



G. Thomas "Tom" Proctor Jr.

May 22, 1928 - March 13, 2014

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother, G. Thomas "Tom" Proctor, Jr. passed away peacefully at home in Gig Harbor, Washington on March 13, 2014 due to the residual effects of a stroke he suffered several years ago while living in Utah. He was in his 86th year. In his final hours he was surrounded by his loving wife and family members.

Tom was born and raised in Los Angeles, California to G. Thomas Proctor, Sr. and Mary Theresa Coffman. He has one younger brother, Richard Phillip Proctor. Tom attended school in the Los Angeles area and attended college classes at Cal State Los Angeles. He was a veteran of the U. S. Naval Reserves.

As a young man, Tom met Lois Katherynne Elsebusch, also of Los Angeles, California at a high school dance. It was love at first sight. Tom and Lois married for time and all eternity in the Mesa, Arizona LDS Temple on Nov. 20, 1948. They have 5 children, 25 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren.

Tom was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many leadership capacities including Bishop, temple worker, High Councilman, and other ward and stake callings.

Tom followed in his father's footsteps by spending a distinguished career as a policeman in the Los Angeles Police Department. After his retirement from the LAPD, he went on to other law enforcement assignments including the Superintendent of Idaho State Police.

His hobbies were numerous and included hunting, fishing, horsemanship and motorcycles, just to name a few.

We are grateful for our knowledge of the Plan of Salvation given to us by our Savior Jesus Christ. We know that our family patriarch has been taken home to a loving Heavenly Father and is now with his sweet daughter, Bonnie Proctor (Golly), his loving parents and

many other relatives and friends. We also know that he is free from physical limitations and is enjoying these heavenly reunions.

Tom will be deeply missed and we long for the day when we, once again, will be reunited.

Tom's greatest joy was his family. He is survived by his wife, Lois, of 65 years, Steve (Terri) Proctor, Deborah (Jerry) Spilsbury, Janice (Scott) Hartshorn, Susan (Doug) Nelson and his brother and best friend, Richard Proctor. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law and daughter, Bonnie Lynn Proctor (Golly).

The family wishes to thank the many caregivers throughout the years for Tom. As well as the Idaho State Police for their participation in these services.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center, 12002 Peacock Hill Ave. NW, Gig Harbor, Washington 98335. Under the direction of Tuell-McKee Funeral Home, 2215 6th Avenue, Tacoma, Washington 98403, (253) 272-1414 email: mckeefuneral@wamail.net

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Berg Drawing Room Chapel, 185 East Center Street, Provo, Utah 84606, with a visitation from 1-1:45 p.m. prior to services. (801) 373-1841 email: info@bergmortuary.com

Interment will follow the Berg Mortuary service at East Lawn Memorial Hills Cemetery, 4800 E. Lawn Drive, Provo, Utah 84604 (801) 225-3889.

Condolences may be offered online at www.bergmortuary.com and www.tuellmckee.com

Read more here: http://calendar.thenewstribune.com/gig_harbor_wa/venues/show/16506443-church-of-jesus-christ-of-latter-day-saints-gig-harbor-stake-center#storylink=cpy

Cemetery Details

Eastlawn Memorial Hills

4800 North 650 East
Provo, UT 84604

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (MT)

Berg Drawing Room Chapel
185 East Center Street
Provo, UT 84606

Funeral Service

MAR 26. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ Lois, so sad to hear about Tom, I was on the internet and somehow Ended up with the obituary Of Tom. We now live in durango Co. Sent a copy of Toms obituary to Dick Morgan, who now lives in St George Utah. Katie Morgan Passed few weeks ago. She had alzheimers pretty bad. Dick said her last few weeks it was very bad and a relief for her to go. Gil and Dianne Farley

gilbert farley - February 16, 2018 at 07:12 PM

RB

“ Lois and family: Diane and I were traveling when the obituary appeared about Tom's passing. Fortunately, we have our newspapers saved and discovered it recently. Please know of our love for you and your family and our sadness over Tom's passing. However, we are reassured through our knowledge of the gospel that Tom is okay--it is us who must endure the sadness for a short time. Our memories of our times together in the Covina Third Ward are as clear today as they were 44 years ago. It was a privilege to serve with Bishop Proctor in the youth program. That great smile of his depicted on his obituary picture brings back so many memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rich and Diane Bretzing

Richard Bretzing - April 09, 2014 at 03:43 PM

TT

“ Tom, came to the Idaho State Police as Superintendent in a time of need and change. It is because of him that Personally grew in my Profession and confidence as a man in uniform. Many of the changes that Tom implemented in the ISP are still ongoing today. Procedures, uniform patch and badges as examples. I grew in confidence and with his admonition to take care of your Men and Women under your command. Tom will be missed as a true friend and a memory of his leadership for the rest of my life.

Lois, be certain of the fact that your loving husband will always be by your side and there to greet you in the future.

Tom Thompson

Tom Thompson - March 25, 2014 at 10:41 AM

RP

I can agree with Tommy more! I was just a young Trooper during this time. I still think of him often!

Robert La Pier - March 27, 2014 at 09:23 PM

TT

“ Tom Thompson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of G. Thomas "Tom" Proctor Jr..



Tom Thompson - March 25, 2014 at 10:31 AM

CR

“ Dear Lois,
My girls found information about Tom on the internet. I have no contact numbers. When you feel you have time-call or write me. I am so very sorry for you and your family. Tom died on my son, Amedee's, death day 8 years ago. Much love and affection to all those wonderful memories on Angelus Ave. love Clara

Clara Richards - March 22, 2014 at 03:50 PM