



Thomas Earl Beach

February 14, 1948 - July 12, 2023

Thomas Earl Beach, 75, gained his angel wings and left us to be with the lord on July 12, 2023, in Tulare, California, surrounded by family. Tom was born the youngest of twelve children to Robert J. and Margaret G. (Mahon) Beach on February 14, 1948, in Watertown, New York.

At 16, Tom met the love of his life Beverly Kalk at a High School dance, who just a couple of years later would become his beloved spouse of 55 years. They married on April 7, 1966, and lived in Watertown, NY, until 1974, when they moved to California, where they raised their three kids, Tammy, Sherry, and Thomas.

Tom was a welder for 40 years working for local shops at the beginning of his career, and eventually opened and operated Tom Beach's Portable Welding. During his lifetime, Tom enjoyed camping at the coast, trips back home to Watertown, NY, to visit family, hunting, fishing, collecting antiques, restoring old cars, playing cards, playing the spoons, and dancing to good old rock and roll music.

Tom leaves a legacy of loving friends and family. He is survived by his daughter Tammy (David) Barrios, Son Thomas (Amber) Beach, Brother Art Beach (Ohio), Sisters: Joan Montondo, Joyce Buetel, Ruth Countryman, and Sandy Roberts (New York). Eight Grandchildren: Michelle Barrios, Breanna

Barrios, Ariel Barrios, Megan (Jared) Jones, Steven (Jessica) Wasse, Bailey (Michael) Avila-Beach, Dylan Beach, and Cooper Beach. As well as three great-grandchildren: Kinsley Wasse, Carson Wasse, Laine Jones, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Margaret Beach; his Beloved wife Beverly (Kalk) Beach; Daughter Sherry (Eric) Wasse; Granddaughter Brittany Barrios; brothers: Garry "Huck," Robert "Poncho" and Donny Beach, and sister Nancy Thomas.

A Funeral service in memory of Thomas will be held July 28, 2023, at Salser and Dillard from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Reception to follow.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Funeral

JUL **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Earl Beach*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - July 26, 2023 at 06:41 PM

DD

“ *Great man that I looked up to, had the honor to ride with him and Tommy to jobs and help with what we could. Sadly didn't spend enough time keeping our relationship alive but my heart grieves with the family for another great man gone. Miss ya Tom*

David Dorman - July 31, 2023 at 08:21 AM

JC

“ *JOAN CARTER lit a candle in memory of Thomas Beach*



JOAN marie CARTER - July 30, 2023 at 07:14 PM

AB

“ I joined the beach family almost 30 years ago Tom welcomed me with open arms and always made me feel part of the family. From pinochle matches between me and Beth and Tom and Tommy to backyard games and poker, he was an enthusiastic host. The holidays were amazing! Family was so important to Tom, he and Bev were incredibly giving hosts and opened their home to one and all. My greatest memories are of when Rock and roll Oldies were played...which was often! Tom's energy would fill the room and it was infectious starting with a foot tap, to an Arm wave, rocking in the chair and then handing off the next verse with a "Take it!" Tom will be missed greatly. I will forever be thankful of the memories made with him.



amber beach - July 28, 2023 at 11:13 AM

KP

“ *Small in stature but big in heart. Uncle Tom was truly one of a kind. Always the first person in a crowded room to give up his chair. Always the first to tell a joke that would bring the entire room down laughing. Always there to lend a helping hand if something was needed. A natural born entertainer. Him and Aunt B loved to host and entertain the family for most family gatherings. From Thanksgiving feasts to near death experiences on the Fourth of July (thanks to Uncle T's love of the "fun" fireworks) everyone always was well taken care of and welcomed into their home. His love of music was something that was instilled in us at a young age and still to this day if the song Old Time Rock and Roll by Bob Segar comes on the radio...I think of Uncle T. Classic cars were a staple that I will always remember him by. That and his award winning smile of course! It definitely lit up the room! We will miss him dearly but I am comforted to know his legacy will continue to live on through my cousins and their kids...and their kids...for generations to come. Love you Uncle T. Rest in peace and please say hello to my dad and Aunt B at your next round of cards.*

Love ya - Kimberley

Kimberley Pryor-DeShazo - July 26, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Earl Beach.*

July 26, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Beach.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Earl Beach.

July 25, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Beach.*



July 25, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Beach.*



July 25, 2023 at 02:33 PM

RF

“ Dear family of Thomas, our memory with thom and Beverly are: we always felt welcome for koffie. And with Christmas we had great dinners. They were both very hospitable. If we are in Visalia we miss that very much. Our condolences to all their family and friends. Greetings from Holland familie Wasse and Fledderus

Renate Fledderus - July 25, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ My Grandpa, Tom Beach, was a massive presence in my family for such a small-statured man. He had a booming voice, a rebellious spirit, an infectious laugh, and a heart of gold. His family was everything to him and my grandma, and they showed up for everything, big or small. His jokes, love for music, poker games, antiques, and old cars are some of my favorite memories, but it's the one-on-one time I got to have with him that I'll miss the most.

I know he is at peace now with my grandma, my sister Brittany, his brothers, and many other family members (I bet the games in Heaven are so much fun). But the ones he left behind will live in a slightly darker world now that he is gone. I love you and miss you, Grandpa; you will forever be in my heart <3

It was my honor to be the first to call you GRANDPA.

-Michelle



Michelle Barrios - July 25, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Earl Beach*.



July 25, 2023 at 01:33 AM