



Thomas O. Mills

October 27, 1938 - June 19, 2026

Thomas Oran Mills, affectionately known as Tom, passed away peacefully at his home in Benicia, California, on Sunday, June 19, 2026, at the age of 87.

Born on October 27, 1938, in Finley, California, Tom lived a life defined by hard work, dedication to family, and a passion for the outdoors. He worked as a machinist for more than 40 years, earning the respect of colleagues and friends through his strong work ethic and craftsmanship.

Tom was a longtime volunteer at the Martinez Gun Club, where he devoted nearly 50 years of service. An enthusiastic trap shooter, he treasured the friendships and camaraderie he found there throughout the years.

A true outdoorsman, Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing, scuba diving, and boat racing. He was also a loyal fan of the Oakland A's and rarely missed an opportunity to follow his favorite team. Blessed with a remarkable green thumb, he found great satisfaction in cultivating and tending gardens, a hobby he enjoyed for much of his life.

Tom was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Billie June Mills, in 2025, and by his grandson, Elliot Williams, in 2007.

He is survived by his loving children, Lisa Williams and her husband, Roger;

Natalie Simonson and her husband, Paul; and Jeff Mills and his wife, Corina. He is also survived by his sisters, Betty Fowler and Marilyn Smith; his brother, Richard Mills; his grandchildren, Amber and her husband, Steve, and Madalin; and his cherished great-grandchildren, August, West, and Everet.

Tom will be remembered for his independent spirit, generous nature, sense of humor, and deep appreciation for family, friends, and the outdoors. His presence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held at a later date.