

Thomas Lee Frazier Class of 2024



Tom graduated from Las Plumas High School (LPHS) mid-term in 1972. He lettered in basketball, tennis, and track and played in the first varsity football game on the grass at Harrison Stadium in 1970. His JV football coach was Gene Verkerk and his varsity coach was OUHSD Hall of Famer, Norm MacKenzie. He was a member of the Block LP club. He was active in ASB activities as an active member of the French and Key Clubs.

Following graduation from high school, Tom attended Butte College for two years, lettering in tennis, and playing under the tutelage of his LPHS coach, Chet Lyssy. Tom was undefeated in Golden Valley Conference singles play during the 1973 season and placed second in the doubles division.

Tom's military service spanned three years serving in the United States Air Force at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He started as a Telecommunications Specialist and was an Honor Graduate from the Basic Training and Telecommunications School, teaching there for three years. He received his honorable discharge in 1977.

That same year, he started the Endeavor Homes Program at Las Plumas Lumber Company in Oroville and was employed there for nine years. He was mentored by OUHSD Hall of Famer, Joe Felipe and assisted him in the implementation of the operational systems in Riverside and Bakersfield divisions of Las Plumas Lumber Company. 1986, he became part owner of Norcal Lumber Company in Olivehurst, California, and was the Sales and Production Manager until 2009.

2009, marked the beginning of Tom's highly successful career as General Manager at Ramsey Funeral Homes, a capacity he serves in to this day. He manages the day-to-day operations for Ramsey and Oroville Funeral Homes and Gridley-Block Funeral Home in Gridley. His number #1 priority is working with families who have just lost a loved one and going through a difficult time. His outgoing personality, knowing countless Oroville residents, and his deep care for his community, lend to his being highly successful in his work.

Tom's service to his Oroville community is extensive and varied. It started with him assisting Pastor Don Phillips in the youth department at the Church of the Nazarene. He served in this role for three years, then became a full-time volunteer and youth pastor for eight years.

His being a member of the Praise and Worship Band at the Church of the Nazarene and the Clean Slate Community Church spanned 30 years.

As a lifelong lover of sports, Tom coached in the Thermalito Little League and was a board member for 14 years. He also did all the game filming for the Oroville Rhinos for four years.

He has devoted many years to Oroville High School athletics, filming football games for over 10 years and girls' basketball games for 20 years. For the past 12 seasons, Tom is the voice heard over the public address system at OHS home football games since 2010 and counting.

Don Phillips wrote in his letter of support: *"I first got to know Tom in the early 1990s when he was a volunteer at the Oroville Church of the Nazarene (I was the Youth Pastor). He would play guitar in a couple of bands, lead youth Bible videos, and take students to Mexico to build homes and churches (personally donating much of the lumber and equipment). Tom was so generous and giving. If we ever needed anything, I would ask, and he would deliver. Many of the young leaders in Oroville can trace their philanthropic roots back to Tom."*

Ed Redfern wrote in his letter of support: *"Over the years of meeting Tom, I became aware of his involvement with children and young people, especially through sports. Tom loves sports of all kinds, and he coached Little League baseball teams for years. He not only taught young boys how to play baseball but helped them to grow and develop into young men. He helped them experience what it meant to be a team and build one another up instead of just individual accomplishments. His teams won most of their games, but his influence in their lives extended far beyond baseball."*

Tom and his wife, Tomasa make their home in Oroville.