



## Thomas Deebach

May 18, 1934 - May 31, 2013

Thomas Edward Deebach passed away at his home in Washington, Utah on May 31, 2013. Tom was born in Seattle, Washington on May 18, 1934 to Walter and Marie Deebach. He had three brothers and two sisters; Walter Jr., Robert , Donald, Betty and Sally.

Tom graduated in 1952 from Edmonds High School, Edmonds, Washington. He participated in basketball, baseball, football and boxing. Many of his teammates and classmates maintained life-long friendships with Tom. After high school he attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington majoring in education. He subsequently taught fourth and fifth grades and elementary physical education in the Everett School District for twenty-five years. Tom joined the US Navy, attending Officer's Candidate School where he studied Russian. He served on the US Navy oiler ship, USS CACAPON.

From 1972-1973 Tom attended graduate school at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, where he met his future wife, Michelle. They were married in the central mountains of Washington State on August 7, 1974. They have been married for 38 years. In 2003 they discovered the outdoor beauty of Southern Utah and moved there permanently in 2009. Tom continued to enjoy hiking, golfing and summer travels to various western states.

Tom is survived by his wife, Michelle, his children Steven (Laura) Deebach of Everett, Washington and Susan (David) Weed, Snohomish, Washington and four grandchildren; Kirsten, Ryan, Curtis and Megan.

In lieu of flowers a scholarship fund has been set up at Sons of Norway Scholarship Fund, Edmond Lodge 130, P. O. Box 1651, Edmonds, WA 98020-1651.

A private memorial will be held at a later date. Condolences online at [www.CremationCenterSU@gmail.com](http://www.CremationCenterSU@gmail.com) or [www.serenicareofstgeorge.com](http://www.serenicareofstgeorge.com) .

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr D sold me a 1979 yamaha 250 xl when I was a fifth grader. It did not run and my feet could barely touch the ground. It was a fair deal for fifty dollars and I picked it up at his house where we would have our class Christmas parties in his basement. At those parties dancing was mandatory, best man I ever knew. Simeon Paxman.*

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**Simeon Paxman** - January 03, 2014 at 07:09 AM