

## TEX “WAHOO” RICHARD TOMASINI

April 18, 1937 - February 5, 2021



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Tex Richard Tomasini, age 83, passed away on Friday, February 5, 2021 at his home in Bergheim, Texas. He was born on April 18, 1937 in San Antonio, Texas to Mitchell George & Thelma Lou Tomasini, Sr.

Tex was born into a family of dairymen and learned his milking skills at a very young age. He was always quick to mention that Jerseys were their breed of choice. He would say, Jerseys are quick tempered and always ready for a fight. He often told of the time he was tending to a young calf and its momma, aptly named Bossy, tried hooking him but instead managed to snag his belt with both horns and commenced to flailing him around. There was also the time a Jersey bull chased him from the pasture back to the house where he was able to take cover under the front porch. His love for animals was a part of him since his earliest memories and he continued raising a revolving door of animals his entire adult life. He was a cattleman for a time until he began raising registered dairy goats in mid-1970's. His passion for dairy goats paved the way for his two youngest children to join a 4-H club where they began traveling around the state entering various dairy goat shows. His registered dairy goat herd name was "Bitterrock", which was a combination of the road he lived on and the gigantic rock that sat close to the driveway by the road. His pride and joy was a Toggenburg nannie named Mocha who was a multiple time Grand Champion.

Tex attended North East High School (present day MacArthur High School) in San Antonio, Texas. He loved playing football, being a cowboy, outrunning the Constable in his old Mercury, and your garden variety mischief. After high school, he was a haul truck driver for Neal Trucking, Surveyor for Collins Engineering, Crew Leader for C.L. Hobbs where they installed underground utilities, then found his true calling with North East Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas as the Facilities Manager at Blossom Athletic Center. He was most proud of the football field and always had one of the best, if not the best, grass fields in the San Antonio Area for the greater part of 30 years. He was once offered the lead position to manage the Kansas City Chiefs football field in Kansas City, Missouri. He gave it serious consideration but chose to stay put where he could stay close to his roots. He

retired from North East Independent School District in the late-1990's. His retirement lasted all of a few months before he began a three-year stint working for real estate developer G.G. Gale at his Waterwood development south of San Antonio, Texas. Still not ready to retire, he started working for his oldest son in his construction business as an equipment operator and jack-of-all-trades. After a few years he ventured back into the cattle business working again for his oldest son in his cattle operation. Tex maintained a rigid work schedule up until just a few years ago when health issues began dictating his daily life and prohibiting him from doing the things he enjoyed. He served as a trustee with the Coker Cemetery Association, San Antonio, Texas where he enjoyed assisting in the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery.

Tex will be remembered for his love of hunting, family, animals, story-telling (fact or fiction), and always having a crowd appropriate joke or two. He rarely met a stranger and was always quick to lend a hand when he saw someone in need. He led by example, he always kept his word, if he shook on it then you could take it to the bank, he was cut from old cloth, integrity ran deep in his blood, he was a truly honest man, he only took what he earned and always gave more than he received. Deer hunting was his one true hobby and very few things ever prevented him from being in the blind on opening weekend. Legend has it that he somehow convinced his bride-to-be to change their weekend wedding date to the preceding Wednesday so he could accept a last-minute invitation to go on a hunting trip.

Tex was preceded in death by his parents, Mitchell George and Thelma Lou Tomasini, Sr., brother Mitchell George Tomasini, Jr. & sister-in-law Mary Ellen Tomasini, sister-in-law Annette Tomasini, brother Gerald Albert Tomasini & sister-in-law Muriel Tomasini, and nephew Kevin Jake Tomasini. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Eva McCreery Tomasini whom he married on November 11, 1959 at Coker Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas; brother Robert Leslie Tomasini, Sr.; children Richard (Denise) Tomasini, Deborah (Kenneth) Ripley, Allison Tomasini, Leonard Tomasini; grandchildren Brandon Tomasini, Clifton Tomasini, Kyle Ripley, Travis Ripley, Benjamin Tomasini, Nash Ripley, Lenisa Tomasini, Sofia Tomasini; great grandchildren Zaida Tomasini, Nevaeh Ripley, Gabriel Ripley, Joanna Ruiz-Tomasini, Baron Tomasini, Everly Tomasini, and soon to be born Blakelyn Tomasini; and the many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

**Graveside funeral services are pending and will be announced at a later date.**

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a donation in Tex's honor to one of the following:

- Coker Cemetery Association, San Antonio, Texas [www.cokercemetery.com](http://www.cokercemetery.com)
- Your local 4-H Club or high school FFA program
- Your local animal shelter, or
- Any organization or charity that promotes youth in agriculture, especially animal husbandry

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