



## Thomas Matterson Baxter Jr.

November 29, 1941 - November 15, 2025

Thomas Matterson Baxter, Jr., 83, of Ravia, passed away at his home on November 15, 2025. He was born on November 29, 1941, in Lodi, California, to Thomas Jefferson Baxter and Minnie Mary (Lea) Baxter. His parents were sharecroppers, and their work kept the family moving often during his childhood years.

Thomas proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, an experience he considered one of the greatest honors and highlights of his life. In the early 1980s, he moved to Johnston County, Oklahoma, and from that time on, he always called it home.

A man who believed in working hard and keeping his word, Thomas owned and operated Circle Barbi Dozer Service in Coleman. He took pride in a lifetime of hard work — “work, work, work,” as those who knew him would often say. Outside of work, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was known as an excellent shot. Though he had his faults like anyone else, he was always a man of honesty and his word meant everything to him.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son, Tommy Baxter and wife Rita; brothers, Don Baxter and Vernon Baxter; sister, Billie Irene Pierce; grandchildren, Maria DeLeon, Teerah Baxter, Chaunci Cantrell, and Michael Brent Cannon; great-

grandchildren, Tre DeLeon, Justin DeLeon, Ronnie Ramirez, Eric Ramirez, Jayden Taylor, Lanora Cantrell, Asher Dean Cantrell; and a host of extended family and friends.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements were made under the direction and care of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Drinnon Mclean lit a candle in memory of Thomas Matterson Baxter Jr.*



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**Mary Drinnon Mclean** - November 18, 2025 at 11:11 AM