

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.*

*But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand
that an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.*

— *David Romano*

Memorial gifts in honor of Tom Eble may be directed to **Everett–Mill Creek Young Life** using the QR code provided below. Contributions to **Renewal Ministries Northwest** may also be made by mailing a check to: PO Box 12243, Mill Creek, WA 98082.



In Loving Memory of Tom Eble



SEPTEMBER 19, 1933 — APRIL 1, 2026

Celebration of a Life Well Lived



Joseph Thomas 'Tom' Eble was born on September 19, 1933, in Brecksville, Ohio, to Joseph Eble and Jessie Stewart. After his father passed away when Tom was nine, he grew up with the support of his mother, sister Ann, and their community. He attended Ohio State University and later earned a Physics degree from Baldwin-Wallace.

Tom joined the US Navy Flight program, serving as a commissioned pilot, with six years on active duty and 17 years in the Reserves. He retired with the rank of Captain after leading several units, including Carrier VS-82, and completed over 100 carrier landings. Throughout his service, he deeply valued the camaraderie among his fellow aviators.

He married his college sweetheart, Carole, and together they raised three daughters: Beth #1, Pam #2, and Sharon #3. Tom's family grew to include two grandsons, one granddaughter, two great-granddaughters, and another soon to arrive. Later, Tom married Joan, whose son and daughter each have a daughter. Tom is a beloved grandfather to the Anderson family of four as well. Tom cherished his family, enjoyed playing Santa Claus, and found fulfillment in spending time with those he loved.

Professionally, Tom was President and CEO of the Doland company, a manufacturer's representative firm.

In retirement, Tom and Joan shared a love for birds and spent twenty years traveling the country by RV, visiting loved ones and identifying 365 of the 700 bird species found in the United States - from Alaska to Florida, New England to San Diego. Their travels were enriched by friendships with four couples Joan had known since her school days.

The Fourth of July tradition at Martha Lake has been celebrated in Joan's family since 1935, with Tom continuing the legacy by serving as host, and chief chef.

At North Creek Presbyterian Church, Tom found blessings in worship, Bible study, small groups, and Renewal Ministries. He served as a deacon, provided rides, acted as a Steven Minister, and was an avid student of scripture with a library to match. Through all these activities, Tom and Joan built lasting faith-based friendships.

During his last two years, Tom bravely faced the challenges of aging with courage, maintaining his lifelong focus on his family's comfort. He accepted support from his loved ones and caregivers without complaint, staying brave until the end.

Tom will be fondly remembered for his dedication to family, his sincere interest in people, and his kindness, generosity, and great sense of humor, all grounded in his faith and hope in Jesus Christ.

A Celebration of Life in Memory of

Joseph Thomas 'Tom' Eble

North Creek Presbyterian Church, Mill Creek, WA

Sunday, April 26, 2026, 2:00 PM

Prelude

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Military Honors

Hymn

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save
(U.S. Navy Hymn)*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31
John 14:1-6, 25-27

Message of Comfort & Hope

Eulogy

Open Sharing

A Life in Pictures

Closing Prayer

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Blessing

Jesus Loves Me (Instrumental)

Postlude

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Officiants: Rev. Dr. Kurt Helmcke, Rev. Dianna Kunce, Rev. Denise Easter

Piano Accompanist: Catherine Feller

Vocalist: Adrienne McGruder