



# Thomas James Paddock

July 16, 1939 - February 8, 2023

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free. I'm following the path God has laid you see. I took His hand when I heard His call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work, or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void then fill it with remembered joys. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. O yes, these things too, I will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full I savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and peace to thee... God wanted me now. He set me free.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We did Magic Shows together in high school and won Best Youth Act at Pacific Coast Magicians' Convention in 1957. We also did plays at NC and a Magic Show again briefly mid 1970's. We kept in touch by phone until late 2022. I have a lovely photo taken by my mom of Tom and his wife Ilyne as clowns at Expo '74.

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**Caryl Briscoe-Michas** - March 04, 2023 at 06:00 PM

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“ In high school we worked together in Magic shows and won a Best Act award at the Pacific coast Magicians convention in Seattle in 1957. In the mid '70s we did another show together in Spokane. We are in the Production section of the NC '56 and '57 yearbook in plays. We kept in touch by phone this past year. We were both in the Spokane Magic club. My mom took a beautiful photo of Tom and Ilyne as clowns during Expo '74, which I would be happy to send.

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**Caryl Briscoe Michas** - March 04, 2023 at 05:34 PM