

# Frank Thomas Erhardt

## 45<sup>th</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1995-1997



Frank Thomas "Tom" Erhardt was born July 8, 1937 in Portland, OR to John A. and Anna Lyski Erhardt. He grew up in Portland and later Monument, where he graduated high school in 1955. He attended Eastern Oregon College before going to work at the lumber mill in Kinzua. He then worked at the Terminal Flour Mill before returning to the lumber industry.

Frank married Ardith Swanson on April 30, 1977 in Redmond, OR. They had 3 sons; Tom, Chris, Alan and 4 daughters; Shannon, Theresa, Roberta and Valerie. Frank also had a stepson, Michael.

Frank worked at the lumber mill in Redmond for 27 years before retiring. He then drove a truck until moving to Irrigon in 2005. He was a part of

Friends of the Irrigon Library and drove the Irrigon Senior Bus.

Frank was a member of the Redmond Council 3636. Frank served as District Deputy, State Advocate 1991-93, State Treasurer 1993, State Secretary 1993-95. He was elected State Deputy at the 1995 State Convention held in Pendleton, OR

Frank died August 7, 2008 at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA and is buried Deschutes Memorial Gardens in Bend, OR.

*"This for me has been a year of learning and gaining experience from my association with you. I have gained confidence and communication skills that I never knew I had, as well as a new-found sense of belonging." Frank Thomas Erhardt, 88<sup>th</sup> State Convention, Hood River, OR May 1996*

