

## Remembering Captain Sir Tom Moore

This piece is to commemorate the life of Captain Sir Tom Moore, someone we will forever remember.

Captain Moore was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1920 and passed away on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 due to Covid-19, aged 100. He was a war veteran who had been awarded four well-earned medals including: the Burma Star, the Defence medal, the War medal and the Star, all for serving in WWII. He served his country as an officer in India and Burma.

After WWII, he worked up the ranks in a concrete company, until he became manager. He also was an avid motorcyclist racer. He married in 1968 to Pamela Moore who is unfortunately not with us anymore, although he did have two daughters, Hannah and Lucy.

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020, age 99, he started to raise money by walking around his care home garden to raise money for the NHS. His original aim was to raise £1,000 by his hundredth birthday but little did he know that he would raise over £30 million instead. Before long he became a well-known man in the United Kingdom. On 24<sup>th</sup> April, he also featured in a song, 'You'll never walk alone' which soon became the UK's top hit, making him the oldest person to ever get to number one hit in the UK. On the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020 there was a breakthrough for Tom, he finished his one-hundredth lap of the garden and vowed to continue walking. The UK supported him with every step and money remained pouring in. On 17<sup>th</sup> July, he was knighted for his great efforts and all the money he had raised. Tom Moore was very positive and truly believed that things 'would get better' as he told the BBC Breakfast show on Christmas day of 2020.

Tom Moore was an incredible person who served his country not only once but twice by fighting and raising so much money. The NHS and UK will forever be indebted to this amazing man. Thank you, Captain Sir Tom Moore, rest in peace.

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