



## Robert L. "Bob" Tomlinson, Sr.

October 28, 1926 - July 17, 2019

Robert L. "Bob" Tomlinson, Sr. died peacefully at home on July 17, 2019

Bob was born in San Francisco in the month of October 1926 and was a 3rd generation San Francisco. Bob proudly served his country by enlisting in the United States Navy the day before his 18th birthday and serving on the USS Yellowstone as a Radio Operator 3rd Class. Receiving his honorable discharge in Boston, Dad hitchhiked back home to San Francisco. Dad said he became a man during his service and learned his place in the world.

Upon leaving the Navy, Bob attended and played basketball at San Francisco City College. It was during this time Bob met his soon-to-be-wife, (Barbara Tomlinson). Eventually transferring to Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and still playing basketball.

After graduating from Cal Poly in 1953, Bob began his teaching and coaching career at McCloud High School. McCloud holds a special place in the Tomlinson family, with three of the five children born there.

In 1959, wanting to provide more "exposure " to the world, Dad accepted a teaching position at Corning Union High School. During Dad's career as a school teacher/administrator/Athletic Director, he was always involved with sports. Whether coaching basketball, football, tennis, etc., Dad was an ever-

present figure at just about every school function. In addition to his school responsibilities, Dad always had a interesting work during the summer months. Pulling green chain at McCloud Lumber Mill, cooking for the Forest Service, bar tending and building houses were just a few of the jobs he held.

Over the years, Bob was also an active volunteer with the American Legion, the Corning Lions Club and the Corning Volunteer Fire Department(over 30 years). Dad also coached his only son through Little League and Senior League and was always a positive role model.

Upon retirement, Dad and Mom enjoyed travel to Mexico, as well as spending summers in Noyo Harbor at Fort Bragg for fishing.

Bob was pre-deceased by his wife of 56 years Barbara "Beau" Tomlinson in 2007. Bob is survived by his 5 children (Laura, Mimi, Susan, Leslie, Tom), their spouses, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. His family would like to thank all the friends, acquaintances, co-workers, former students, caregivers, and those he worked beside in the community for the love, support and fond memories.

No services are planned at this time. For those individuals who would like to make a donation, Dad requested your consideration of the Corning Volunteer Fire Department, 841 5th Street, Corning, Ca 96021

# Tribute Wall

WW

“ I loved Mr. Tomlinson. He was one of my favorite teachers. He was a great man and respectful to his students. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Wanda (Mattis) Webster - July 27, 2019 at 10:44 PM

KM

I loved Mr T , he was always smiling and made classes fun . He will be missed.

Kristi Lee Meeder - September 09, 2022 at 04:49 PM

JT

“ Mr. T. has always had my respect. He was in charge without being threatening. He really cared and used that to be someone I could look up to. I know the community will miss him. His family and friends are in my prayers. Know that he was/is respected my many.

Jim Thompson - July 27, 2019 at 02:42 AM

AF

“ Those of us that attended Corning High during the time Mr. T was there are truly very lucky. He was stern when stern was needed, he was supportive when our teen lives were difficult, he would laugh with us when we were having fun. Most importantly he was our friend, during our high school years and after. Whenever I saw him he always said "Hi Ad" and gave me a hug and asked how my family was. Hugs and prayers to Laura, Mimi, Susan, Leslie and Tom and all your families. -Adrienne Goetsch Frost

Adrienne Frost - July 26, 2019 at 08:07 PM

KM

“ *Mr T was one of my favorite teacher along with being my school bis driver. I have thought of him over the years, what a great man and teacher. Katherine Musser*

Katherine Musser - July 26, 2019 at 05:47 PM

LS

“ *Mr Tomlinson was my freshmen science teacher he was a great teacher fair but strick. I want to say my sincere condolences to Mr Tomlinsons family may God hold y'all in his loving embrace an bring some comfort too ya.*

linda (Ellis) Spencer - July 26, 2019 at 07:18 AM

RB

“ *All 5 of mine, loved and respected Mr. T. He had a kindness about him that left all of them with great memories. Rosalie Buchanan*

Rosalie Buchanan - July 26, 2019 at 12:42 AM

CB

“ *RIP Mr T... Thanks for giving all of us the great memories of a great teacher, VP, and friend! You had all of our backs back in the good ol' days of high school. We know how lucky we were! And always a pleasure to see you in the years that followed. My heartfelt condolences to your wonderful family.*

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“UGLY” 

Cindy Barrett - July 25, 2019 at 06:43 PM



Becky Hill

“ One of my favorite people!! Rest in peace Mr T.  
When I was a senior every Friday Chris Hill would pick me up at lunch and take me to 3-J's. Mr T always caught me and always threatened to tell my dad, But her never did because I always came back after lunch!! Loved him when I was a kid and Loved him as an adult. Being a fireman's daughter you were his family. Heaven will never be the same.

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**Becky Hill** - July 25, 2019 at 04:52 PM



CA

“ What a wonderful man he was. I can remember coming in to highschool, he said are you anything like your siblings. I said no! It was a great 4 years with him.

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**Carleen** - July 25, 2019 at 03:31 PM