

## Tom Silva

**Source: Bill Freise notes from several conversations**

Tom Silva was a chef on the island and worked at Sound Food in the 80's. Later he started a business as a personal chef. See Beachcomber ad in gallery.

Tom lived in a school bus that was surrounded a pen of chickens and turkeys. Bill recalls Tom cooking a fried chicken dinner one evening and it being the best chicken he had ever eaten. Tom was a perfectionist in everything he did which often served as a source of frustration and perhaps even depression. In another cooking incident Tom prepared Thanksgiving meal for friends using a turkey he raised. The turkey was so big the couldn't fit it into the commercial oven and had to cut it in half.

Bill and wife Bea considered Tom part of their family. See photo in gallery of Tom with their family.

Tom grew up in southern California in a farming family. He was aestranged from his family.

In the 1970s Tom worked as a model.