



Thomas Wesley Sieber

December 25, 1946 - February 23, 2019

“It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thomas Wesley “Tom” Sieber, well-loved Northern California comedian, actor and director, died on February 23, 2019 at his home in Yreka. He was 72 years old.

Tom was born in San Bernardino, California on Christmas Day, 1946 to Richard and Marilyn Sieber. After high school, he enlisted in the armed forces and served honorably in Vietnam. Tom then entered a career in the postal services, where he eventually retired as Postmaster. He married Susan Sieber, the love of his life, in July of 1974. He had two passions throughout his life: theater and traveling. His career as an actor/director at the Siskiyou Performing Arts Center spanned several decades. He is especially remembered for his work as director for the Wild Show productions, variety shows involving hilarious skits, music and songs. Many of these shows were highlighted by the creative and comic partnership of Tom and Connie Croad, a local singer and comedian. Tom also directed several musical comedies and comic dramas during his career, most of which drew on local history, such as “The State of Jefferson.”

Tom loved his adopted town of Yreka, and he served on the city council and

even served as mayor. One of his proudest accomplishments was convincing the rest of the council to light up downtown Yreka at Christmas. He was successful and those lights can still be seen each Christmas.

Tom and Susan discovered the joys of traveling after Susan happened on a career as travel agent. Soon they were sending postcards from such places as England, Spain, Italy, Egypt and their favorite, Portugal. Since Tom did not mind reveling in his good fortune, a typical postcard from Tom to his friends might simply say "I'm here, and you are not!" His travels led to an interest in history, and his appetite for books of historical fiction was voracious.

Tom will be remembered for his dedicated care for both his wife and his mother in the last years of their lives. He will also be remembered for his lightning quick wit, his stage presence, his ability to laugh and make others laugh, and his love of theater and theater people.

Tom is survived by his brothers Harry and Johnathon Sieber, and his children John Sieber and Kelley Brewer. A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at the Yreka Elk's Lodge from 1-4pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **14**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Yreka Elks Lodge
332 W. Miner Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I remember Tom as my first boy friend in high school. We went to The Beach Boys concert at his high school, Pacific High, in 1963. He was always gifted in theatre and so much fun. RIP Tom

Judith Ashton - November 03, 2019 at 05:19 PM

CS

“ Tom was a joy to know and to have as a friend. He gave such light to everyone with his contagious smile and his amazing sense of humor. I was lucky to work with him on many of the early Wild shows and the memories will always bring a smile.
Carol Gaubatz Sewell

Carol Sewell - March 06, 2019 at 11:38 PM

TN

“ I wanted to share a little known story about Tom, who was individually responsible for keeping Nor-Cal Products in Yreka during 1988.

I knew Tom as the Post Master of Greenview where I lived. I looked forward to his lively banter over the counter when I picked up my mail each day. What a novelty that he was also the Mayor of Yreka.

Shortly after going to work for Nor-Cal and putting an offer on a house in Yreka, Craig Hill announced one day that the company was relocating to Redding. They had made Craig and Ted a pretty sweet deal for a building site near the airport. I immediately called Tom to give him the news that the City was about to lose one of its larger employers.

Within minutes Tom, Jim Dillon and a few other City fathers were in Craig's office trying to convince the Hills to stay. Fortunately, Tom was at home outside the box and was able to offer incentives that enticed Craig and Ted to build their new building on 4H Way. And the rest is history.

Tom Sieber was a humble servant and a blessing to those fortunate enough to know him. Sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Tim Nilsson

Retired VP Marketing, Nor-Cal Products

Tim Nilsson - March 02, 2019 at 05:14 PM

LH

“ He ALWAYS made me laugh! Such a gifted soul he was, we will all miss him so much. Our sincere condolences to his family, rest easy dear friend.

Laura Helsley - February 28, 2019 at 04:29 PM

DS

“ *David Sylva sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Wesley Sieber*



David Sylva - February 27, 2019 at 08:29 AM

JP

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He will be greatly missed. He is probably the funniest person I ever knew. The Wild shows were hysterical. The times I was lucky enough to run into him downtown meant a genuine smile and hello from him. He truly is unforgettable.*

Judy Pavlik - February 27, 2019 at 03:03 AM



Always and forever in my heart and soul ❤️ 🙏 🙌 🙏

Dari Petersen - February 27, 2019 at 02:31 PM

BM

“ I am still trying to process the loss of Tom -a good friend, a co-worker, a civic leader, an actor, and lovable madman. He is one of those unique people that are multi-faceted. He was always looking for humor and my fondest memory with him was on a city float one Christmas parade when he was Mayor, He dressed all of us up as elves with our arms as dancing legs over hay bales singing along the route. Unfortunately, we were drinking pretty heavily during the parade staging and, subsequently, got a little out of control en-route. On other parade occasions, he would organize a folding chair marching band with kazoos.

But he had a serious side too. He took his City Council duties very seriously. He went through the chairs at Yreka Elks Club and was seriously devoted to their rituals and tradition.

Yreka loved him by electing him Mayor and nominating him Citizen of the Year for his dedication to community service. He loved Yreka and was amazed and thrilled that so many people thought he went to high school here.

No one that ever knew Tom will ever forget him. That is probably the highest testament to a life well lived.

If the Giants win the series this year I will know he pulled some strings up there.

Find the peace you deserve brother Tom. Brian Meek

Brian Meek - February 27, 2019 at 12:32 AM

KB

That is lovely Brian. Thank you for sharing it 😊

Kelly Brewer - March 07, 2019 at 08:59 PM

GG

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Gregg Girdner - February 26, 2019 at 06:17 PM