Thomas R. Rider

March 18, 1954 - July 27, 2025

Thomas Ray Rider, 71, known to friends and family as “Tom” or “Tommy” passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

Tom was born on March 18, 1954 in Chestertown, MD, the son of Charles William Rider and Anna Virginia (Green) Rider. Tom attended Queen Anne’s County High School, followed by a degree from the University of Maryland.

He worked for the state for a total of 43 years and retired in 2024 as a supervisor from the Maryland Department of Labor. He dedicated 25 years to the Queen Anne’s County Democratic Central Committee.

Tom enjoyed hunting, crabbing and spending time with his grandchildren. He was also an avid sports fan, cheering on the Baltimore Ravens, Baltimore Orioles and the Maryland Terrapins.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Maela; son, Thomas N. Rider; step-son, Bernard Generalao (Melanie); step-daughter, Marisa Jacobs; five grandchildren, Félipa, Hudson, Emilian, Chandler and Finley; and his brother Charles (Beverly).

A memorial gathering will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 from 11 AM to 1 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newman Funeral Home, 408 S. Liberty

Street, Centreville, MD. A memorial celebration will immediately follow the gathering at 1 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in memory of Tom to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr, Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG **6**. 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Memorial Gathering

AUG **6**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Tribute Wall

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 06, 2025 at 09:46 AM

GG

Gay Gunther lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Gay Gunther - August 06, 2025 at 08:27 PM

KB

https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/4936CCJB94TWW8M5

Kelly Brimmer - August 06, 2025 at 09:44 AM

LS

Lee Seipp planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas R. Rider.

Lee Seipp - August 05, 2025 at 09:19 AM

LS

Lee Seipp purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of Thomas R. Rider.

Lee Seipp - August 05, 2025 at 09:19 AM

PV

Tom and I dated and went to prom together in his junior year. I have ben away from the area for the past 40+ years and lost touch. Heartfelt condolences to Tom's family. Patty Boone.

Patricia VanStavern - August 04, 2025 at 07:35 PM

CC

Tommy was always the life of the party in homeroom for four years as a member of QACHS Class of '73. We have many fond memories of our friend. May he rest in peace. Connie Roland Connolly & Gary Connolly

Connie Connolly - August 04, 2025 at 11:00 AM

ME

Mike Ewing lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Mike Ewing - August 02, 2025 at 04:38 AM

ME

Condolences to Tom's family

Mike Ewing - August 02, 2025 at 04:40 AM

MH

Martha & Royce Herman lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Martha & Royce Herman - August 01, 2025 at 06:06 PM

SW

Many good times with Tommy in our younger years Skip Warner

Skip Warner - July 31, 2025 at 10:22 PM

GS

Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Greg & Laura Saddler - July 31, 2025 at 09:22 PM

GH

Tom and I shared a long bus ride to school for five years. He was a really nice guy and seemed to be a devoted family man. RIP Tom. Glenda (Foreman) Henkel

Glenda Foreman Henkel - August 04, 2025 at 10:45 PM

MK

Mark And Lisa King lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Mark and Lisa King - July 31, 2025 at 08:48 PM

LF

Larry Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Larry Faulkner - July 31, 2025 at 05:58 PM

JD

Jill Nelson Davis lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Jill Nelson Davis - July 31, 2025 at 05:45 PM

RK

Condolences to Tom's family. Worked with him briefly in early 2000s.

Ruth Kerr - July 31, 2025 at 02:28 PM

JW

good friend and good teammate ,lots of fun will miss you class of (73) john whaley

john whaley - July 31, 2025 at 01:04 PM

GB

George Ball lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

George Ball - July 31, 2025 at 12:26 PM

CD

Cathy Downes lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Cathy Downes - July 31, 2025 at 11:07 AM

TG

Our Hearts and Prayers are with The Rider Family, Maela Love You Sis, Tom aka CoWorker, Sweet Heavenly Peace My Brother.
The Greene Family, Corky, Teresa and Family

Teresa Greene - July 31, 2025 at 10:39 AM

DP

Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Doug Pierson - July 31, 2025 at 10:01 AM

SC

Condolences to the family.

Sandra Crawford - July 31, 2025 at 09:22 AM

ED

Elaine Shorts Dell lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Elaine Shorts Dell - July 31, 2025 at 09:20 AM

CM

Tom always had a smile & a kind word. Condolences to the family Jack & Cynthia Mason

Cynthia Mason - July 31, 2025 at 08:51 AM

PW

Patti Webb lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Patti Webb - July 31, 2025 at 08:32 AM

PW

Patti Webb lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Patti Webb - July 31, 2025 at 08:31 AM

Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Marilyn Ford - July 30, 2025 at 11:40 PM

MG

1 file added to the tribute wall

Maximino Emmanuel Generalao - July 30, 2025 at 10:16 PM

MG

Maximino Emmanuel Generalao lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Maximino Emmanuel Generalao - July 30, 2025 at 10:15 PM

Bonny Morris lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Bonny Morris - July 30, 2025 at 09:53 PM

DS

Debbie Scott lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Debbie Scott - July 30, 2025 at 09:47 PM

JO

Thoughts and prayers go out to Tom' family during this sorrowful time.

JohnPayne - July 30, 2025 at 09:44 PM

Wendy Hampton sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Wendy Hampton - July 30, 2025 at 09:02 PM

NC

Nancy Connolly lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Nancy Connolly - July 30, 2025 at 06:31 PM

BC

I have fond memories of Tom, my QACHS Class of 1973 classmate. He always was full of fun. Rest in peace.
My sincere condolences to his family and many friends. 🙏

Billie Carroll - July 30, 2025 at 06:26 PM

JT

Jennifer And Gene Teat lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Jennifer and Gene Teat - July 30, 2025 at 05:51 PM

RJ

Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - July 30, 2025 at 05:46 PM

PM

Patricia A Mayer lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Patricia a Mayer - July 30, 2025 at 03:54 PM

BH

Brenda Hahn lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Brenda Hahn - July 30, 2025 at 03:27 PM

TK

Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Tom Knox - July 30, 2025 at 02:51 PM

JC

June Clark lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

June Clark - July 30, 2025 at 02:38 PM

CW

Cissy Fox Weibe lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Cissy Fox Weibe - July 30, 2025 at 02:29 PM

RR

Reginald V Ryans lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Reginald V Ryans - July 30, 2025 at 02:14 PM

GP

Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - July 30, 2025 at 12:42 PM

MC

Will Miss You Man! Maela You Are In Our Thoughts & Prayers.

Marion & Lisa Chance - July 30, 2025 at 12:38 PM

PC

Maela and family...so sorry to hear this news. Tom was a classmate and friend. Memories will help you through.

Peggy Clough - July 30, 2025 at 11:56 AM

UA

UPPER SHORE AGING purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas R. Rider.

UPPER SHORE AGING - July 30, 2025 at 11:55 AM

BQ

Bruce Quinn lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Bruce Quinn - July 30, 2025 at 11:36 AM

JP

Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Janet Pauls - July 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM

BN

Barbara K Nelson lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Barbara k Nelson - July 30, 2025 at 11:10 AM

GS

Greg Starkey lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Greg Starkey - July 30, 2025 at 10:56 AM

BC

Condolences to Tom's family. RIP Tom

Butch and Sally Coursey - July 30, 2025 at 10:48 AM

JU

JuneYeager lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

JuneYeager - July 30, 2025 at 10:48 AM

DD

Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Debbie Dean - July 30, 2025 at 10:47 AM

JA

Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Jane Anthony - July 30, 2025 at 10:43 AM

BH

Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

billy & dorothy hollingsworth - July 30, 2025 at 10:39 AM

JS

Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider

Jeanette Stubbs - July 30, 2025 at 10:37 AM