



Thomas Pena Galindo

September 12, 1951 - January 27, 2022

Thomas Pena Galindo, 70 of Visalia, California died on January 27, 2022 while hospitalized in Hanford. Thomas was born to Jose Galindo and Josefa Pena on September 12, 1951 in RobbsTown, Texas.

When Thomas was five years old his family, consisting of 9 children, relocated to Visalia in a 1949 Ford where his mother had family. Thomas' father, a World War 2 veteran, struggled after returning to civilian life which led his mother to making hard decisions and routinely providing for the family. Thomas always spoke highly of his mother admiring her work ethics and positive attitude while often facing adversity. Thomas, being the youngest of 5 boys, often looked to his older brothers for guidance and wisdom. As time went on he became rebellious and mischievous and often found discipline instead. Thomas found it easier to relate to his youngest sister Emma who was closer to his age and was as mischievous as he was. Thomas told a story of when the two had a sweet tooth and found the only sweets in the house, a box of powdered sugar. The two hid in a closet and ate the entire contents, leading to diarrhea and more trouble.

While attending Redwood High School, Thomas met and fell in love with his future wife, Julia Marlene Hedrick who was 2 years younger than him. Tom and Julie were wed on April 16, 1971. Thomas worked as a delivery driver for Wasnick Brothers Dairy Supply Company for approximately 25 years.

Thomas enjoyed his family and the time spent with them. He was a loving and caring man. He loved animals and always had a pet to love and care for. He would go out of his way to help the ones he loved.

Thomas is survived by his two children, Joe Galindo (Kim) and Renee Neal (Chad), 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, his brother and 4 sisters.

Thomas will truly be missed by all.

Viewing will be held 9 AM Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will be held 10 AM - 11:30 AM Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be held 12 PM Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia. Reception services will be held 1 PM Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at Residence, 12557 Marlin Ave, Visalia.

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

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 9. 9:00 AM (PT)

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

Funeral

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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

Graveside

FEB 9. 12:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Reception

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

Residence
33165 Road 156
Ivanhoe, CA 93235

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Pena Galindo*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 09, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Pena Galindo*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 09, 2022 at 10:07 AM

AL

“ A little late on hearing of Papa Tom going to those golden gates to meet his love. Just want to tell the family Nae and uncle Joe I still think of u guys all the time and I still consider u guys my family. Sending my love and condolences your guys way. Papa popped in my head as I was trying to go to sleep and so I searched his name and his obituary came up. I love the song you guys chose for his pictures. They loved Cher and I remember papa had a cassette tape in his truck and he had his own side of the tape and the other side was grandma Julie's side and it was full of cher songs so it fits perfectly ❤️ papa and grandma took me under Thier wing as Thier grand daughter even though I am in no way related and I am forever grateful for the love they showed me through my childhood. I have never and will never forget all the time I spent with them. I even remember Thier house phone number still. Papa was one of the greatest men I ever had the pleasure of knowing and I'll always remember his goofy personality. My heart bursts with joy because he is with his biggest love now in heaven. I love u papa give grandma loves for me up there.

Alisha Lujan - October 15, 2022 at 02:00 AM

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*Hi Peanut!
Thank you for the wonderful words and memories you have shared about Pappa, my Daddy. I miss him and my Momma so much! I do find comfort in knowing they are together again. I will always have them with me in my heart and memories.
Thank you again.
I love you,
Nay*

Renee Neal - June 01, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JO

“ *My Uncle Tommy always had smile or snicker to share. He used to come over to play Gin Rummy & Loteria, man we had fun. And fond memories of going to Three Rivers for picnics and swimming. What I'll remember most was his love for Aunt Julie. Love you Uncle Tommy, we'll miss you.*

*A donation has been made in Uncle Tommy's name to the Sequoia Riverlands Trust,
from Maria Galindo and family.*

Josie (Contreras) Pribbenow

Josie - February 09, 2022 at 07:47 PM