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**E**dward Thomas Farley Jr. "Tom", 72 of Apopka, Florida, passed away on July 17, 2017 of a long illness.

Tom, "Tommy" was born in Atlanta, Georgia on March 31, 1945. As a child Tom moved with his family to Palatka, Florida where he graduated High School and continued on to receive a business degree from Florida State University on a baseball scholarship; as Tom was a talented baseball player scouted by professional teams. After initially working in business, Tom's interests lead him to join and later retire from the U.S. Border Patrol, working in Yuma, Arizona; Michigan, and back to Florida.

Tom was married in West Germany, to Hannelore Kaufmann on October 31, 1969 of whom he met in Germany while serving in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. Tom comes from a long family line who served their country in the U.S. Army.

Tom had many loves (steak dinners, good beer, Doc Holliday stories, a good Kurt Russell movie) and many dislikes (sorry Obama, sorry those who want to mess with a person's First, Second amendment rights). Tom was an outgoing, sociable, jokester kind of guy, enjoying various sports, southern barbecues, fishing and riding his boat on the lakes of Florida.

Tom is survived by his wife Hannelore; daughters Tanja Wilson & Natalie Michele Hersey; grandchildren, Joshua, Todd, Kirsten, Taylor, great-grandchildren Erik A., Blakely; brother-in-law Jerry; cousin Bill Dunn; and many friends. Tom will be laid to rest with his only son Erik Van Farley.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents Ed and Ethel; his Uncle Henry, Aunt Opal, & Aunt Annie Mae..

Smile down at us,  
There's just one thing  
that makes me glad..God chose you to be my Dad.



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Tanja & I love you dearly  
Funeral arrangements are being handled  
by Bauldauff Funeral Home of Orange City & Florida National Veterans  
Memorial 6502 S.W. 102nd Avenue Bushnell, FL 33513.



PM

**Pedro Melendez** posted:

When my father "Luis Melendez" moved us to Apopka Cambridge Homes after Hurricane Andrew. Immediately my father & Len the sales person hit it off very well, so well that Lenny decided to introduce my father Luis to Lenny's good friend Tom that at the time lived in Lake Mary. The trio became the best of friends. One day my father was going to visit Tom at his home in Lake Mary and I tagged along. Once there, it was a pleasant introduction for me and with two reasons behind it all. Tom was a hoot, hilarious, funny and I couldn't stop laughing. Tom is probably the only person I know that makes political topics funny. The second pleasant introduction was when shy Erik at that time, came down the stairs hesitant to meet his father's new friends, "strangers really." Tom then threw me the keys to his red Mitsubishi Mighty Max pickup truck and said to me, you two boys have fun and I'll see you back here in two hours. Erik and I hit it off ever sense. Right there we became brothers and family too, so much so that Tom sold his Lake Mary home and moved down the street from us in Apopka on Country Landing Blvd. I can easily say, having Tom & Erik down the street from us was a blessing! They attended every birthday party and all the holidays with us. Every weekend Tom, Erik and myself would play basketball. The funniest memory I have was when Tom invited me to play basketball and I thought to myself, I'll run laps around this old geyser but to my surprise, he was an outstanding basketball player! Oh, wow his fade away was unstoppable and whenever I would beat him, he'll immediately challenge me to a game of horse. He always won :)! Well Uncle Tom, I love you dearly and miss you with all of my heart. Rest in Paradise Ranger. Join you son Erik in Heaven. Join my father Luis Melendez aka your best friend and my brother Hector Luis Melendez. Our Family reunion in Heaven has started. I'll Join you soon. (386) 693-6113

October 24 at 8:00 PM

BM

**Brian Merritt** posted:

Mr. Farley was my next door neighbor. Although we were not very close, I frequently enjoyed sharing a smile and a wave with him. I will miss that. Please accept our condolences.

July 31 at 8:00 PM

MI

**Mike** posted:

I truly enjoyed knowing Tom while working with him with the Border Patrol in Florida. If nothing else, Tom was interesting and opinionated. And his wry sense of humor was second to none. He will be missed.

July 24 at 8:00 PM



## Tribute Wall

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**Wes Knippler** posted:

Tom and I were Border Patrol classmates who shared many laughs and beers together. Our paths had also crossed over the years and we continued with laughs and beers. I have thought of him often and have a few good great stories to tell. Wish I was there to share. RIP Huck.

July 23 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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