



Thomas Lynn Sentelle

August 15, 1944 - January 10, 2026

Thomas “Tommy” Lynn Sentelle of Blacksburg, VA, died peacefully at home on Saturday, January 10, 2026, after a short illness.

Tommy is survived by his wife of 39 years, Margie Grove Sentelle, sons Tommy M. Sentelle of Blacksburg, VA, Stephen Sentelle (and wife Adrienne) of Berkeley, CA, and Yancey Strickler (and wife Jamie) of New York, NY, and grandson Koji Strickler. He is also survived by his sister, Peggy Cooper of Bristol, TN. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother-in-law Bud Cooper.

Tommy was born August 15, 1944, in San Francisco, CA, to Robert “Mac” and Marguerite Sentelle while Daddy Mac was stationed in the U.S. Coast Guard. Tommy grew up in Bristol, VA, where he developed a love for automobiles and repair. He founded The Bug Shop in Blacksburg in 1968 and was the owner/operator until 1985 when he sold the business. Later he founded Axles Etc. from which he retired in 2014.

While Tommy loved his family deeply, his greatest love was for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After becoming a believer in 1984, Tommy enjoyed sharing the love of Christ and the hope of eternity with others. Tommy loved attending church services and hearing the gospel message at his home church, Bethesda House of Mercy, Floyd, VA.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January, 17, 2026, at McCoy Funeral Home, Country Club Dr., Blacksburg, VA. The family will receive friends at 2:00 p.m., followed by the service at 3:00 p.m. McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, VA, is handling the arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Sharon Rowland lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lynn Sentelle



Sharon Rowland - January 24 at 06:58 PM

DA

“ will miss Tommy

Dave Abraham - January 22 at 02:28 PM

SR

We will miss Tommy he was a good person.

Sharon Rowland - January 23 at 06:19 PM

JJ

“ Joy, Olaf and Jessie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Lynn Sentelle.



Joy, Olaf and Jessie - January 17 at 09:18 AM

TM

“ Thomas M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lynn Sentelle.

Thomas M. - January 16 at 04:40 PM

MF

“ Mike , Rachel Robinson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lynn Sentelle.

Mike , Rachel Robinson and family - January 13 at 06:07 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Lynn Sentelle.



January 13 at 06:07 PM

BD

“ Blair Minyard (Joshua & Declan) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lynn Sentelle.

Blair Minyard (Joshua & Declan) - January 13 at 03:17 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lynn Sentelle.



January 13 at 03:17 PM

AF

“ Alexander Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Lynn Sentelle.



Alexander Family - January 12 at 07:27 PM