



Tom Grizzard

January 7, 1940 - April 22, 2026

Tom Grizzard, age 86 of Harriman, Tennessee passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at his home. Tom was a member of Harriman Global Methodist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing and umpiring softball games. He loved his family deeply and although, he was a man of few words, his affection was evident in the way he cared for others. Tom worked as a researcher at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and held a master's degree in biology. He retired in 1995.

Preceded in death by his parents, Irwin "Grizz" and Bonnie Adkisson Grizzard; sister, Laura "Sookie" Burns; daughter, Stacy Lea Grizzard McGhee; grandson, Landon Grizzard.

Survived by his faithful, and loving wife of 66 years, Dolores "Corky" Grizzard; sons, Tom Grizzard (Lisa) and Mike Grizzard (Gina); sister, Rebecca Sorrells; grandchildren, Brett Grizzard (Megan), Laci Pryor (Christian), Colten Stinnett, Cassidy Stinnett, Lucas Grizzard (Macy) and Bonnie Mullinax (Kegan); eight great grandchildren; along with many extended family and friends.

Family will receive friends from 3:00PM until 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman, Tennessee. Funeral Service will follow at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday with Rev. Gary Alley officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to be made in Tom's memory to Harriman

Global Methodist Church. Kyker Funeral Home of Harriman is serving the Grizzard Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes
OUR HARRIMAN CHAPEL
PO Box 232, 430 Morgan St
Harriman, TN 37748
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tom Grizzard*



Kyker Funeral Home - April 26 at 11:37 AM

RS

“ *I will never forget Tom. He was my mentor in my very first internship at ORNL back in 1990. He gave me a great start. I was a kid with almost no practical knowledge of how to make a career in science and he helped set me right. So much gratitude to him.*

Robert Stewart - May 02 at 02:30 PM

M(

“ *Don Todd, Art Stewart, and Monty Ross have had 3 trees planted in memory of Tommy. We all remember the greenhouse with Mac Stubbs, Bill Kyker, Bill Selvidge and Sherwood Foster where worked, talked and had fun. We will miss him terribly. Just knowing he was still with us made the world a better place.*

Monty Ross (Balie) - April 29 at 11:14 AM

BM

“ *Balie M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Grizzard.*

Balie M. - April 29 at 11:01 AM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss I know Mr. Grizzard will be missed my thoughts and prayers are for you the family and all friends God Bless you all



Rusty Dryman - April 27 at 06:21 AM

EB

“ Tommy and I were best buddies for many years as we worked together at the Biology Division , played ball together for years and fellowshiped together with our families. He will be greatly missed and I wish Corley, Mike and Tommy the best.

Eddie Bailiff - April 26 at 06:46 PM

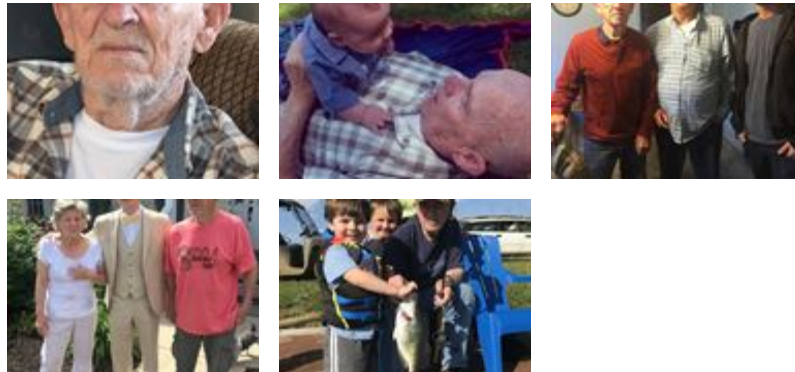
AW

“ Annetta W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Grizzard.

Annetta W. - April 26 at 12:21 PM



“ 96 files added to the album LifeTributes



Kyker Funeral Home - April 26 at 11:16 AM

“ It’s hard to put into words what Big Tom meant to our family. For the past 10 years, he has been so much more than a neighbor—he has been family.

He had a way of making everyone feel welcome, always stopping by to visit, often with his great-grandson Nolan by his side. Those two were truly two peas in a pod, and it was a joy to see the bond they shared.

Big Tom was a mentor to my boys, especially my youngest, taking the time to teach him things he’ll carry with him for life—like how to safely shoot a gun, but more importantly, how to be patient, kind, and respectful. Those moments meant more than words can say.

He gave so much to others, whether it was through his time as an umpire, a substitute teacher, or simply being someone people could count on. And above all else, he loved his family deeply—and it showed. The love they have for him is just as strong.

Our hearts are with his family during this time. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so grateful to have known and loved such a special man. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. □

He will forever be in our hearts. It’s been a blessing to have the opportunity to know him.

*Deepest sympathies,
Justin & Christa Hart & family.*

Christa Hart - April 24 at 11:49 PM

L(

“ Lana (Heath) lit a candle in memory of Tom Grizzard



Lana (Heath) - April 24 at 10:33 PM

BE

“ Bob and Angie Eason purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Tom Grizzard.



Bob and Angie Eason - April 24 at 07:00 PM

CB

“ Corey, John, Brodie and Bonnie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tom Grizzard.



Corey, John, Brodie and Bonnie - April 24 at 06:41 PM

TB

“ Good Man...

Troy Beets - April 24 at 04:54 PM

MW

I have a team picture of Tom and my husband Jim playing on the same baseball team when they were teens. So sorry for your loss.

Marsha Whittenbarger - April 24 at 07:14 PM

DF

“ Dave and Donna Reichle and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom Grizzard.

Dave and Donna Reichle and Family - April 24 at 04:45 PM

DF

“ Dave and Donna Reichle and Family purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Tom Grizzard.



Dave and Donna Reichle and Family - April 24 at 04:45 PM

MO

“ I worked in county clerk office for nearly 40 years and Tom was one of my favorite customers. Always so kind, spoke often of his wife and family to me. He will be missed.

Monica - April 24 at 04:04 PM

LP

“ There are no words that could ever truly capture how much you will be missed Papaw!! You were so deeply loved and appreciated, more than I think you ever realized. The kindness, strength, and love you gave will stay with us forever. Thank you for being the very best grandfather and great grandfather. You were so selfless and the one person I’ve always been able to count on since the time I was born.

The kids and I will miss you more than we can put into words. You meant so much to all of us, and your presence in our lives was a gift we will always be grateful for.

We hold onto the hope that this isn’t goodbye forever, that one day, we will see you again in heaven. Until then, we will carry your love with us every single day. □



Laci Pryor - April 24 at 03:53 PM

BW

Corkie and Family, Carol texted us of Tom’s passing. We have such sweet memories of you both. It was always so good to see you when we were in Harriman. Once I recall Tom showing us his baby skunks! May God grant you peace and comfort. Becky & Woody

becky woodiel - April 25 at 03:00 PM

RL

Mike ,Tom: So sorry for your lost, your dad was a great man he will be missed. Prayers for the family

Roger Lloyd - April 28 at 06:44 AM