing his craft of being a lifetime machinist. Soon after, Tom and Linda started Valley Machine. Over the course of 40 years, Valley Machine became a destination to talk engines, racing, and supporting the community that had a stake in these passions.

As relationships grew and his community evolved, Tom eventually found a love for trap shooting. He held fond memories of the local gun club and those

that he shot with on those early weekend mornings.

If you met Tom, it would be hard to forget him. He had a special sense of humor, an unfiltered approach to life, and an unmatched strength when it came to protecting his family, his friends, and his country.

A celebration of his life will be held on December 4th at 2pm at JB steamers in East Wenatchee.

Special thanks to Cindy Mckinnie for her loving care and companionship. We appreciate you so much!

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Tom, I will never forget your talent and help with our Racing Mini Stocks back in the 1980`s and 90`s.. You always went above and beyond helping people. May your Eternal mLife be rewarding and we shall meet again One Glorious Day! Jim Klein

James Klein - December 05, 2022 at 04:32 PM

RM

“ Tom and I have been friends for over 50 years. So many memories of hunting, drag racing, cruizin' the Ave in our youth and later just visiting at his machine shop. Such a proud Husband, Father and Grandfather, always ready with a family story. You will be so very missed my friend, rest in peace.
Ron Melcher

Ron Melcher - December 02, 2022 at 11:39 PM

DM

“ Condolences from the Moffitt family. Many racing memories , fixing memories and coffee breaks in the kitchen/machine shop. Thoughts and prayers for the family through these difficult times.

Dennis Moffitt - November 28, 2022 at 09:59 PM

AO

“ Tom has been a friend for 50 years a great machinist with a even better sense of humor I will miss my long time friend

Arnold K O'Brien - November 26, 2022 at 10:02 PM

RC

“ *This is what I think of when I think of Tom, friend and brother.*

He is Gone (Remember Me)

By David Harkins

*You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone Or you can cherish
his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes,
love and go on.
See you on the other side, love you.*



Ruth Lancaster Crowe - November 23, 2022 at 08:48 PM

BB

“ *Brother I Love you so much and will miss you very much! I have always looked up to you as a very strong man in my life. You taught me at a young age Stand up for yourself & for the Love of speed! 😊 They didn't put the numbers on a speedometer big enough! You will be so missed 😭❤️🥰 Love Bunzo*

Bunny Finch Baird - November 21, 2022 at 04:33 PM

FM

I'm glad I came to see you couple weeks back my friend, until we meet again.

Feliz Morgan - November 23, 2022 at 09:59 PM

MJ

I just learned of Toms Passing this year. I was able to visit with him in his shop, a good visit. Tom and Mustangs, street racing and good laughs.

Mary Jacobsen - July 20, 2024 at 07:05 PM