



Thomas Patrick Hardiman Jr.

Born March 4, 1949, passed December 30, 2020.

Tommy grew up in Palo Alto, the second of four children. A premie, he weighed under 4 pounds at birth. He did well in school, had a strong intellect, liked sports and was a pitcher for Little league, Babe Ruth league and Palo Alto High School. He loved astronomy and had a telescope at home to look at the stars. In his early teen years he enjoyed riding his bike around town with his many friends, and also had a paper route. As a child he was in Cub Scouts and Little League. As the late 60s developed he embraced the Hippie era and particularly loved it's music and laid back lifestyle.

Thomas had a challenging adult life due to a chronic illness. He was under the care and oversight of San Mateo County Social Services for many years. We owe a debt of gratitude to the professionals and staff at San Mateo County for their good care of Tommy. The family stayed involved in his life and care through his adult years. His parents, Thomas Hardiman Sr. and Angelina Hardiman resided in Palo Alto Ca and stayed in touch and involved with Tommy through the 1970s, 80s and 90s. They both passed away in the mid-late 1990s. Tommy worked at his Uncles' restaurant, Mazzocco's Italian Dinners, in Redwood City in the 1970s, he later worked for San Mateo County doing assembly work. In later years Tommy better understood his illness and worked hard to manage it and have a balanced life.

Thomas resided in St. Anthony's care home in Hayward Ca, for over three years due to declining health. He had dementia and congestive heart failure, among other things. He passed from dementia, as the official cause, he did not have COVID-19. But he was in good spirits most of the time, and he passed peacefully. Family members visited frequently until we were unable due to COVID restrictions. We then did Facetime visits when we could. Thomas had been in an assisted living facility in San Mateo County until his health declined in 2017 and he needed care provided by a Skilled Nursing Facility.

Thomas is predeceased by his parents, Thomas Hardiman Sr. and Angelina Mazzocco Hardiman, and Brother in law Samuel M. Boykin. He is survived by his three siblings: Ellen Boykin, of Los Osos, Ca; Kevin Hardiman, of Los Osos, Ca; and Mary Sullivan (husband Robert) of Santa Rosa, Ca.