



Thomas William Crocker Jr.

February 26, 1937 - June 22, 2022

Thomas William Crocker Jr. was born in Martinez, California to Tom and Eleanor Crocker. He moved to Happy Camp in 1944 and left this world on June 22, 2022 at the age of 85. Tom is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Patricia (Crocker) Titus. He is survived by: his childhood sweetheart and wife of 67 years, Sharon (Titus) Crocker; his children: Rick Crocker, Karen Derry, Pattigail Whitehouse, and Rusty Crocker (Kelly); 11 grandkids; 15 great grandchildren; his brother, Arthur "Butch" Crocker (Lynn); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tom was a hardworking man who held many jobs. He started working in the woods when he was 13 years old and worked for many logging outfits throughout his years. He was one of the first fishing guides on the Klamath River (Green Phantom Guide Service), a heavy equipment operator, and a mechanic. He built many existing roads and trails in the Happy Camp area and is well known for saving the Indian Creek bridge during the 1964 flood. Tom was always there to help and could be relied on to do any job, run any piece of equipment, or fix anything no matter who asked.

When Tom wasn't working, he enjoyed hunting, day or night, and was the founder of the GHMM hunting club. He enjoyed fishing local lakes, rivers, and streams. He spent a lot of time crabbing and fishing on the coast but packing into the Marble Mountains was his greatest passion. He also loved spending

time with family and friends and always saved a dance for his "bride."

Tom lived an adventurous life and was as tough as the country he lived, worked, and played in. He knew the land and history of the area better than anyone. He was the source and inspiration for countless treasured stories, many jokes, and a great giver of nicknames. These few words do not do justice to the life he lived, but his stories will continue to be passed down for generations. He will forever be missed and loved.

A Celebration of Life for Tom Crocker will be held on July 9, 2022 at 11 am at the Klamath River Resort Inn (Anglers) in Happy Camp. Parking assistance will be provided. Potluck lunch will follow.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ I have never met a man I admired or respected more than Tom Crocker. It would not surprise me in the least if he sought out ol' man Glen Woolridge and together they're running the rivers of heaven together.

It was an honor to know him. I consider myself one of the lucky ones. I will always cherish my memories of working the Klamath River in Happy Camp with him charging the river in pursuit of the next fishing hole.

May he always navigate the next rapid ahead and do so with a full fish box.

Tim Grenvik - January 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ RIP Tom! Prayers!

Helen Chiaratti - June 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We have very good memories of him

Linda Wood - June 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Thomas William Crocker Jr. - June 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *God bless*

Elieene Jones - June 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *He was a one of kind wonderful man! We are proud we could call him our friend!*

Linda Keno - June 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM