



Tom (Lefty) Leftwich "His Story"

Tom (Lefty) Leftwich was born in Virginia 1933. He then migrated to California in 1956 and bought a home in Rosamond, CA in 1960. He worked at Edwards AFB for 56 years for the military, Civil Service and O& M contractors. He married his wife, Fran, in 1961 and raised a family of four children. Tom lived in Rosamond until 2013. He was active in most major recreational and civic functions to include: school board president, horse club leader, radio KDOL gospel singer, Little League manager and a founding Director of the Exotic Feline Breeding Compound.

As an aerospace worker, he played a major role in the test programs of numerous aircraft including the Space Shuttle. Retiring at 80, Tom moved to chickens in the streets town of Los Molinos, CA.

He is currently a writer for the ICMJ Prospecting and Mining Journal magazine and author of 15 published books predominately early western stories or gold mining. He has recently published his own autobiography entitled " Give Lefty a Call" and is still actively playing guitar and singing gospel for the Cowboy Church of Red Bluff, CA. His book, "Gold Mining Pickin and Grinnin", published in 2011, contains the story on how he came to write a song about long time local Rosamond icon, Myrt Davis in 1975. It is in paperback and e-book for electronic readers. It is an autobiography that follows his Rosamond and Gold Camp escapades.