

LEAVING A LEGACY

Tom Jackson

Honoring the Legacy of Tom Jackson

The YMCA is stronger because of the generous gifts of time, talent, and resources from those who believe in our mission. One of the most meaningful ways we show our gratitude is by caring for and investing in the places and programs those gifts have made possible.

At Camp Bishop, we are building a small program and storage space near the Dining Hall to better support the experiences that matter most to our campers. This project honors the legacy of Tom Jackson, whose dedication helped shape the camp we know today.

Tom gave countless hours to Camp Bishop, leading improvements, rebuilding cabins, renovating the lodge and deck and leading the construction of the Caretaker's House. He believed deeply in strengthening the camp for future generations and found joy in working alongside others to do it.

After his passing in 2024, his family and community gave in his memory to carry that legacy forward. This new space reflects Tom's enduring spirit of service, generosity, and love for Camp Bishop.

In Loving Memory of Tom Jackson, from Tom Jackson's Wife and Daughters

Tom Jackson gave so much of himself to YMCA Camp Bishop. He generously donated his time, equipment, and hard-earned knowledge to strengthen a place that meant a great deal to him and his family. For more than a year, Tom worked almost every weekend rebuilding cabins and constructing the caretaker's residence; quietly and steadily improving the camp for everyone who would come after.

What Tom loved most was being shoulder-to-shoulder with the people who cared about Camp Bishop as much as he did. He treasured the early mornings, the shared laughs, the problem-solving, and the simple satisfaction of looking back at the end of a long day and knowing they had done something that mattered together. The camaraderie filled his heart—the feeling that he belonged, that his hands and his presence were part of something bigger than himself. Tom poured his whole self into the work, using skills he had taught himself and genuinely loved, and he found deep joy in helping others and seeing the camp grow stronger because of it.

Camp Bishop was more than a project to Tom; it was part of his family story. His father was one of the original Kiwanis members who helped build the camp in a single day, and Tom proudly carried that legacy forward. On the other side of the lake, Tom also helped build his family's cabin, where he spent countless weekends with his loved ones, enjoying the same place he worked so hard to care for.

After Tom's passing in 2024, our family honored his dedication and love for Camp Bishop with a \$5,000 donation; joined by others who gave in his memory; to help create the next chapter of the camp he loved. It is our hope that these gifts, like Tom's many hours of work, will continue to support Camp Bishop and reflect the spirit of generosity, service, and family that he lived by.

