



Harry Thomas Bath

July 14, 1941 - August 30, 2025

Thomas Harry Bath, esteemed Fort Collins resident and proprietor of Bath Nursery and Garden Center, passed away on August 30, 2025, after a courageous struggle with leukemia. He was 84.

Growing up on a farm in Fort Morgan, CO, his passion blossomed to a love of horticulture. In 1965, with a pickup truck, a shovel, and a horticultural degree from Colorado State University, he established Bath Inc. Through his dedication to hard work and his love for plants, he built a thriving business that became a cornerstone of the Fort Collins community. Tom's passions outside business included geology, gardening, and several chihuahua's.

His interests always piqued, he was a voracious reader, never ceasing to learn and ever expanding his knowledge base. He employed thousands of people through his career, inspiring countless others and leaving a lasting legacy in Northern Colorado.

Tom was a devoted father to Spencer Bath and Sara Salzman and a proud grandfather to Salyx and Zander Bath, and Aishlin, Skye, and Caiden Salzman. His family and community will deeply miss his warmth, wisdom, and enduring commitment to the natural world and business.

Please join us at the memorial and life celebration for Tom, Friday Sept. 19th,

from 5-8pm at Bath Nursery and Garden Center. Thank you.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Open House

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Bath Garden Center and Nursery
2000 East Prospect Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525-1313

Tribute Wall

“ I know most people think of Tom Bath from the garden center, but major part of Bath Inc. is the Landscape Construction division. I was hired on an irrigation crew in 1972 after moving to the city upon the recommendation of my brother Stan who worked there as a foreman.

Tom was very knowledgeable of irrigation design and engineering and actually has his name on many of the old irrigation plans of city parks, schools, and commercial developments that were design build projects. Over the years I became a foreman and then irrigation project manager of 5 crews with many challenging projects. We did many parks, schools, apartment complexes, shopping centers, we're considered "contractor of choice" at CSU where we did many projects, HP campus, and set up many pump stations for non portable water. We enjoyed good working relationships with most commercial builders in the area . I will never forget the year our Spring project list included the Ranch county fairgrounds, Fossil Ridge Highschool, two major subdivisions Harvest Park, and Observatory Village both with multiple 11/2" water taps with multiple parks and green belts. It was hard to track all the semi's delivering pipe to these projects.

When we were doing HP Tom even started a Trencher company Co.&Wyo. Trenchers a distributor of Parsons trenchers After working with Aqua Engineering who was doing the irrigation design work for HP, CSU, both Loveland and FC school districts, and FC parks&rec.also out of country work I was offered a position on a major project in Saudi Arabia which got me into another project over there. So on my time of was able to travel through India, Sri Lanka, Nepal 3 times (3 major beautiful mt treaks) Burma, Thailand , China, Malaysia, and Indonesia. Upon returning after 2 years Tom welcomed me back.

Tom's true Love was horticulture and the expression of it can be seen in the acreage around home where he spent most of his free time working. Stone path ways wind through raised planters with perineals and annuals with blooms of every color. Water falls and ponds with coy fish, hundreds of trees of every verity creates a wonderful private forest, also a huge vegetable garden with chicken

*house. His horticultureal masterpiece.
His legacy to Fort Collins is everywhere on every major street
thousands of trees and green landscapes by Bath Inc.
Kent Hendricks*

Kent Hendricks - September 17, 2025 at 12:34 PM

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May he rest in God's eternal peace.

Lina Fletcher - September 24, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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I delighted in visiting the garden centre anytime I was in Fort Collins.

Lina Fletcher - September 24, 2025 at 09:48 AM