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Tommy "Tom" Roy Hensley



Nov. 20, 1936 - Jan. 10, 2024

Tommy "Tom" Roy Hensley, cherished husband, loving father and grandfather passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Jan. 10.

Born on Nov. 20, 1936, in Seminole, Oklahoma, Tom was a beacon of strength and kindness in his community.

Tom's journey of service began with active duty in the United States Navy from 1958 to 1962, a period that shaped much of his character and instilled in him a sense of discipline and commitment.

Following his service, he pursued and obtained a degree in Electrical Engineering from Oregon State University. His academic achievements led him to a fulfilling career with the U.S. Forest Service.

In 1978, Tom helped his wife, Carolie, fulfill her dream of opening a quilt shop in Lafayette, CA. Through hard work and dedication together, they opened The Cotton Patch. After retiring from the Forest Service, they co-founded C&T Publishing. Both companies are still in business today.

Tom loved to play golf and to fish. He was an excellent bridge player. He liked tending to his garden and fruit trees. A dedicated sports fan, he loved the Forty-Niners

and Giants. His all-time favorite fan activity was attending his grandkids' football, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and basketball games.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Carolie, sons, Tony and Todd, daughters-in-law, Julie and Jennifer, and adored grandchildren Tom, Mark, Will and Emily. His life was a testament to his ability to balance a successful career, a vibrant personal life, and a deep commitment to his family and community.

Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of Tom's life on Friday, Feb. 2 at 1-4 p.m. at Creekside Club Room, 1010 Golden Rain Road (Rossmoor), Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

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