

**William Thomas Gormally (01/10/1936 - 08/15/2024) #605  
The Original Mr "I-7", The Man Who Found the First  
I-7-81 Union Cream Ale & I-7-83 Roger Williams**

Tom Gormally passed last fall at the age of 88. Tom and Phyllis attended many JFO Conventions and when he first joined in the early 1990s, Tom's brother Joe, was also a JFO Member and he also attended JFO Conventions. The Gormallys were originally from Nebraska and Tom after living in Los Angeles settled in New Jersey before moving back west to be near the children after he retired.

Tom was easy going and made friends with anyone he met. He worked the New Jersey flea markets and beer shows and it was at a local beer show in 1995 when he found the I-7-81 Union Cream Ale and then at the same show a year later found the I-7-83 Roger Williams. They are two super tough Rhode Island openers to find.

Tom was active in Just For Openers until deciding in 2014 to sell most of his collection through the JFO Auctions. It was also around this time when Phyllis and he were on a Senior Tour to Paso Robles, Ca. that he found an A-14-1 Rainier Bridge in a \$1 box at a Paso Robles Antique Shop. The area is prime hunting grounds for John Cartwright and Tom had sneaked in and gotten a little treasure right under John's nose (Larry Moter has done that to me several times in North Carolina). Tom and Phyllis last attended a JFO Convention in 2015 in Phoenix.

Tom had specialized in "E"s and "I"s and definitely had one of the best "I" Collections. Our condolences to Gormally family and we lost a JFO Star.



**Thomas (Tom) H. Clouse (01/20/1952-05/04/2024) #1189**

Tom passed away on May 4th at the age of 72. He was a fairly new collector to JFO and attended the 2017 JFO Convention at Chapel Hill/Durham as his son lived in Raleigh. He mainly collected Ohio openers as his family lived in Tiffin. Again our condolences to the Clouse family.

