



Thomas Wayne Pankalla

July 23, 1944 - March 26, 2025

Thomas Wayne Pankalla, age 80, of Lebanon died Wednesday, March 26, 2025. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.McHenryFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Tom Pankalla was the guy to call if you needed help getting a tree down or removing widow maker limbs. He served long and well on the Hoskins Kings Valley Rural Fire Protection District. If one of the rigs wasn't working, we would ask Tom to check it and decide if it was a simple problem that HE would fix or if it needed to be taken to the Benton County shop. He was a great (but understated) contributor to the Kings Valley community and a wonderful neighbor. We missed him when he moved away. We add our condolences to the family now that he is beyond our earthly "ken". Jane Brandenburg

Jane Brandenburg - May 02, 2025 at 01:24 PM

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“ I just want to express my condolences and tell what Tom Pankalla meant to me. One of my first experiences with Tom was on my first Mule deer hunting trip. It was the trip when Brad shot that tall buck. I shot a young 3 point while I was out hunting with Tom. He told me I had made a nice shot. Coming from Tom, with his deep knowledge, skills and experience, that meant a lot to me. Tom was positive, teaching, and supportive in every experience I had with him.

I remember that first Chukar trip when birds were launching from that shelf and over my head. I shot til my shoulder ached. Just before we got to the end of that ledge, a bird went over and I shot and missed. Tom told me he saw the bird set its wings, and if so, it would be dead at the bottom of the canyon. We went down to our water at the bottom, and he sent his Chocolate lab into the sage, and it found that bird. As usual, I learned something new because of Tom.

Tom was always generous with his time and effort. Although most of our shared experiences involved hunting trips, it was obvious Tom had earned the respect of others. He constantly served and helped others. This trait runs in the family.

So many of the things I love to do, I learned from Tom and his Sons. Tom told me that shaggy manes are safe to eat, and that was the first time I picked and ate wild mushrooms.

I am grateful that Tom was in my life. He is in many of my favorite memories.

Mark Larson

Mark Larson - April 18, 2025 at 08:52 PM

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“ *Many loving memories on the farm, good times with the the luaus, so many birthdays in one month. Just all the fabulous gathering through the year. Tom you were good to my grandson teaching him how to make a baseball bat in your wood shop. Now you and your brother are together and enjoying memories and are no longer in pain God bless you and God bless your family that are left behind but let the good times roll. Love Jeanine*

Jeanine Pankalla - April 01, 2025 at 06:48 PM