



## 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@fhfuneralhome.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*



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



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



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



“ *<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/4936CCJB94TWW8M5>*

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



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



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

LS

“ Lee Seipp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor 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*



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

LF

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



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

JD

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



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

RK

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



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**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*

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

GB

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



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

CD

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



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**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*



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

DP

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



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

SC

“ *Condolences to the family.*



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

ED

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



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**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*



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**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



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



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



“ 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



“ 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*



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

PM

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



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

BH

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



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

TK

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



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**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*



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

GS

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



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

BC

“ *Condolences to Tom's family. RIP Tom*



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

JU

“ *JuneYeager lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Rider*



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**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