



## Thomas Edward Price Sr.

April 2, 1940 - June 26, 2014

Thomas Price, who died at age 74, was a selfless husband to his wife Cindy for 36 years, the immovable rock of support for his sons Thomas and Robert and daughters Rhonda and Gina and an early-rising, hardworking stalwart at Clark Pest Control for more than four decades

He was born April 2, 1940 in Hartshorne, Oklahoma to his mother Ruth and father Elmer. He grew up in Boron, California with his brother Elmer and sister Willa. He helped build the house his family lived in. He was a stellar three-sport athlete at Desert High, where he graduated in 1958. He would marry young, and have two beautiful daughters — Rhonda and Gina.

He began working at Clark Pest Control in the 60s and it was the company he would devote nearly the rest of his life to.

In 1978, he met his second wife, Cindy, and they were a perfect match. Thomas and Cindy raised two sons — Thomas and Robert. They made Visalia their home in 1980 and would never call another place home.

Thomas was always upbeat. He was an avid Dodger fan who, even if they were losing late in the game, always knew they were going to come back; if he lost a couple hundred dollars playing slots he knew he was just one tug away on the machine from making it all right; and when disease ravaged his

lungs and arthritis crippled his joints, he always said “Oh, I will be alright.” Even when he couldn’t physically lend support he would light up a room with his trademark laugh. Simply, he never wanted those who relied on him to worry.

Most people who knew Thomas have an outrageous story. There are stories of him lifting refrigerators on his back, showing up to work at 4 a.m. to tidy up the office everyday, crawling under houses looking for snakes and climbing onto ladders and insisting on continuing to do household chores when his body had betrayed him to a point that most people wouldn’t be able to get out of bed.

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Our Papa Bear.

# Cemetery Details

## Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.  
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# Previous Events

## Graveside

JUL 3. 9:30 AM (PT)

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