



Tommy Todd Tenney

December 14, 1946 - January 11, 2026

Tommy 'Todd' Tenney departed this life at age 79, on January 11, 2026, and has gone to reunite with his parents, Alaire and Lyman Tenney, and adopted brother Cody. Todd leaves behind his loving wife Peta-Anne, two sons Jacob Lyman T. Tenney (Renae) and Cotton Logan T. Tenney (Liz), eight granddaughters: Arianna Marie, Madison Elizabeth, Kennedy Brianne, McKinley Rose, Kauri Hope, Liberty Monroe, Nixon Alaire and Carter Claire, and a grandson, Harrison Logan T. Tenney. He is survived by his brother Jimmy Lyman Tenney and half-brother James Clifton Minyard of Texas.

Todd was born on December 14, 1946, lived his early years on the BarHL Ranch in the Winchester Mountains, attended school in Willcox, Prescott, and Imperial Valley, California, and graduated from Willcox High School in 1964. He spent many summers on the Muleshoe Ranch with his grandparents, J. E. and Polly Browning, and enjoyed hunting.

In 1967 he joined his parents in Australia where they worked on Wollogorang, an outback cattle station. When his father was injured, he assumed management of the 1,250,000-acre station until Lyman returned.

During 1968-69 Todd worked at Mt. Isa Mines, at levels down to 3,700 feet below ground. After that he was a contract fencer and built 80 miles of fence in Queensland's tropical Far North, and in the Northern Territory. During 1969 Todd and his father gave a demonstration of team roping at Mt. Isa Rodeo, and the following year the Australian Rough Riders Assn. adopted team roping as an official event in Australian rodeo.

In 1971 Todd married Peta-Anne Miller and together they became Australia's leading horse photographers. In 1973 they started publishing Australia's Western Horsemen magazine, and annual Stallion Directories – promoting the 'new' western horsemanship in Australia and furthering the Quarter Horse, Appaloosa and Paint Horse breeds.

In 1973 Todd and Peta-Anne, and Lyman and Alaire, founded the Paint Horse Assn. of Australia and imported two Paint stallions from Arizona. In appreciation of his efforts to found and promote the Paint Horse, Todd was inducted into the PHAA Hall of Fame in 2018.

Returning to Willcox in 1983 Todd coached Little League baseball, and worked as a bus driver for Willcox Schools, Chicanos por la Causa and the Willcox Head Start. In the late 1990s he very much enjoyed riding his Honda ST1100 motorcycle with Peta and friends.

He retired in 2017, and enjoyed his grandchildren, reading almost anything newsworthy online, and was a fan of 'Itchy Boots'. The last few weeks he had spent a lot of time reading through Peta's monthly newsletters to family and looking at family photos.

Todd was much loved and will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Peta and Family: Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of Tommy. I was intrigued by his background in Australia and meeting Peta there. May God comfort you through this time.* ”

Judy Bailey - January 21 at 03:47 PM

AN

“ *Our condolences to Peta Anne & family!!! May he RIP.* ”

Anselmo - January 18 at 01:16 PM

AT

“ *Anselmo & Bertha Torres lit a candle in memory of Tommy Tenney* ”



Anselmo & Bertha Torres - January 18 at 01:13 PM

CD

“ *Carol Dunagan lit a candle in memory of Tommy Tenney* ”



Carol Dunagan - January 17 at 04:00 PM

JC

“ *Jody Clement lit a candle in memory of Tommy Tenney*



Jody Clement - January 15 at 04:09 PM

CD

“ *Carol Dunagan lit a candle in memory of Tommy Tenney*



Carol Dunagan - January 14 at 03:09 PM

JL

“ *Jackie Lee lit a candle in memory of Tommy Tenney*



Jackie Lee - January 14 at 11:19 AM

JL

“ *Rest peacefully Todd. Our deepest sympathies to you Peta-Anne and all of the family.*

Jackie Lee - January 14 at 11:16 AM

PF

“ Sincere condolences to Pete-Ann and the Tenney family. Prayers for comfort and peace.



Pati Fickett - January 14 at 10:45 AM

JM

“ Sincere condolences to all the family. Rest in peace Tommy. Rey & Jonnie Martinez

Jonnie B Martinez - January 14 at 07:34 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Condolences to the Family. 🙏🙏



Johnny & Donna Brown - January 13 at 09:32 PM

KT

“ My deepest condolences to the family.



Kathy Thatcher - January 13 at 09:31 PM

LT

“ My condolences to Peta-Ann, Jake, Cotton and families. Rest in peace.



Linda Torres - January 13 at 09:03 PM



“ So sorry for the loss to all of Tod's family. My husband loved for Tod to drive the team bus to games for many years. Rest in Peace.

Kathy Leonard - January 13 at 06:05 PM

ML

“ May he Rest in Peace . Condolences to the family. Todd will be missed . From ~MarissaLeal~



Marissa Leal - January 13 at 05:27 PM

SR

“ My deepest condolences to the family. He was such a nice man. Prayers of comfort are with all if you.



Sharma Reed - January 13 at 04:59 PM

BA

“ *Betsy & Cary Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Tommy Tenney*



Betsy & Cary Ajeman - January 13 at 04:31 PM

SA

“ *susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Tommy Tenney*



susan Arbuthnot - January 13 at 04:21 PM

FG

“ *Frank and Susie Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Tommy Tenney*



Frank and Susie Gonzales - January 13 at 04:11 PM