



Mr. Tommy Dorsey Rich

September 16, 1949 - February 23, 2026

Tommy Dorsey Rich, age 76, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2026, surrounded by his family at his home in Arnoldsville, Georgia.

Tommy was born on September 16, 1949, in Royston, Georgia, to the late Dorsey and Jeanette Rich. He worked for 22 years at Athens Regional Medical Center in the Engineering Department as a skilled carpenter and cabinet builder. Prior to his carpentry career, he worked as a collector for C & S Bank and was also employed by Driver Construction.

Tommy proudly served six years in the United States Army Reserves. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather for over 46 years and was lovingly known as “Pop” to many family members and friends.

He had a lifelong passion for horses and roping and could often be found at horse shows and rodeos throughout the years. Tommy served as both President and Vice-President of the Madison County and Oglethorpe County Saddle Clubs and was a member of the Georgia Rodeo Cowboy Association. Whether making announcements or preparing the grounds, he was always willing to lend a helping hand. He had a true servant’s heart and generously shared his talents with others throughout his life.

An exceptionally skilled tradesman, Tommy had a remarkable gift for building

furniture and countless other projects that will be cherished for years to come. He enjoyed early morning hot breakfasts with his closest friends and treasured the fellowship those gatherings brought.

Later in life, he operated sound equipment for karaoke events, churches, rehabilitation facilities, and many other venues. He loved singing gospel music on karaoke nights with friends and could often be heard singing at his local church on Sunday mornings. Tommy also enjoyed fishing, Diet Mountain Dew's, and sitting on the front porch sharing good conversation with anyone who stopped by.

Tommy is survived by his loving wife, Lisa Y. Rich; his children, Kevin Rich, Leslie Brady (Chris), and Morgan Rich (Ivy); his grandchildren, Danielle Thomas (John), Jayda Wynne, Riley Sisk, J.C. and Sophia Dawson, and Dwaylon Ray Rich; his great-grandson, Robert Bryant Thomas; his sister, Martha Osley (Randy); and his brother, Bobby W. Rich (Erah).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Allen Rich.

Tommy touched countless lives with his kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for his family and community. He is now whole and healed, spending eternity with his Lord and Savior. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held on March 1, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Sandy Cross Baptist Church (791 Lexington-Carlton Rd, Carlton, GA 30627).

The Central Cremation Services staff considers it a privilege to support the family of Tommy Dorsey Rich during this time. (Please do not send flowers to the cremation facility.)

Obituary published courtesy of Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, Georgia.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandy Cross Baptist Church
791 Lexington-Carlton Road
Carlton, GA 30627

Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Brenda Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommy Dorsey Rich*



Brenda Wallace - March 01 at 09:43 PM

SB

“ *Sammy Beard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Dorsey Rich*



Sammy Beard - February 28 at 12:07 AM

JJ

“ *June And Doug Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Dorsey Rich*



June and Doug Jones - February 27 at 11:18 AM

KM

“ I had known the Rich family since back when they attended New Hope Holiness Church. Tommy’s mother played for my wedding to my late husband. I know his mother and family welcomed Tommy into heaven with open arms.
Prayers for all his family. 🙏🙏



Karen Kirk McEver - February 26 at 09:50 PM

PP

“ Pat Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Dorsey Rich



Pat Price - February 26 at 03:57 PM

TE

“ TerryandJaneFortson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Dorsey Rich



TerryandJaneFortson - February 26 at 02:02 PM

TS

Sexton, Sorry for your loss.

TerryandJaneFortson Sexton - February 26 at 02:05 PM

EC

“ *Sorry for your loss.*”



Evelyn Cress - February 26 at 12:07 PM