



## Thomas J. Byl

February 8, 1927 - December 8, 2016

Thomas Byl passed away peacefully early December the 8th after being surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Tom was a resident of Tulare County for over 58 years. He was born in Vlaardingen, the Netherlands. When he was 24 years old he immigrated to the United States and after one year in Delaware, he relocated to Hanford, CA where he met his bride, Grace Duyst. Tom spent his life as a dairyman. In 1958 he established the Tom Byl Dairy in Visalia, CA, later moved to Tulare, CA. His involvement in the dairy industry included service on several boards and organizations including Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Tulare Co. Dairy Princess Committee and California Milk Advisory Board. He was a founding father and charter member of Visalia Christian Reformed Church. Tom is survived by a brother, Nicholaas Bijl, sisters, Lenie Sonneveld and Dika de Bloois, his wife Grace, son Tom Jr. (wife Helen) daughters Kathleen (husband John), Cheryl and Susanne (husband Ed), his 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held at Visalia Christian Reformed Church, 1030 S. Linwood St., Visalia, CA at 11:00 am, Friday, 12/16/16.

# Cemetery Details

## Tulare District Cemetery

900 E. Kern Ave  
Visalia, CA 93274

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 635-1144  
info@salseranddillard.com  
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

## Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (PT)

Visalia First Christian Reformed Church  
1030 S Linwood St,  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 625-0444  
info@visaliacrc.com  
<http://visaliacrc.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Tom was a great husband, father, and role model for others. A positive influence to all who had the pleasure to meet him.

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**Thomas Vermeulen** - February 19 at 07:12 PM

JF

“ John DeBloois And Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Byl



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**John deBloois and Family** - December 13, 2016 at 04:06 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking of you during this time & holidays.  
Love, Ken & Kathy Rowley

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**Ken Rowley** - December 13, 2016 at 02:45 PM

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“ Jen lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Byl



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**Jen** - December 10, 2016 at 11:54 PM