



## Thomas J. Lusch

January 31, 1941 - July 7, 2022

Amazing Daddy & Grandpa and loving brother who strived to live a “no fuss no muss” life. Tom was a gentle, caring, kind, full of life, fun, loving, prankster of a man.

Tom peacefully passed away holding the hands of and surrounded by family on 7/7/2022 in Modesto, CA.

Thomas Jay and his twin sister Susan Kay were born 1/31/1941 in Marion, OH – with Thomas shoving his twin sister out first. He grew up on a farm which later became the Lusch subdivision where he and Sue helped their mom, Ruth Ella Lusch (Krautter) with running the subdivision.

Sue would ask to borrow Tom’s car to go to games, so they wrote a contract, and their mom was the witness. Tom got his sister back by locking her in the corn crib with all the mice at the farm. He was also known to perform “marriage” ceremonies for Sue and their friend Jeff in the hay loft when they were young. Growing up, he had horses and rode them in parades. He always loved his special horse, Skeeter.

Tom graduated from Pleasant High School in Marion, OH in 1959 (Of course Sue was first again).

He served in the U.S. Army from 8/30/1966 to 8/1/1968 as a vehicle and track mechanic. He received a National Defense Service Medal, a Marksman badge, and a Good Conduct Medal.

Tom was a Tool & Die Maker for 38 years excelling in his field. He served as President of the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers (IAM&AW #1528) Union.

His last love affair was a lovely lady with a beautiful body and great hips, who was gorgeous with her top off...his 1968 Corvette Stingray. Tom could rebuild and make like-

new any car in any condition. He rebuilt over 35 cars and owned over 75 cars during his lifetime.

He is preceded in death by his Dad, Don Edwin Lusch, Mom, Ruth Ella Lusch (Krautter), Brother, Richard Calvin Lusch, Sister, Norma Jeanne Lusch Coile Starr.

Tom is survived by his twin sister, Sue Kay Coile, daughters Candice J Eberly (husband/honorary son, John), Nicole Marie Buss, Yolanda Lusch Auld (husband/honorary son, James), his grandkids, Justin Verdu, Emily Stiffler, Meganne Buss, Madeleine Flinn, Matthew Wiggs, Sydnee Wiggs, Skylar Auld, James Auld 2.0, Simon Auld, Chelsie Wiggs, his great grandkids Emma, Amber, Leo, Stella, Lyra, Juniper, Calvin, Lucy, Caydence, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

He will be missed, loved, and remembered by all whose lives he touched.

A private service will be held at Turlock Memorial Park on 7/18/2022 at 11:00 a.m. A live feed is available for those who would like to attend but cannot do so in person. Log in Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85304367988> Meeting ID: 85304367988 Dial in #: 1-669-444-9171

In Tom's honor please consider a donation to the Michael J Fox Foundation, which can be done directly at [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org)

To quote this wonderful man, "Who got me out of my warm, warm bed and put me on this cold, cold pot, told me I could when I could not? Somebody come get me I foood."

# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.  
Turlock, CA 95380  
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

**JUL 18.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park  
575 N Soderquist Rd  
Turlock, CA 95380-3749

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Lusch.*



July 15 at 07:01 PM

ME

“ *Thanksgiving 2020 with Grandpa* □



**Meganne** - July 14 at 05:55 PM



“ *I remember when I was 13 or 14 and you guys lived in Marion on the farm. Your dad worked 2nd shift and got home around midnight. Your mom and I stayed up playing Canasta and when he got home, he woke you, Niki and you, Yo (still a baby) and we went out and played in the pool then went inside for homemade pizza. It was so special.*

**Melissa Hott** - July 14 at 03:30 PM