



# Thomas William Calbreath

May 9, 1937 - June 8, 2021

On June 8, 2021 our family Rock passed away at home in Red Bluff after several years of dealing with prostate cancer.

Thomas, Tommy, Tom, Mr.T, Big Tom, Mr. C was born into this world May 9, 1937 on Mother's Day in Red Bluff at

Tehama County Hospital. His parents, Eldon and Florence lived in Corning where Tommy grew up with two younger

sisters, Peggy and Janet. A semi-truck driving crash killed Tom's father in 1944. Mother Flo raised the three kids from then

on and worked at Glick Olive plant. Relatives on both sides of the family also lived in Corning and helped keep an eye out.

Including Grandpa Thomas whom Tommy was named after.

A graduate of Corning Cardinals High School class of 1955. Tom rarely missed a class reunion. He really enjoyed

revisiting with the classmates from his Corning youth.

On Dec. 20, 1958 Thomas married Maria Lydia Barrera at the old Corning Catholic Church. Husband; wife for 62 1/2

years. In Dec. 1959 Thomas Jr. was born. And in May 1962 daughter Christine was born.

Big Tom was always good at fixing stuff and making things work. He learned diesel mechanics through correspondence/trade school books and on-the-job work. Moving the family from Corning to Hoopa, CA for 1 yr. then to

Red Bluff to settle in 1963. Mr. C. worked in the diesel truck industry for 44 years. Also welding, fabrication, and truck building.

When Dad wasn't working hard and putting in long hours he was a family man. Spending time at home with wife & their

children. To sporting events; activities, hiking Lassen Park, camping at the ocean or mountains, to Disneyland, family

dirt bike riding at the Honda Hills back in the day! And later, time with grandkids and motorhome trips. Also known as

Grandpa and Uncle Tom, Mr. T also enjoyed some golf, cross country skiing, tennis, short

runs, bicycling and watching

old movies, 49er games, Warriors, S.F. Giants, and reading old western stories; books.

but, Big Tom's other biggest getaway freedom time was a ride on his Harley Davidson.

Since his teens, Tom had an interest in scooters, a Norton, then in

1957 bought his first big twin H.D.

Going forward, Dad always had a Hog or another road bike so when time did permit, he

could take a day ride or weekend

road trips and rally runs to destinations afar

with friends; family. His last Harley owned for 23 yrs he rode over 116,000 miles on. After

64 years of highway riding joy,

Thomas is now cruising Harley Heaven and getting reacquainted with many old friends;

relatives with smiles and open

arms. Ride on in spirit, Dad.

Tom is predeceased by parents Eldon Calbreath; Florence Brock Calbreath Stoops, step-father Dale Stoops, sister

Margaret (Peggy) Brignone; brother in law Dewey Brignone, brother-in-law Terry Snow; granddaughter Elizabeth Calbreath.

Survived by wife of 62 1/2 yrs. Lydia Barrera Calbreath, son Thomas Jr. (Ruth), daughter Chris Calbreath (Gary Whatley),

sister Janet Snow, grandkids Kyle, Adrienne (Steve), Bruce (Amelia), Brianna, Michael Staton, great-grandkids Bruce

Buckle III, Lorraine Buckle, Jeremiah; Taylor Staton, uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by nephew

Stephen Barrera 1979.

There will be a memorial gathering on Oct. 9th 2 pm at Red Bluff Veterans Hall. Thank you; welcome to you all who knew

Thomas throughout the years. Ride safe. Please also see [hallbrothersmortuary.com](http://hallbrothersmortuary.com)

# Events

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**OCT**   **Memorial Gathering**   02:00PM

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Veterans Memorial Hall

735 Oak St., Red Bluff, CA, US, 96080

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