



Thomas "Tommy" Cooke Jr.

February 6, 1932 - January 4, 2026

Thomas William Cooke Jr., lovingly known as Tommy, of Bowie, Arizona, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 4, 2026, at the Veterans Hospital in Tucson, just shy of his 94th birthday. He was 93 years and 11 months old.

Tommy was born on February 6, 1932, in Tucson, Arizona, to Thomas W. Cooke Sr. and Opal Jeanette Wheeler. He spent his early years in Cortaro, Arizona, where he worked alongside his parents and four siblings at the family store and attended school in Tucson. In 1948, the Cooke family purchased a farm and made Bowie their home—a place Tommy would cherish for the rest of his life.

After graduating from Bowie High School, Tommy attended Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher, where he proudly played both football and baseball. His athletic talent earned him a contract to play professional baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers, but Tommy chose instead to serve his country. He joined the United States Marine Corps and fought bravely on the front lines during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1954, carrying his pride in service with him always.

Tommy was a charter member of the Willcox Elks Lodge #2131 and was deeply involved in his community. On February 16, 1951, he married the love of his life, Mickey. Together, they shared nearly 75 wonderful years of

marriage and raised six children in Bowie, building a life filled with love, laughter, and hard work.

A dedicated businessman, Tommy was a partner in Bowie Tillage Company and worked full time until the remarkable age of 85. His strong work ethic, integrity, and commitment to family were an inspiration to all who knew him.

Tommy is survived by his beloved wife, Mickey; his children, Vicki (Greg) Schindler, Ginger (Jim) Cunningham, George Cooke, Troy (Elaine) Cooke, and Tomi D. Cooke; ten grandchildren; two great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas W. Cooke III; his parents; and his siblings, Doris Engler, Joseph Cooke, Phyllis Jones, and Joyce Cooke.

Graveside services with Military Honors will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Desert Rest Cemetery in Bowie. A luncheon will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Bowie School gym.

Tommy will be remembered for his ever-present smile, his infectious laugh, and his wonderful sense of humor. His warmth, kindness, and joy for life will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

The family of Tommy Cooke would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Motorcycle Honor Guard, the Marine Corps, Dan Douglas, and Westlawn Mortuary, and most of all to the friends and family who attended Tommy's graveside service. Tommy would have truly loved the motorcycle escort, the flags, and seeing each of you there, sharing your stories and memories. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, and kind words. Your love and support mean more than we can express, and each of you is deeply appreciated and loved.

Cemetery Details

Bowie Desert Rest Cemetery

N Central Ave
Bowie, AZ 85605
(520) 847-2448

Previous Events

Graveside

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ Tommy gave me my first job in high school. I worked on his crew in the cotton fields during the summer. We also played on the Bowie softball team together. Always had a smile on his face and a kind word for you when he saw ya.

Dan Greene - February 06 at 02:52 PM

DP

“ Dan & Barb Puett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas " Tommy" Cooke Jr..



Dan & Barb Puett - February 03 at 12:04 PM

JG

“ The Grusendorf family sends our condolences to the Cooke family. Tommy and Dutch grew up together, played ball together, hunted together and raised families together. Mickey, Vicki, Ginger, George, Troy and Tomi D, you are in our hearts and prayers.

JL Grusendorf - February 02 at 11:07 AM

JG

“ JL Grusendorf lit a candle in memory of Thomas " Tommy" Cooke



JL Grusendorf - February 02 at 10:59 AM

LV

“ Love Susie & Vinny purchased the Sacred Duty S
pray for the family of Thomas " Tommy" Cooke
Jr..



Love Susie & Vinny - January 30 at 02:22 PM

BK

“ Was always nice to me, a good man? Going to miss him.

Barry Klump - January 27 at 06:19 PM

AT

“ Our condolences to the Cooke family!! RIP Tommy

Anselmo & Bertha Torres - January 18 at 01:18 PM

CF

“ "Condolences" to Mickey and Family! Always
sad to lose another 'Old Timer"! He and his
family will forever be a part of the area history.



Chuck and Pati Fickett - January 12 at 04:39 PM

AH

“ RIP TOMMY, OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH
ALL THE FAMILY



Alvino & jacquelyn hernandez - January 11 at 06:21 PM

MF

“ Moreland Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas " Tommy" Cooke Jr..



Moreland Family - January 11 at 02:16 PM



“ Talk about a life well lived! I'm gonna miss you, especially going to miss being called "Hollywood" every time I saw you. Say hi to my Grandma Phyllis for me. Love you and I wish I would've been able to tell you that more. Rest in peace Uncle Tommy.

Nicole Jones - January 11 at 02:12 PM

CC

“ Condolences to the family, your all in our thoughts and prayers 🙏
Chad, Carol & Dylan Case



Carol Case - January 11 at 01:17 PM

AF

“ Our heartfelt condolences. May he rest in peace.



ANGEL & STEPHANIE-RIVAS FAMILY - January 11 at 12:56 PM

PL

“ Tommy will always be remembered as a wonderful and caring man.



Paul & Jackie Lee - January 10 at 11:06 AM

DF

With sincere condolences and prayers go out to Big Tommy and the entire Cooke family, from our entire Diaz Familia, may he rest in peace , Love you all

DIAZ FAMILIA - January 11 at 01:59 PM

DR

“ Denise & Gary Runyon lit a candle in memory of Thomas Tommy" Cooke



Denise & Gary Runyon - January 09 at 09:52 AM

PT

“ PAIGE A TRAVIS lit a candle in memory of Thomas Tommy" Cooke



PAIGE A TRAVIS - January 07 at 08:19 PM

CN

“ Deepest condolences to the Cooke family!
Prayers too all! 🙏🙏🙏

Chris



Chris Navarrette - January 07 at 07:35 PM

TB

“ One of a kind. Prayers and deepest sympathies to family and friends. You will be missed Tommy.



Todd “T.C.” Brown - January 07 at 07:22 PM

KT

“ Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Thomas Cooke



Kathy Thatcher - January 07 at 01:41 PM

SA

“ Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Thomas Cooke



Susan Arbuthnot - January 07 at 11:23 AM

KM

“ *Kay Mahan & LS mMahan lit a candle in memory of Thomas Cooke*



Kay Mahan & LS mMahan - January 06 at 02:16 PM