



Thomas R. Cambern

July 18, 1938 - February 4, 2025

Thomas R. Cambern, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2025, at the age of 86. Born on July 18, 1938, to Richard (Dick) and Myrtle Cambern, Tom lived a fulfilling and meaningful life defined by love, hard work, and an enduring commitment to others.

Raised in Tacoma, Washington, Tom spent most of his life in the community he held dear. He attended primary school at the Parkland Schoolhouse on Pacific Avenue and graduated from Franklin Pierce High School in 1957. After graduation, he joined his parents in running their family-owned full-service gas station, Brookdale Service, also located on Pacific Avenue in Parkland. A skilled and respected mechanic, Tom took immense pride in his work and became a cornerstone of his community, known for his integrity and expertise.

In Tacoma, Tom met Dianne, the love of his life, and they were married on February 21, 1963, in Reno, Nevada. Together, they shared just shy of 62 wonderful years of marriage. Their bond was the foundation of a beautiful life filled with love and devotion. They were blessed with two sons, Brady and Richard (Rick), two granddaughters, Brandy and Kayla, and five great-granddaughters, Shilo, Lilith, London, Dedrea, and Scottlyn, all of whom were a source of immense pride and joy.

Tom's life was vibrant and full of passions. In his leisure time, he enjoyed coin collecting, hunting, fishing, and all things motor sports. A true "original gearhead," Tom loved jeep racing and working on anything with a motor that he could get his hands on. He also relished traveling across the United States with his wife and sons, and in later years, with their beloved pets.

A man of unwavering principles, Tom always lived by the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would want them to do to you." His life exemplified this philosophy, as he consistently went out of his way to help anyone in need. At Brookdale Service, he would often assist customers unable to afford gas, allowing them to pay with a box of tools—whether as a loan or in trade—ensuring their needs were met with dignity and compassion.

Tom will be remembered for his warm smile, his generous spirit, and the countless cherished memories he created with family and friends. His legacy of love, integrity, and community service will continue to inspire those who knew him. He will be deeply missed but forever celebrated in the hearts of those he touched.