



Thomas Patrick Daly

February 28, 1937 - December 29, 2025

Thomas Patrick Daly, age 88, passed away on December 29, 2025, in Visalia, California. He was born on March 31, 1937, in Tomsallagh, Enniscorthy, County Wexford, Ireland, a place that remained an important part of his identity throughout his life.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Eileen Daly, to whom he was married for 51 years.

He was a devoted father to his children, Ann Daly Leahy (Garrett) and Sean Daly (Rochelle), and the proud "Pop Pop" (grandfather) to Jack Daly, his only grandson, who brought him immense joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mary Ann Daly, and by his siblings: Sister Mary Rosario Daly, Lar Daly (Lizzie), and Anne Greene (John).

He is also survived by his loving siblings: Hilary Reck (Johnny), Peter Daly (Mary), Bill Daly (Emily), and Margaret Daly.

Tom was also the beloved uncle to countless nieces and nephews in Ireland and America, and he proudly served as Godfather to fifteen children, a role he cherished deeply.

Tom was a man of unwavering faith and a devoted member of the Catholic Church. Though small in stature and still speaking with his thick Irish accent, after all these years, he was known for having never met a stranger. He truly embodied how Jesus calls us to treat others, with kindness, humility, and love. Tom would sit with strangers in hospitals to pray with them, attend funerals for people he had never met, and was widely regarded as one of the nicest men anyone had ever known. A man of profound faith, Tom attended church every day after retirement, and his devotion inspired everyone who knew him.

Tom was a voracious reader with a lifelong thirst for knowledge. There was rarely a topic he could not thoughtfully discuss or passionately debate. His curiosity and intellect were defining traits, and his love of learning never faded.

Tom was also an accomplished athlete, particularly in the Gaelic sport of hurling. He proudly represented County Wexford, wearing the purple and gold with great pride. In recognition of his achievements and dedication to the sport, he was inducted into the Gaelic Athletic Association and Wexford Old Gaelic Community Hall of Fame in 2015.

He founded Daly's Lawn and Yard Service, a business he operated for 45 years. Many of his clients became lifelong friends, and to countless children he was affectionately known as "Lawnmower Tom."

Tom was lovingly known as "Pop Pop" to his grandson, Jack, with whom he shared an extraordinary bond. They spoke on the phone multiple times a day, right up until the day Tom passed away, a relationship filled with love, laughter, and constant encouragement. As proud as he was of his children, Ann and Sean, Tom took immense pride in the young man Jack was becoming and in all of his accomplishments.

Pop Pop delighted in hearing about Jack's life, especially which girls he might be talking to, and never missed an opportunity to remind him that he carried the "Daly gene," joking that he would have to spend the rest of his life being

chased by women. Tom was equally proud of Jack's choices, athletic, academic, and most importantly, his decision to follow Jesus Christ. Their relationship was marked by affection, humor, and a deep, abiding love that will forever be cherished.

Tom's remarkable life will be remembered for his unwavering faith, boundless kindness, and love for family. He touched the lives of all who knew him, whether as a devoted husband and father, a proud grandfather, a friend, or a neighbor. In honoring his memory, we are reminded to stay close to God, trusting that He is always in control. We can carry Tom's spirit forward by sharing a smile, offering a kind word, and taking the time to say, "How are you doing?" His devotion to God, his family, and the people around him leaves a legacy that will continue to inspire, and he will be deeply missed, fondly remembered, and forever cherished.

Rosary will be held 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friday, January 30th, 2026 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 608 N. Church Street, Visalia. Memorial Mass services will be held 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Saturday, January 31st, 2026 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 5049 W Caldwell, Visalia. Inurnment will be held 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday, January 31st, 2026 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to St. Charles Building Fund or George McCann Catholic School.

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

Cemetery Details

St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

5049 W Caldwell
Visalia, CA 93277

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Memorial Mass

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
5049 W Caldwell
Visalia, CA 93277

Burial

JAN 31. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
5049 W Caldwell
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Mobile webcast of Services being provided as listed:*

-Rosary on Friday January 30th at 6pm from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

-Mass on Saturday January 31st at 10am from St. Charles Catholic Church.

-Committal on Saturday January 31st at 11am from St. Charles Columbarium.

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Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapels - January 27 at 12:14 PM

JG

“ *John and Marie Guzman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Patrick Daly.*



John and Marie Guzman - January 30 at 07:55 PM

JG

“ *John and Marie Guzman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Patrick Daly.*

John and Marie Guzman - January 30 at 07:55 PM

DO

“ Tom Daly should be canonized a saint , he was kind , generous to a fault ,great listener , thoughtful, someone definitely worth emulating. and what a husband , father, and grandfather , we will never forget that wonderful Irish smile . God bless the entire Daly clan for the loss of its patriarch ! The Dougherty’s

Dougherty’s - January 30 at 11:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick Daly.



January 29 at 10:54 AM

SR

“ Silvia, Ed, Suzy, and Michael Rico planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Patrick Daly.

Silvia, Ed, Suzy, and Michael Rico - January 29 at 10:54 AM

MF

“ Margaret & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Patrick Daly.

Margaret & Family - January 29 at 10:40 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick Daly.*



January 29 at 10:40 AM



“ *John A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Patrick Daly.*

John A. - January 29 at 09:36 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick Daly.*



January 29 at 06:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick Daly.*



January 28 at 04:33 PM

PC

“ We will always remember Tom for his beautiful smile and his gentle, loving heart. No matter what was going on, he always made time to stop, say hello, and truly care about how we were doing. He never rushed through a conversation — when you spoke with him, you felt seen and heard. His eyes and his smile showed the love of God that he shared so naturally with everyone around him.
He will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Love Patty and Tom Call

Patty Call - January 27 at 08:55 PM

TF

“ The Jacquez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Patrick Daly.

The Jacquez Family - January 27 at 06:25 PM

TF

“ The Jacquez Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Patrick Daly.



The Jacquez Family - January 27 at 06:25 PM

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“ The Seals Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Patrick Daly.

The Seals Family - January 27 at 05:43 PM

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“ *The Seals Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Patrick Daly.*



The Seals Family - January 27 at 05:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick Daly.*



January 27 at 12:47 PM

BD

“ *It is true the world was a better place because Uncle Tom was gentle, kind and loving man. He was so many things to many people, but to me he was my Uncle Tom. Though miles and time zones separate us, it always felt like he was beside me when we spoke. He was reassuring and wise when I lived in Rochester, New York. He was full of laughter when he heard stories about me children. During my recent illness, his sharing of his deep faith and the many many prayers said for me were so very helpful and he always offered hope. He started ever call with " Hello, Miss Brigid" and ended each with " I love you". Those were the last words he said to me, I will truly miss his voice but know he is just as near now and continues to love us all.*

Brigid Dunpy. - January 26 at 07:02 AM

BD

“ My Uncle Tom was a kind-hearted man who always saw the beauty in everyone and remained optimistic about everything. He was undoubtedly along with my parents, my biggest fan during my little league and high school baseball games, cheering me on with unwavering support regardless of how I played. Throughout my high school and college years, my brother and I had the privilege of working for him every summer and Christmas break. We always showed up late and left early but he bought us donuts anyway. I will always be grateful for the lessons learned and the time spent together. My first car was his old 1978 Ford Courier, that I think I bought with sweat equity from him, leaked more oil than it burned gas and lacked air conditioning, but had an AM radio so we could listen to the horse races between jobs. That old truck still holds a special place in my heart. Lastly, although Uncle Tom was a die-hard Giants fan, I like to think he secretly enjoyed seeing the Dodgers win the last two World Series.

Bill "Billy" Daly - January 16 at 06:44 PM

BC

“ Thomas (I called him St. Thomas) was one of the kindest men I have ever met. I worked with his wife Eileen, and heard what a kind man he was. I know he was a man of God, as he lived his life in such a manner as the scriptures tell us to live. Hw prayed for me many times through my many surgeries. He believed His Lord could help people through all issues. What a precious example for all of us. I am sure he is talking face to face with his Lord and Savior. He will be missed.

Beverly Coffman - January 12 at 03:24 PM

DW

“ We have lost a wonderful caring gentleman and from my standpoint a dear friend. I remember the first time I met Tom. He started talking to me like we had known each other for years. I had difficulty with the Irish brogue but as time went on I actually looked forward to hearing that unique accent. He will be missed by all who knew him. May God be with him.
Dennis Williams

Dennis Williams - January 12 at 10:06 AM

MB

“ Tom was one of the kindest men I've ever known. I got to know him well at our CPBC breakfast meetings. He was always there early to help set up for the breakfast and he remained well after the meeting was over to wish all attendees goodbye and to clean up. He was truly a good man and he will be missed by all those who knew him and loved him.

Mick Bishop - January 11 at 11:02 AM

GV

“ My daughter Michelle Vierra Daly was married to Tom Dalys nephew Bill Daly.
Tom Daly was kind, loving and caring and truly interested in me and my family.
Tom, like all Irish born work long hours and work hard everyday for what's most important, their family.
I'm extremely blessed to have been part of the Daly family. They helped me carry on the memory of my old Irish father who also emigrated from Ireland when he was a boy in the 1920s.
Tom's accent reminded me of my Dad. I loved listening to Tom and he listened to me too as I'd reminisce about my childhood when I missed seeing my father.
The Daly family are my shining stars and I will forever cherish all of them for as long as I live.
RIP Tom and "God love ya" like my Daddy told me every time our visit ended.
Sincerely,
Genevieve (Ginger McGuckin) Vierra formerly from Visalia California

Genevieve Vierra - January 10 at 05:39 PM

LH

“ My husband Larry and I lived next door to Tom and Eileen on Paradise. Such a lovely man. When Larry and I were planning to go to Ireland in 2004, he gave us a lot of pointers of what to see. And Eileen lent me her raincoat. We were so impressed with Ireland, that we went back in 2006. RIP Tom, you've earned it.

Lisa Blackmon Hawkins - January 09 at 09:28 AM

AS

“ *Humanity lost a good one. Tom was a gentle and caring man always looking to serve his fellow man. He would check on my aging parents who lived across the street from he and Eileen and I will always be grateful to them. My mom and dad are together again with Tom in heaven. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ so you can see Tom too. Comfort one another with these words.*
Alan and Sarah Sproles

Alan Sproles - January 08 at 09:28 PM