

## **Tom Stephens' Obituary**

Thomas A. Stephens peacefully passed away at his home in Trinidad, CO on December 1, 2017, at the age of 80, after a six-year battle with multiple myeloma cancer.

Tom was born in Iowa City, Iowa in July 1937. In 1969, his desire to move west took him to Los Alamos, NM, where he raised his family, and began his career as a senior designer for Los Alamos National Laboratory. He retired after 24 years of service to our country as a cold war warrior, with numerous accomplishments that enhanced our country's national security. His contributions will be appreciated for many years to come.

After retirement, his love of beautiful mountains and for wildlife, guided him to Trinidad, where he designed and built his retirement home on SFTR with his wife, June, and with assistance from his two sons. Tom was instrumental in designing and assisting in the installation of the power and water systems that now service SFTR. He served on the POA Board as well. Tom had many hobbies including woodworking, building HO model trains, and camping all over Colorado.

He is survived by his loving wife, June, two sons and one daughter, as well as 12 loving grandchildren. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather, as well as a good friend to many here on the ranch who were privileged to know him.

Graveside service will be held and provided by Yaksich Long Funeral Home at 10:00am on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, at Calvary Cemetery in Raton, NM.

For the excellent care provided to Tom, his wishes were in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to: Sangre De Cristo Hospice & Palliative Care, 328 S. Bonaventure Ave., Trinidad, CO.