



# Thomas Dean Green

JUN 15, 1943 - APR 20, 2026



Scan to Visit

# Table of Contents

<b>Obituary</b> .....	Page 3
<b>Events</b> .....	Page 6
<b>Tribute Wall</b> .....	Page 7



## Thomas Dean Green

JUN 15, 1943 - APR 20, 2026

**T**homas Dean Green, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, neighbor, brother, and uncle, passed away on April 20, 2026, at the age of 82. However people knew him, whatever role he played in their lives, Tom will be remembered for the way he loved people. He had a gift for making others feel truly known and valued. He gave his full attention, listened closely, and expressed love and kindness freely. Even as Alzheimer's took his memory in his final years, it could not take who he was at his core. Love remained. Everyone around him felt it, and it never left him.

Tom was born on June 15, 1943, in Salt Lake City to Tharold "Tay" Green and Vera June Erickson Green. His father was his hero. He spoke of him often and with deep admiration, and the skills and values he learned at his side shaped how Tom moved through the world for the rest of his life. His father worked for the Salt Lake City Fire Department, and Tom remembered riding along in the fire truck as a boy while his father mapped hydrant locations across the city. When Tom was serving his mission in Belgium and France for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he received word that his father was dying of cancer. His father asked him to stay and finish. Tom did. He was able to speak with him before he passed, and he carried that season with him for the rest of his life. Decades later, he and Karen returned to France to serve a second mission together in Lyon, an experience they both treasured.

Tom attended the University of Utah, where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering. For more than two decades he worked in manufacturing and project management, spending much of his career at Hercules. He had a way of making complex problems feel manageable, and colleagues came to rely on him for steady judgment and practical guidance. He also served in the United States Army Intelligence Branch as a French linguist, a skill rooted in his years in Belgium and France.



## Obituary

**Thomas Dean Green**

JUN 15, 1943 - APR 20, 2026

Tom met Karen at the University of Utah, and she became the great love of his life. He introduced her to everyone he met as "my sweetheart," and he meant it every time. He told her he loved her every day. His care and devotion to her stayed in the forefront of his mind even when all other memories were fading. His concern for his sweetheart was among the last things he was able to express.

Tom and Karen raised seven children: Cari (Ka'i), Cristi, Cheri (Jeremy), Thomas Jr. (Kat), Chad (Marci), Mark (Liz), and Travis (Jan). When he came home from work, the front door would fly open and children would run to meet his outstretched arms. His grandchildren did the same years later. Tom loved children, and they loved him. Even the youngest could sense something genuine in him and felt at ease in his presence. He loved road trips, campouts, museums, and historical sites, and he read every plaque and marker along the way. He had a playful, genuine sense of humor that surfaced naturally and often, and his family remembers the laughter he brought into ordinary moments.

Tom's faith was visible and genuine. It guided how he approached people and showed in everything he did. He served as a bishop, high counselor, stake young men's president, and scout leader, among many other roles. Beyond any formal calling, he simply showed up. He took out neighbors' garbage cans, shoveled sidewalks, mowed lawns, visited widows and widowers, and took the fatherless under his wing. He spent countless hours with people who needed comfort. For Tom, serving others was not something he decided to do. It was simply who he was.

In his final years in memory care, that same quality remained. He welcomed newcomers, sat with those who were confused or distressed, and held the hands of residents who were dying, staying with them and their families for hours. Caregivers spoke of his warmth, his humor, and the way he thanked them for their patience. Many have stayed in touch with his family since his passing.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Tharold and June, his stepfather Joseph Parker, his brothers Terry and John, Terry's wife Sharon, and his grandson Michael Jacobsen.

He is survived by his beloved wife Karen, his seven children, 23 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and many others whose lives were made richer by knowing him.

Funeral services will be held at the Canyon Rim Stake Center, 3051 S. 2900 E., SLC, UT 84109: Viewing from 11 - 11:45, Service from 12 to 1 PM, and Interment at 2:00 PM at Wasatch Lawn



## Obituary

**Thomas Dean Green**

JUN 15, 1943 - APR 20, 2026

---

Memorial Park, 3401 Highland Dr. (1495 East) Millcreek, UT 84106.

Zoom Link for Funeral Services:

<https://zoom.us/j/99327405504>

Family luncheon provided by the Canyon Rim 4th Ward Relief Society, at the Stake Center following graveside services.



# Events

**Thomas Dean Green**

JUN 15, 1943 - APR 20, 2026

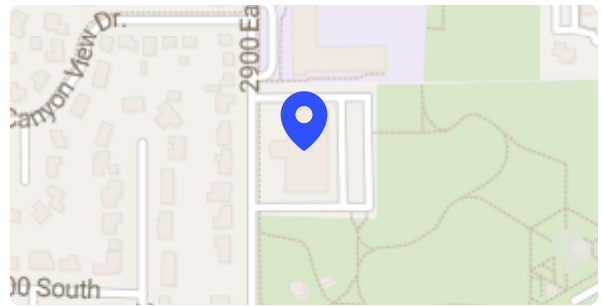
## Viewing

**Tuesday**, April 28, 2026

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM MT

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

3051 South 2900 East, Salt Lake City UT 84109



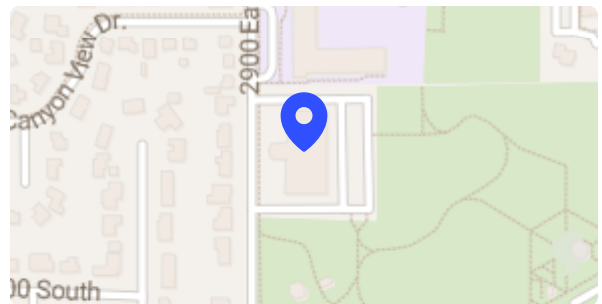
## Funeral Service

**Tuesday**, April 28, 2026

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM MT

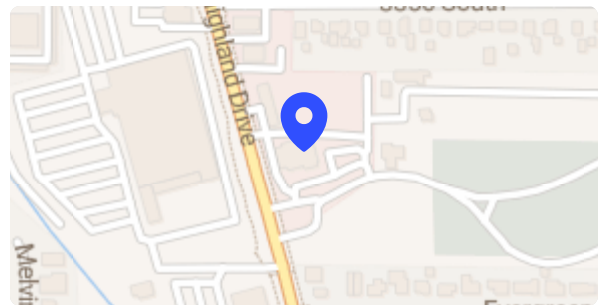
**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

3051 South 2900 East, Salt Lake City UT 84109



## Cemetery Details

**Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park**  
3401 South Highland Drive, Salt Lake City UT





## Tribute Wall

**Thomas Dean Green**

JUN 15, 1943 - APR 20, 2026



**Tehya Ann Vassar** posted:

Grandpa had a certain "goofy voice" that he used when connecting to us grandchildren in a playful way. His loving joking, followed by his jolly laugh, always made me happy. I can remember so many instances of complete joy as a child when Grandpa would play with me and make me feel like whatever we were doing was what mattered the very most in that moment.

April 24 at 3:16 PM



**Jeff Kener** posted:

We agree with everything that was said in his beautiful obituary write up. Tom was a GOOD man and he'll be missed. Jeff and Nancy ❤️

April 24 at 3:13 PM



**Robert Booth** posted:

I have so many memories of Tom. At the top of the list is as a child, him finding the tickle bugs that he would find on me, it made me laugh so hard. He was always quick with a dad joke or a pun. A great leader and example, and better neighbor. Tom was the best of the best as a human being. He will be missed! Robert Booth

April 24 at 11:37 AM



**Thad Eldredge** posted:

Thomas was one of the most positive fun loving individuals we have ever cared for. Both Jocelyn & Kim mentioned he was so fun to be with. He never had a bad word to say about anyone or anything. They said they were both blessed to have spent time with him. Thanks for letting Homewell Care Services spend time with Tom. We wish your family the very best during this time. Thanks Thad Eldredge HomeWell Care Services

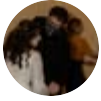
April 24 at 10:24 AM



## Tribute Wall

**Thomas Dean Green**

JUN 15, 1943 - APR 20, 2026



**Mary Sink** posted:

Saying goodbye to the grandchildren as we were leaving in the car by us teasing by saying goofball, his animated and goofy "dislike" to the name and pretending to follow us to change his mind, and our continuation of using the name through half rolled up windows and side stitch giggles. Love and miss you, Goofball. Did the same thing if he gave you a kiss on the head or cheek and pretended to wipe them off. You could expect a funny and animated response with a slew of additional kisses, which wiped off would encourage more.

April 24 at 10:04 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



**Scan to Visit**