



Thomas Edward Pinkey

May 29, 1952 - March 16, 2024

Thomas Edward Pinkey, 71, of Deming, Washington, passed away on March 16, 2024. Born on May 29, 1952, in Bellingham, WA, he was the beloved husband of Bobbie Pinkey.

Thomas, known to his friends and family as “Tom or Kiyotee,” served with the Army National Guard. His dedication to service extended beyond the military as he was a Volunteer Fire Fighter with Whatcom County Fire District 1 and a Fire Fighter, First Responder, and Maintenance worker for the Port of Bellingham. He held the position of ARFF Captain from 1994 to 1997. Additionally, Tom spent time working as a timber cutter in Thorne Bay, Alaska, and had a timber cutting business with his brother, Dan. He was a member and co-founder of the jeep club, Rainier Ridge Rams.

Outside of his professional life, Tom enjoyed camping with his family on their property in Mazama. An avid outdoorsman, he looked forward to his annual men’s elk hunting trips. Tom had a passion for working outdoors, whether cutting trees or tending to the garden and hummingbirds at home.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Bobbie Pinkey, and a large extended family including Bernie Eccarius, Jennifer Briskey, Bill & Gayle Pinkey, Dan & Marcia Holz, Sue & Jim Vanderyacht, Carla Holcombe, Adam Pinkey, Ryan & Amber Pinkey, David Fessori, Ginna & Justin Todahl, Chuck & Tiffany Hughes, Bobbie

Anne Harlan, and his numerous grandchildren: Grace, Luke, Harper, Dexter, Emma, Austin, Makenna, Addison, Maylin, Mazie, Ellie, Sophia, and Ezra.

He was preceded in death by his father, James William Pinkey, mother, Shirley Lou (Huntley) Holz, stepfather, Leo Holz, mother-in-law, Bobbie Eccarius, and son-in-law, Wesley Harlan.

Tom's dedication to service, both in the military and as a first responder, and his love for the outdoors and family will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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“ So sorry to hear that Tom has left the world, it is a darker place without him. He was a good friend and mentor to me when we worked together at BLI. I often credited him with being the person who taught me to “slow down and think about it.”

Ryan Sheehan - March 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM