



Thomas Batch

November 24, 1946 - September 12, 2021

Thomas Eugene Batch, 74, of Manson died Sunday, September 12 from complications of COVID-19 pneumonia. He'll be remembered for his unshakable optimism, welcoming smile, and love for people.

Born November 24, 1946 in Wenatchee to Ed and Winnie (Wright) Batch, Tom took great joy in his family and made new friends wherever life took him. He grew up in Manson and to his last day told stories of his mom's pecan pie; sneaking off to the lake with his little sister; pulling grandkids behind the boat; state tournaments; baseball, basketball, football and track teammates; fishing trips; and golf trophies. He was blessed to have family and many of his oldest friends close to him in the Chelan Valley.

He found a loving partner for life in Linda Crowder on the playground of Manson Elementary School. They dated in high school, fell in love, and married on December 15, 1968 as students at Eastern Washington State College.

Tom met lifelong friends in college as a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and a competitive intramural football, softball and basketball player. In 1969, he enlisted in the Air National Guard and trained and served as an air traffic controller in San Antonio, Texas, Biloxi, Mississippi and Spokane. He went to work for General Motors Acceptance Corporation as a credit

supervisor and manager in Spokane, Portland and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Tom and Linda grew their family with two sons, Greg and Kyle. Tom coached their basketball, baseball and soccer teams and appreciated every minute of being a dad. In 1986 they moved home to Manson. They purchased the family orchard from Ed and Winnie. While Tom grew apples, pears and cherries alongside his dad and sons, Linda managed the business and family finances and worked for SeaFirst Bank and the Lake Chelan School District. They worked hard together, had successful years as orchardists, and were proud to help their kids get through college and start families of their own.

In recent years, Tom stayed connected with fruit growers and friends throughout North Central Washington as a representative for Firman Pollen. He could be seen braving any weather (and even blowing snow off his driveway) in his comfortable cargo shorts. There was nothing he loved more than family visits and stories of his four granddaughters' adventures and achievements.

Tom was proud to be from Manson and dedicated himself to making it better for everyone. He served on the Manson School Board and helped write levies that modernized school facilities in the 1990s. He grew a strong faith in Jesus, served as an elder at North Shore Bible Church, and participated in the construction and expansion of the church. In the apple industry, he was a board member at Trout-Blue Chelan, Inc., and the Washington Growers' Clearinghouse.

He's survived by his wife Linda (Crowder) Batch; sons, Greg Batch (Kristen) of San Jose, Calif., and Kyle Batch (Sompheng) of Manson; granddaughters, Ruby Batch, Olive Batch, Thea Batch and Evie Batch; and sister and brother-in-law, Kay (Batch) and Roger Fuson of East Wenatchee; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Jackie (Crowder) and Dave Griffiths of Wenatchee; nieces,

Kristin (Fuson) Detweiler of Seattle, Kerri (Fuson) Whitworth of Issaquah, Jenann (Griffiths) Ross of Wenatchee, and Mindy (Griffiths) Christopherson of Chelan; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Ed and Winnie Batch.

If you met Tom, he counted you as a friend and you likely counted him as one, too. Special thanks to his last new friends, the amazingly caring nurses and doctors at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle. And to his nieces, Kristin Dettweiler and Kerri Whitworth, Seattle area residents who were a loving, comforting presence by his side at the end, we can never thank you enough.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at North Shore Bible Church in Manson.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Tom's name to either North Shore Bible Church or Chelan Valley Hope.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (PT)

North Shore Bible Church
123 Wapato Point Parkway
Manson, WA 98831
(509) 687-3636

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Batch*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Tom & I worked together at the Lake Chelan State park for 2 summers as park aids registering campers, cleaning bathrooms & doing park maintenance while going to college. Tom had that crazy red Trump convertible sports car he always drove. He loved that car- so did the tourists girls. Tom had that super smile on his face all the time. Toms wife to be was the only force that kept him in line. A great guy and a true friend.*
Pat Lippincott

Pat lippincott - April 18, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Tom is a fraternity brother from our days at Eastern Washington State University. Always a great friend a fine intramural football quarterback. Tom had one of the best smiles and laughs I've ever seen or heard. Tom will be missed.*

Doug Myers - September 26, 2021 at 01:20 PM

GG

“ I became very close friends with Tom during the time we attended Eastern Washington University and were members of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. The great memories I have of him during those years and after will remain with me for a life time! Tom was a warm, friendly and caring person who always always had a great outlook on life. He would always greet you with a smile no matter what the situation might be. My extreme sorrows and sympathies go out to Tom's wife Linda and the entire Batch family. May our great friend Tom R.I.P. forever!!

Gary Garcea

Gary Garcea - September 26, 2021 at 12:21 PM

DY

“ I met Tom at Wenatchee Valley College in 1966-the next year we both transferred to Eastern Washington College and joined Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Tom was always fun and always had a smile on his face.
Heaven just got one of the good guys. R. I. P. Tommy Batch and condolences to Linda, Greg & Kyle. ❤️

Denny York - September 26, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MG

“ I am still shocked and deeply saddened by Tom's passing. As I walked the aisle at Northshore Bible Church on Sunday mornings Tom was always one of the friendliest guys there, and he would always stop me and we would share a few words. At Chelan Valley Hope, we have been so blessed by Linda's volunteer work as bookkeeper and by Linda and Tom's financial generosity over the years. We are honored that you have included the nonprofit social services agency, Chelan Valley Hope, as one of the possible recipients of memorial donations. Rest in perfect peace, Tom.
Michael Gibb, President, Board of Directors, CVH

Michael Gibb - September 24, 2021 at 08:15 PM

HM

“ Tom was one of the most positive people I've ever met. If the world could only be filled with people like him. Condolences to the family. Heaven just got a good one.

Hannah Malott - September 23, 2021 at 02:26 AM

PK

“ I met Tom when i moved to Manson and we were sixth grade classmates. Tom was one of those special people youll never forget. Always smiling, always welcoming, always postive. He was special and will be missed!

Patty King - September 22, 2021 at 12:02 PM

MB

“ Tom was a friend before we started school, a great teammate in middle school and high school, good friend afterward. Sisi and I will miss Tom and his ready smile and good conversation.
Mel and Susi Bennett

Mel and Susi Bennett - September 21, 2021 at 10:44 PM

GE

“ *We loved his kindness and friendly manner.
He will be missed! Tim and Ginger*



Ginger E Ewing - September 20, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *Aurora Flores lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Batch*



Aurora Flores - September 16, 2021 at 12:42 PM

MP

“ *Marie A. Palmer lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Batch*



Marie A. Palmer - September 15, 2021 at 10:09 AM