



## Thomas Sterling Ford Sr.

July 6, 1950 - September 29, 2025

Thomas “Tom” Sterling Ford, Sr., age 75, of Windsor, CA, passed away on September 29, 2025.

Born on July 6, 1950, in Houston, Texas, Tom spent his early years in Houston before moving to California in 1981. He was a proud alumnus of Kashmere High School and went on to attend Houston Community College, later continuing his education at Santa Rosa Junior College in Santa Rosa CA.

Tom proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1973 as a member of the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War.

With a career spanning over four decades, Tom worked in the pipeline industry for 45 years, earning numerous awards and certifications. He was instrumental in several major projects, including the movement of the first crude oil for the Alaska Pipeline while working for United Centrifugal Pump in 1975. Later, at Unocal Geothermal Geysers, he designed a mechanical filtration system that saved the company thousands of dollars. In 1992, he founded the Ford Plumbing Company, establishing a legacy of excellence and dedication.

Tom’s passions extended beyond his professional life. A lifelong baseball enthusiast, he also loved frisbee, disc golf, gardening, cooking, and traveling.

He played a key role in creating and designing the first disc golf course in Sonoma County at Crane Creek Regional Park, a contribution that has brought joy to many in the community.

He is survived by his beloved son, Thomas S. Ford Jr., his cherished grandchildren, Thomas Ford III and Taylor Ford of Windsor, CA. Tom also leaves behind a host of extended family members and lifelong friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I can pretty safely say that I have never met a more happy, down to Earth, lover of life like him. He used to come and stay with my parents every year at the Wintertime Open in Pasadena. I would look forward to his humor and smile every year! He was full of hugs and smiles! My love to his family at this time!

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**Chris Horn** - October 28, 2025 at 03:50 PM

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I was very fortunate to call Thomas friend.  
We were playing disc golf in Sedgley woods once, for an overall. These guys were watching us from their front and razzing us. Thomas said :”Come with me Susie.  
We walked up to them and Thomas put out his hand and said that his name was Thomas Ford and this is my friend Susie Horn. He asked them how they were doing and suggested they might like disc golf.  
As Christopher has written, he was full of life and love.  
My deepest condolences to Thomas Jr and family.

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**Sue Horn** - October 28, 2025 at 06:56 PM