



*Thomas Lee Vinyard, Feb. 22, 1937 – June 2, 2012*

*Tom and Sue Vinyard came to Fun N Sun in 2006 after years of being in a park at the other end of the Valley. They loved their years here and bought a park model at P-11 in 2009.*

*Tom loved to sing, especially for the Lord, and joined the Gospel Choir here in the Park. He also was an avid woodcarver and played tennis. He chaired the one-time chili cook-off and auction, the golf cart races, and co-chaired the State Fair event for two years with his wife.*

*Tom loved to play cards and games and had a lot of fun joking and teasing with his friends.*

*(More about Tom on the other side)*

Thomas Lee Vinyard, age 75, passed away Saturday, June 2, 2012 at his home in High Ridge, Mo. He was born February 22, 1937 in St. Louis, MO to Thomas L. Vinyard, Sr. and Mary Evelyn Frossard. He was united in marriage on September 12, 1958 to Vivian Sue Jackson. To this union was born two sons and two daughters.

Tom served six years in the Army National Guard achieving the rank of Sergeant First Class. He was a member of the Armored Tank Division.

Tom accepted Christ in his early twenties and faithfully served the church as Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School leader, R.A. director, youth leader, and chairman of the trustees.

Talented in all phases of construction, he retired from his own construction business: T. L. Vinyard & Associates, Inc., a general contracting firm, at the age of fifty-five.

Among his many interests and talents was his artistic creativity with drawing and wood carving. Over the years he turned out more than 200 carvings and handmade dulcimers. He also loved to sing – participating in a number of choirs, performing solos and entertaining at several nursing homes.

In the early years, Tom and Sue traveled the country on their Honda Gold Wing motorcycle, logging over 200,000 miles. Tom was also a member of the Patriot Guard and escorted many of our heroes home.

He is survived by his four children, Gary Thomas Vinyard, Sandra Dianne Maddox, Keith Robert Vinyard, Susan Elaine Mitchell, their spouses, thirteen grandchildren, his brother and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Vinyard, Sister-in-law, and Brother-in Law, Mr. & Mrs. John Dewey Watson, five nieces and nephews, other family members and many close friends. He will be greatly missed by many people.