



Thomas Lee Young

August 12, 1946 - July 25, 2021

Thomas Lee Young, 74, of Houston, passed away on July 25th, 2021. Tom was born on August 12th, 1946, in Houston, Texas, to Melvin and Violet Young. He was a devoted partner, loving father, grandfather, brother, mentor, and friend. He is survived by Rose Diers, his soulmate of 13 years; children, Scott Young and wife Ruth, Michael Young and wife Kari; grandchildren Ashton Young, Jasmine Young, Jacob Young, and Julia Young; brother Bill and wife Juanita, and brother Melvin and wife Margaret Young.

Tom grew up in Houston, where he lived until enlisting in the US Air Force in 1965. Tom served in the Air Force in Montana as a mechanic until returning to his native Houston. Tom's interest in machinery and logistics led him to careers at Brown & Root, Powell Electric Company, and eventually to UTC Overseas, Inc. Tom enjoyed his work life and loved his work family, as his excitement for working on large projects was not only what he did but also part of who he was. He embodied an admirable work ethic and commitment to vocation that he truly enjoyed.

Tom loved agricultural pursuits and spent many years raising cattle and horses. He enjoyed the quiet, early mornings outside at his ranch home in Alvin, Texas, and he became a loyal member of a regular weekend breakfast club at a local diner. His love of custom race cars kept his garage and social life full, where he proudly displayed his projects and gathered with close friends who shared his passion for cars.

Tom was a devoted father and loving grandfather, and he enjoyed hearing

stories of the childrens' recent adventures. His love for his soulmate, Rose Diers, further expanded his family to include her's. Tom was made complete in his love for Rose. They travelled together, spent time with animal family members, Cowboy, Petey, and Franklin, laughed, loved, and created happy memories together that are the fruit of life.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. Flowers can be ordered directly from Dettling Funeral Home (<https://www.dettlingfuneral.com/>), or in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Round Top Historical Society, Annie's Angels Texas Rescue, or other charity in honor of Tom.

***Due to safety precautions, it is suggested that unvaccinated people wear masks to the memorial gathering. People who are sick should stay home.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
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AUG 7. 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was a young kid but I remember spending the night at memay and Toms house back in the 1990s. I was the little black kid Michael. They knew my great grandparents Kingsley and Dorothy Hawthorne. I still remember when yall took me to kelley's for breakfast. I still remember being on his ranch and they let me feed the horses inside the barn. Thank you sir for the experience. Its always been stuck in my head since I was 8 and to see that you're gone before I could find you really hurts. RIP brother.

Michael Murray - April 03, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ Thomas Lee Young

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Thomas Lee Young

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Thomas Lee Young

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Thomas Lee Young

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

MP

“ *When we moved in to the home across from his cattle land, he took the time to walk down and introduce himself. My husband liked to talk cars with Mr. Tom. He will be missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his partner, family and friends.*

Mrs. Poole - November 15, 2021 at 12:35 PM

DI

“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Diana - August 10, 2021 at 06:16 PM

RP

“ *Tom was one of the first people to reach out to me when I arrived in Houston. Since then I have been lucky enough to be a client and more recently a co-worker of Tom's at UTC. I'll always remember his smile, calm demener and his willingness to always offer help. He was a professional and will be sadly missed and my condolences go out to his family*

Ron Porter - August 07, 2021 at 02:10 PM

MA

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to all the Young family. Tom was warm and welcomed us when Brian and I first moved to Texas. His warmth made Texas feel like a smaller place. We'll remember him often. Marie Posthumus*

marie - August 07, 2021 at 12:04 PM

KD

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Kelli Diers - August 06, 2021 at 05:49 PM

KD

Tom was a special addition to our family. We will miss him dearly and cherish our time with him.

Kelli Diers - August 06, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Lee Young*.



August 06, 2021 at 12:59 PM



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Detting Funeral Home - August 06, 2021 at 11:31 AM

SP

I love you Tom and thank you for being my father away from home.

Sue Patterson - August 26, 2021 at 07:52 AM

LU

“ *On behalf of our entire team, please accept our deepest sympathies.*

Luckesh Gupta from UTC Overseas India.

LUCKESH - August 06, 2021 at 03:35 AM

MY

“ *During the 16 years Tom and I spent together, we took some amazing trips: snorkeling in Cozumel where I had my fist and last encounter with a barracuda; riding in the Tetons among the moose, the eagles and an occasional mountain lion; several years riding with wagon #1 on the Salt Grass Trail from Giddings into Houston; and trail riding in the Hill Country. We were both passionate about horses and enjoyed many aspects of equestrian sports: Team Penning, Cutting, and Reining. Tom enjoyed doing it all. I came from the English school of riding. It was Tom who introduced me to the Western style. He was always happy when in the saddle, a horse between his long legs. He was a natural horseman. Miss you, partner*

Memay Young - August 05, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Young.*



August 04, 2021 at 08:42 PM

MS

“ Tom was not only a colleague but a dear friend and mentor. He had an incredible work ethic, an unrelenting commitment to everyone he worked with, and a can do attitude no matter what challenges he faced. I will always remember fondly our time in the trenches, meeting up for coffee, checking in on the phone, or all the times we spent together on the road. You will be sorely missed, Tom. Until we see each other again, may the Lord keep you.

Martin Stitz - August 04, 2021 at 02:50 PM

MD

“ I have known Tom for over 30 years. Me and Tom worked together and had the same interest with the cattle and then the Racecars he loved to call and tell his next project. Tom was always checking on me. Tom was one of my best friends and a really caring man . I am going to miss him so much and Him calling and saying Just Checking In God Bless Him

Mike Davenport - August 04, 2021 at 10:45 AM

FB

“ I have worked with Tom for a few years on several projects for UTC. I in particular enjoyed the down time in hotels where we would share our passion for the job and experiences in life. I have learned so much from Tom. I have had the opportunity to meet Rose when Tom invited me to their home. He will be missed and my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones!

Frank Bax - August 04, 2021 at 02:20 AM

BS

“ Tom was a friend and mentor, as both being veterans we hit it off straight away. We travelled to many locations worldwide for UTC and solved the logistical problems we faced as he always did, calmly and without fanfare to achieve our objectives. I will miss his dry humour and miss having a beer with him when I come to Houston. RIP Tom.

Bob Stevens - August 04, 2021 at 12:56 AM

 Joseph
McElligott

“ Tom and I worked together for five years. We travelled to Houston as well as West Texas on client visits and it was always a pleasure. Tom was very professional, and shared his "hands on" logistics stories with the clients and I - making our sales efforts easier. Tom was happy to travel worldwide to supervise complicated cargo moves. He loved the different cultures and foods. If I remember correctly, he has been to over 100 countries for UTC Overseas. Tom and Rose invited us to Round Top several times for Antiques Shows. Tom loved talking about his kids and grandkids, and was so proud of their education and responsible jobs. Rest in Peace, Tom.

Joseph McElligott - August 03, 2021 at 11:22 PM

DD

“ Tom, was a great colleague. We will surely miss his expertise and his enthusiasm to travel wherever we needed him. To Rose his Soulmate and his sons, their wives and his grandchildren we all know that Toms life might have been cut short, but the love that you have for him will remain. The memories will linger on, and the moments that you shared will forever be etched in your heart. May God continue to provide you with the strength and guidance you need during this difficult loss.

Your UTC family will truly miss you. Diana Davila



Diana Davila - August 03, 2021 at 05:47 PM

MA

Very well said, Diana.

marie - August 07, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Young.*



August 03, 2021 at 05:05 PM

MP

“ Tom has not only been a colleague; he has also been a friend to many of us, and we will miss him dearly. I have personally been inspired by his character and work ethic – working closely with him was one of the factors in my decision to move to Texas 16 years ago – and I know that he has befriended and inspired many others in a variety of ways. My condolences Rose, Scott, Michael, and the rest of the Young family. Sincerely, Marco Poisler



Marco Poisler - August 03, 2021 at 04:03 PM

MY

“ We shared many happy trails together, from the Salt Grass Trail to the Hill Country. Tom really enjoyed his horses and wide open spaces. I know his ole dun mare Huxmas, and his sorrel gelding Okie were waiting for him at the end of the Rainbow Bridge.

Memay Young - August 03, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Young.



August 03, 2021 at 02:46 PM

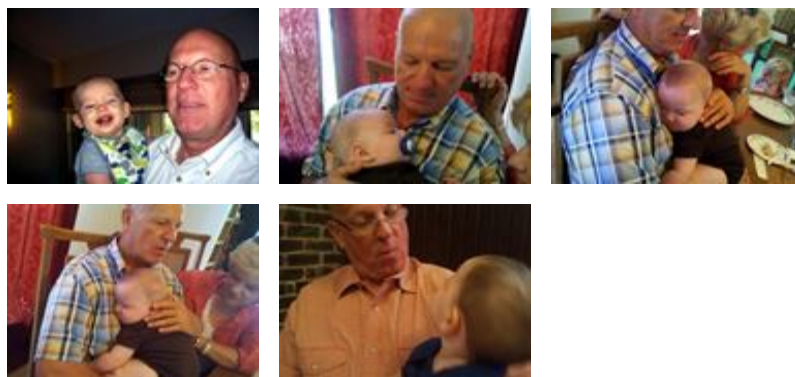
RR

“ Tom always had interesting stories to share and we loved the time we had to visit.

Ruth Ritter - August 03, 2021 at 02:28 PM



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Dettling Funeral Home - August 03, 2021 at 10:52 AM

PM

Wonderful photos! Tom loved his sons and grandchildren. He will be missed.

Pam miller - August 03, 2021 at 03:07 PM

TD

My family and I share our deepest condolences to the Young family. Tom was indeed a great man and I feel privileged to have gotten to know him. It was a blessing to spend time and moments with him. This is not a goodbye message but a note to express gratitude. Thank you Thomas Young

Tladi Ditshego - August 03, 2021 at 05:37 PM

RP

So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.

Rebecca Presas - August 04, 2021 at 06:21 PM

PM

“ *Tom loved Jesus and I know he is happy in Heaven with his Savior. God bless Michael and Scott as they walk this hard road. Tom and I were blessed with Michael and Scott and I will always be thankful for that. RIP Tom.*

Pam Miller - August 02, 2021 at 12:10 PM