

William Thomas “Tiny” Hardy

April 10, 2023



William Thomas “Tiny” Hardy went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 23, 2023. He was 87 years old.

Tiny was born in Jasper County, Mississippi, on July 22, 1935, to William and Annie Hardy. He visited California in 1955 with his best friend, Jerry Lewis, and liked the area so much he decided to move to Klamath, CA. He worked at Simpson Timber mill in Klamath as a millwright until he retired. Tiny met the love of his life, Sharon Bullen, and married her April 14, 1961. They were blessed with 3 daughters, Suzanne, Mary, and Christine.

Tiny enjoyed life and loved people. He was blessed with many special friends during his 68 years in the Klamath community. He was truly a Gentle Giant and that is how he received his nickname “Tiny”.

In 1972 he purchased his first home in the Hunter Creek Subdivision in Klamath.

With blood, sweat and tears he created a magnificent homestead. He and Sharon shared a love of the heather plant. They spent many years inventorying, planting, and grooming hundreds of species of this amazing

plant in their yard.

When word got out that Tiny retired from Simpson Timber, many mills in Humboldt County reached out to him and he came out of retirement for 5 more years. His skills and talents as a millwright kept many of these lumber mills running day and night.

Tiny loved his family. “Papa Hardy” or “GP” was so amazing and caring and gave amazing Big Bear Hugs. A loving good-humored soul and beautiful smile was shared with everyone he met.

Tiny was a true southern man and spoke to everyone with respect. Besides his landscaping love, he enjoyed morning coffee with his buddies, fishing, camping, barbecues, NASCAR (Chase Elliott), Golden State Warriors, SF Giants, and just spending time with his family. He was truly a people person. Tiny’s compassion and soft smile will be greatly missed.

Tiny was preceded in death by his spouse of 55 years, Sharon Hardy. He is survived by daughters, Suzanne Hardy, Mary (Rick) LaFazio, and Christine Edenburn. Grandchildren, Brent (Myriah) LaFazio, Jenna (Dexter) Lawson, Zachary Dorin, Erin Thomas, Taylor Thomas, Markus Thomas, Shawna Thomas, Cougar Edenburn and Aaliyah Edenburn. Great grandchildren, Nathan, Marley and Raina LaFazio, June Lawson, Brinley Thomas, Ryan Rhoades, Jordan Thomas and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A Celebration of Life for Tiny will occur on Saturday, April 22, 2023, 1:00 to 4:00 at the Pacific Light Church in the Klamath Community Center, 219 Salmon Ave, Klamath, California 95548. In lieu of flowers or money, please bring a story to share of how Tiny touched your life like he touched ours and so many others.