



Tom Snow

October 26, 1933 - April 3, 2024

The service for Tom Snow will be live-streamed on Saturday

Thomas Marion Snow passed away peacefully at home on April 3, 2024, surrounded by his family. Born October 26, 1933, in Terrell, Texas, he was preceded in death by his parents Hazel Bowen Snow and M.C. Snow.

Tom led an extraordinary life full of unique experiences and accomplishments. His early years were filled with great athletic success in multiple sports but manifested in his baseball skills. His dominance as a slugger led him to a full scholarship to The University of Texas, one of the major turning points in his life. While at UT Austin he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and the Texas Cowboys, an honorary service organization, and met Alison McElhone, the mother of his four children. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and continued his athletic prowess playing semiprofessional baseball for the Alpine Cowboys and the San Jose Red Sox.

Tom then joined the US Army, where he jokingly said, "I just played baseball!".

After an honorable discharge, he returned to UT Austin to pursue a law degree, and helped coach both the varsity and freshman baseball teams.

After graduating from law school, he briefly practiced in Pampa, Texas, before returning to his hometown of Terrell, where he became a pillar of the community. Tom provided his calm and measured guidance as an attorney, Chairman of the Board of Terrell State Bank, member of the Terrell School Board, and lifelong member of First United Methodist Church of Terrell.

In 1992, he married Rose Belcher Wesson, and together they embarked on a life of adventure and family togetherness. They loved traveling the world, whether it was on Edelweiss Tours with their close friends the “Viccers”, or leading European vacations with kids and grandkids. They embarked on over 45 cruises to all parts of the world and enjoyed 25 years of family trips to South Padre Island. Precious memories were created for all involved.

Of all his accomplishments, he cherished his role of “PawPaw” to his adoring grandchildren the most. He enriched their lives, broadened their horizons, and set an example of integrity, courage and living life to the highest principles.

Tom was preceded in death by his son Randy Snow, daughter Rebecca Snow Rangel and granddaughter Paige Ann Wesson. He is survived by his wife Rose Belcher Snow, his daughters Jenny Sperry (David), Molly Akin (Craig), stepson Brad Wesson (Lee) and grandchildren Hali Sperry (Taylor and son Bennett), Joseph Sperry, Raye Forsythe (Dane), Miko Rangel, Daniel Rangel, Kara Rangel, Jenna Wesson, Cade Wesson, Claire Gunder and Chloe Gunder.

He will forever be known as a diehard Texas Longhorn fan, World War II aficionado and lover of dogs (for whom he always had treats in his pocket).

His dry sense of humor, quick wit, wise perspective, calm presence, and easy-going approach to life will be missed by all.

A Celebration of his life will be at 11:00am, Saturday, April 13, 2024 at First United Methodist Church in Terrell. A time of gathering will be held 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Friday, April 12, at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests that, in honor of Tom, memorials be made to the Terrell Heritage Museum, 207 N. Frances, Terrell, TX, 75160 or at www.terrellheritage.org.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

APR **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Celebration of Life

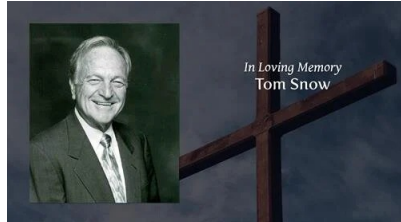
APR **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
503 W. College St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



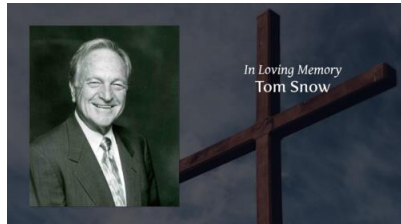
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Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 13, 2024 at 01:37 PM



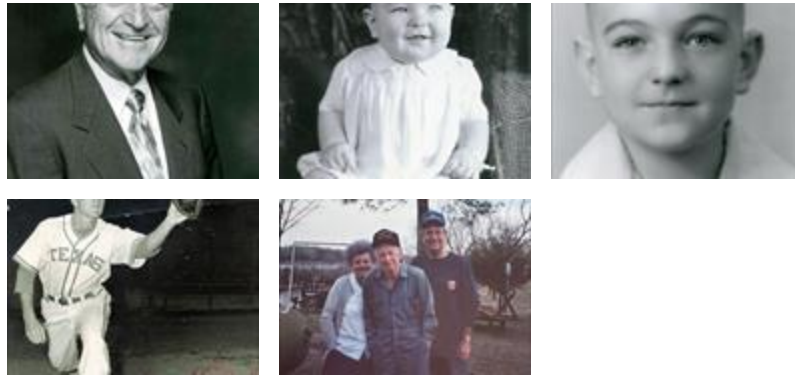
“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Tom Snow* ”



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 12, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ 207 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - May 06, 2024 at 03:01 PM

KC

“ What a sad loss, but what wonderful memories I will always have of Tom. He grew up with my parents, Anita Davis and Bubba Hestes, and lived down the street of my grandmother, Arlie Davis. I remember learning to roller skate and ride a bicycle on the sidewalks of Elm Drive, by his house. As an adult, I cherished the family pictures on his Christmas cards. Even after retiring, he was never too busy to answer a quick legal question for me, and we traded tacky jokes on email!. I loved his humor. It will not be the same to drive down Elm Drive again. My heart goes out to you, Rose. Fondly, Kathy Hestes Caletka

Kathy Caletka - April 14, 2024 at 04:41 PM

RS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Tom Smow. He was on the TISD Board of Trustees when I worked at Terrell ISD. He was a great man and I will miss visiting with him. Prayers to his family and many friends!



Ronnie Smith - April 12, 2024 at 11:42 PM

JK

“ On March 2014, Beijing, China we were entering the hotel dining room for breakfast when I looked up and saw a tall man with a Texas cap on. I then gave the sign signal and said "Hookum." That brought a smile and laughter. The beginning of our friendship. We were in Beijing for three days prior to getting on the ship for our cruise of Asia and enjoyed their friendship every day.

Luckily, we were on most all the same tours and ended up being together every evening with another couple from Canada. After the cruise was over, we said our good-byes and returned home to Florida. Our relationship did not stop there. We were communicating by phone; Rose and Tom came to our home for a visit. How can you only know someone for a short period of time and feel as if you have known them for many years? They became "Precious Rose of Texas" and "Mr. Tom."

Yes, everything that has been written about our "Mr. Tom" is very true. The smile, laugh, dry humor and easy to be with. That was our "Mr. Tom." Although we were planning another visit with us, God had other plans. He had loaned his son to us for 90 years and he wanted Tom to come home. Thank you God for having let us know and love our "Mr. Tom".

*Jackie and John Kelly
Jacksonville, Florida*

Jackie Kelly - April 12, 2024 at 08:02 PM

DL

“ Ever since we moved to the Brin Building in 2021, James and I enjoyed our visits with Tom. He was always ready to talk about sports, law, and travel. He was generous with his time, and always had great stories. He will always be remembered as a devoted family man who loved to travel, especially to South Padre Island. He is a role model for living life well.
David Lewis

David Lewis - April 12, 2024 at 05:08 PM

LW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Bob and I had the pleasure of meeting Tom and Rose at the wedding of Dane and Raye. We will cherish our memories of him.

Linda Forsythe Wheeler - April 12, 2024 at 05:02 PM

LW

“ Linda W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Snow.

Linda W. - April 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM

BW

“ Tom Snow was and will continue to be a Terrell Icon.
A smart guy with a great sense of humor and grace.

Well done Tom !

Bruce and Susie Wood

Bruce Wood - April 11, 2024 at 09:57 PM

BD

A beautiful memorial for a Terrell iconnow the great Reward & reunion 🙏🙏❤️

Beverly Dudley - April 13, 2024 at 01:06 PM

LI

“ *Tom was one of the finest men in Terrell. He meant so much to the Tankersley family, especially to my daddy Charles. With love and gratitude, Liz*



Liz - April 11, 2024 at 05:51 PM

KG

“ *Kate Mike Laurie and Greg purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tom Snow.*



Kate Mike Laurie and Greg - April 11, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JJ

“ *Jenna, Cade, and Jill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Snow.*

Jenna, Cade, and Jill - April 11, 2024 at 10:02 AM

JN

“ *John and Mary McElhone, Las Vegas, NV purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Tom Snow.*



John and Mary McElhone, Las Vegas, NV - April 11, 2024 at 09:45 AM

AD

“ R.I.P. Tom. You are missed. 🤘 ☐ 🤘



Anne and John Davidson - April 11, 2024 at 06:12 AM

FG

“ We so enjoyed visiting with Tom and family while at the lake and sharing memories of times there. He was such a kind gentleman who shared our love for animals and always had treats and a loving stroke for our dogs. We will miss his calming presence and send our heartfelt condolences to his family. Freddy, Susan & Erin Green

Freddy & Susan Green - April 10, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Snow.



April 09, 2024 at 10:26 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Tom Snow.



April 09, 2024 at 09:07 PM

BF

“ Britney, Brooke and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Snow.

Britney, Brooke and Family - April 09, 2024 at 09:07 PM

PB

“ Phil & Debbie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Tom Snow



Phil & Debbie Bacon - April 09, 2024 at 04:14 PM

JR

“ My husband, Joseph, had the opportunity to office with Tom when we first moved to Terrell back in 2000. He and his sweet family took us in and made us feel right at home. Loved Tom's stories, wit, and smile. We will miss his friendship. He loved his family and was so proud of them all. Our love and prayers for Rose and the rest of his family. -Jennifer Russell

Jennifer Russell - April 09, 2024 at 01:14 PM

JR

“ Joseph and Jennifer Russell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Tom Snow.



Joseph and Jennifer Russell - April 09, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Tom Snow.*



April 09, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ *Tom Snow larger than life itself. May he now rest with Randy and other loved one's who have left us. Always a sweet softspoken man. My heart goes out to Rose and family. May you cherish all the memories and love. I'll never forget the kind things he did for our family & so many others. Terrell will miss him very much.*

Marsha Flowers - April 09, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss...you are all in our prayers. We so loved meeting your “pawpaw” at your wedding Raye...what a great man*□

mary jane shorman - April 09, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tom Snow.*



April 09, 2024 at 11:17 AM

DS

“ Darcy amd Mary Jane Shorman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Snow.

Darcy amd Mary Jane Shorman - April 09, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Tom Snow.



April 09, 2024 at 11:02 AM

 Doug Keels

“ When first heard of his passing was devastated , not just for me , but everyone , I don't have the words , Tom and Rose are the most kindest , awesomeness people I've met , Tom is someone to look to , to try to be like , the only lawyer I enjoyed talking to , I don't know exactly what it was , I can go on and on , but Rose if you need anything to eat Pop's will be there for you , Tom you were a great man as your son was , Love for the Snow family

Doug Keels - April 08, 2024 at 06:45 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Tom Snow.



April 08, 2024 at 05:41 PM

CD

“ Charlie/Cindy, Jim/Sandy, David/Sharon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Snow.

Charlie/Cindy, Jim/Sandy, David/Sharon - April 08, 2024 at 05:41 PM

TM

“ Tom and I had a lot of fun when we officed together and he was always available to lend a helping hand through the good times as well as the bad. I am forever grateful for his friendship and guidance over the years.

Tom finished his race, and quite well I might add 🤘

Tina Hall Montoya - April 08, 2024 at 03:55 PM

TM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tina Hall Montoya - April 08, 2024 at 03:36 PM

DZ

“ Devyn & Zach purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Tom Snow.



Devyn & Zach - April 08, 2024 at 02:10 PM

TR

“ *The Rangel's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tom Snow.*



The Rangel's - April 07, 2024 at 08:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tom Snow.*



April 06, 2024 at 10:05 PM

TF

“ *The Runelle Garrett Wright Families & The Billie Garrett Stevenson Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Tom Snow.*



The Runelle Garrett Wright Families & The Billie Garrett Stevenson Families - April 06, 2024 at 03:21 PM

RO

“ Today, we remember and celebrate a life that was a tapestry of cherished moments, a symphony of laughter and wisdom, and a beacon of strength and love for us all. We are here to honour the memory of a man who played many roles in our lives but who will always remain in our hearts as our beloved Tom.

Tom was an extraordinary man who possessed an endless zest for life, a magnetic personality that drew people to him, and an innate ability to make anyone feel like they mattered. To me, he was a mentor, a confidante, and a guiding light.

Some of the most memorable moments I shared with Tom were the international trips to many countries including Egypt, Europe, Kenya, China, Greece, Cancun, Canada, some other countries and several cruises. These trips were more than just a shared hobby.

They were opportunities to learn, create relationships, and experience the world, all subtly woven into stories and laughter.

Tom’s wisdom was a guiding force in my life, his words a compass that helped me navigate the ebbs and flows of my journey. He was a pillar of strength, his faith unwavering, his spirit unyielding, even during the most challenging times.

His absence leaves a void in our lives, an irreplaceable piece of my life. Yet, I take solace in the memories he left behind – the echoes of his laughter, the warmth of his wisdom, and the profound love he had for each of us.

Tom, your stories will continue to inspire us, your wisdom guides us, and your love surrounds us. You may not be physically present, but your spirit lives on, etched into the fabric of my life, a testament to a life well lived and a man well loved.

In honour of Tom, let’s remember not the sorrow of his passing, but the joy and love he brought to our lives. Let’s celebrate his life by embodying the virtues he instilled in us – patience, resilience, hope, and an unyielding zest for life.

Thank you, Tom, for the memories, the laughter, the stories, and most importantly, your unwavering love. You are dearly missed, but you will continue to live on in our hearts, forever cherished, and forever loved.

Rest in peace. Until we meet again.

Robbert - April 06, 2024 at 02:39 PM

RO

Tom was my brother-in-law, confidant and best friend.

Robbert - April 06, 2024 at 02:42 PM

RO

“ 5 files added to the album *Tom's Travels*



Robbert - April 06, 2024 at 01:52 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the album *Tom at Texas*



Robbert - April 06, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Tom Snow.*



April 05, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ *Tommy Snow was one of my first heroes, as well as a friend to a young kid.
He was my friend, my attorney and advisor.
The world, Texas, and Terrell gained from his presence and knowledge.
I am honored and privileged to have had Tommy Snow as my friend!
God Bless Tommy Snow!
You will always remain with us!*

Tommy Caughran - April 05, 2024 at 11:10 AM



*Tom Snow has long been a Terrell Icon. He served this Community in so many ways. I am proud to say he was a long time friend who had a remarkable memory. He will be missed by so many friends and colleagues.
Way to go Tom. You did it all with class!*

Bruce Wood - April 07, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ *Jerry & Linda White lit a candle in memory of Tom Snow*



Jerry & Linda White - April 05, 2024 at 11:05 AM

JW

Our thoughts and praying go out the family! Mr. Snow will be truly missed. He was such a big part of the Terrell Community!

Jerry & Linda White - April 05, 2024 at 11:08 AM

MF

“ So glad Byron & I got to talk to him a few weeks ago. Tom was such an important part of so many lives. Such a nice, sweet, softspoken man. I will never forget him or the many things he did for Terrell. I know him and my dad are catching up on many conversations today in Heaven. As well as being with Randy. I'm glad he is comfortable in the hands of God with no more pain. My heart goes out to Rose, Molly and entire family.

Marsha Flowers - April 05, 2024 at 10:59 AM

SR

“ So sorry for the Family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Tom will be surely missed.

Sandra and Loren Riggin - April 05, 2024 at 10:17 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Tom was a great man.



Janis Blair - April 05, 2024 at 09:52 AM

JH

“ Tom’s passing is sincerely a bitter pill for me to swallow. Our friendship began well over 70 years ago as school kids here in Terrell. We resided in the same dormitory (Breckenridge Hall) at the University of Texas in the early 50’s. As the years have passed, our sharing of stories from the old days (sometimes maybe embellished a bit) ,have been a strong bond in our relationship. Ann and I will miss him greatly, but those memories will live on. Hook um Horns! Our condolences to Rose and all of the family.
James & Ann Huffman

James Huffman - April 04, 2024 at 09:56 PM

LB

“ Rose, I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing, he was always such a kind person with a heart of gold. He was a very giving person. Each year that I worked in the title business in Terrell Tom came by the office at Christmas time with a box of candy for my co-workers and me, and my understanding was he did the same kind gesture for many others. The one thing that I will always remember is when I was at his office just a few years back, I was looking at all the pictures he had posted on his bulletin board, and the one that stood out was one of him and Tex Ritter when Tom was very young (and I'm old enough to remember Tex Ritter in western movies). It was a short time later that I went back to his office and you or Tom had a copy of that picture printed for me. I will always cherish it and your thoughtfulness. My sincere sympathy to you and all of Tom's family.
Linda Bankston

Linda Bankston - April 04, 2024 at 09:07 PM

WL

“ So very saddened by the news of Mr. Snow’s passing. I will SO miss the interactions I’ll no longer get to have with him about family history & other random things. He is such an awesome man that I’m lucky to have known. He will be missed tremendously. Prayers & strength to you Rose, Molly, & the rest of your family.

Whitney Lane - April 04, 2024 at 06:57 PM

SB

“ Rose so sorry for the loss of Tom My prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.

Sharon Boyd - April 04, 2024 at 05:40 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Tom Snow



Sharon Boyd - April 04, 2024 at 05:36 PM

RT

“ Our sincere condolences to Rose and family.
May the stars carry your sadness away,
May the flowers fill your heart with beauty,
May hope forever wipe away your tears and tenderly may time heal your sorrow,
Softly may peace replace your heartache and may warmest memories always remain
Rick and Sandy

Rick and Sandy Traylor - April 04, 2024 at 05:23 PM



Thoughts and prayers for Tom's family and friends. He was a nice man.

Beth Wilder Maley - April 11, 2024 at 06:40 PM