



## Thomas Michael Cierley

March 2, 1948 - November 25, 2015

Tom left this world after a short illness on November 26, 2015. We will miss his sense of humor and living life to the fullest.

He was born and raised in "The Dale" also known as Upper North Bakersfield. After graduating from North High School in 1966 and attending Bakersfield College for a year, he decided to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. During that time, he married the girl of his dreams, Barbara, just before leaving for Viet Nam. After returning home from Viet Name and getting out of the Marine Corps in 1970, they moved to New Cuyama, to start their new life and family. In June of 1970, he went to work for Arco Oil and Gas Company. In March on 1978 they moved back to Bakersfield. He stayed with Arco until 1999, when Area Energy bought them out. He worked for Aera Energy for eight years. Since that time, he had been Consulting for Chevron, Occidental and PXP. Tom retired in 2013.

Tom always lived his life to the fullest. In his young married life he played Fast-pitch softball with some of the most talented players from Taft. Tom was a 20 gallon blood donor with Houchin Community Blood Bank. He coached girls softball and Northwest Baseball for several years. After that, he decided to start playing slow-pitch softball for a few years and in his early 50's, he played adult baseball with the 18 to 25 year olds. After a few injuries (probably because he was too slow), he decided it was time to hang up the cleats. Maybe, he just didn't want to grow up.

In 1981 Tom rejoined the Marine Corps Reserve as a 32 year old Corporal.

During this time he traveled all over the world. He went to Korea, Japan, Hawaii, Alaska and Iraq twice. He continued serving the Corps until he retired in 2007 at the rank of CWO-5. He loved his country, and loved his Corps. He had to retire, "because the old body just couldn't do it anymore".

Tom was preceded in death by the love of his life of 46 years wife, Barbara and Father, Andrew D. Cierley. He is survived by daughter Lisa Klinger, daughter Erin and husband Mike Endes, son Kevin and wife Vanessa. Six Grandchildren, Clayton and Dalton Endes, Justin and Allysa Klinger, Kai and Kenyon Cierley. Mother, Marjorie R. Browning. Brother Jack and wife Donna Cierley of LaHabra and sister Jennifer Williams of Bakersfield.

# Cemetery Details

## Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd  
Arvin, CA 93203

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 3. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary  
531 California Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
1 (661) 323-3339  
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

## Graveside

DEC 3. 12:30 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Michael Cierley*



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**Mission Funeral Home** - December 04, 2015 at 10:06 PM

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*What an amazing tribute. Beautiful.*

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**Carol Magner** - December 05, 2015 at 10:47 AM

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“ *Laurie lit a candle in memory of Thomas Michael Cierley*



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**laurie** - December 14, 2015 at 08:47 PM

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“ *I went to grammar school at Standard and North High I ran into Tom at Bowling alley always a gentleman thank you for your service my Condolences to Tom's family rip simperfi not sure if I spelled it right but a awesome Marine*

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**Pat smith** - December 07, 2015 at 11:48 PM



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Mission Funeral Home - December 04, 2015 at 09:52 PM



“ Carol Copeland Wagner lit a candle in memory of Thomas Michael Cierley



Carol Copeland Wagner - December 02, 2015 at 11:12 AM



My prayers our with Tom's family. Hoping you find peace in knowing that Tome is with Barbara again. I went knew Tom from high school. he was truly a great person.

Carol Copeland Wagner - December 02, 2015 at 11:14 AM



A group of Tom's classmates met tonight at Woolgrowers in honor of Tom. John Hahn,Russ Kinney,Doug Woods,Rayden Shippey,Margaret Dearmond and Peggy Ball. Our prayers and love are with Tom,Barbara and the family that survives them.

Russ Kinney - December 03, 2015 at 01:00 AM

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*R.I.P. Sir. Thank you for everything you have done over the years. Not just your time with the USMC, but all that you did for your family and others. Thank you for being such a good friend to my dad and like a second father to me. It is thanks to guys like you that we live in the best country ever. God bless you Tom. We will miss you forever and you will always be with us. Give Barbara a hug and kiss. Hope too see yall again someday. With much sadness on earth but happiness for the heavens!!*

*Peace and love always*

*Kory D. Thompson*

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**Kory D. Thompson** - December 03, 2015 at 08:48 AM