

Captain Tom Moore

Captain Sir Tom Moore became famous for his fundraising for the National Health Service in the UK during the Coronavirus pandemic.

He was born on 30th April 1920, in Keighley, Yorkshire, England. His father was a builder and his mother was a teacher.

Moore planned to be an engineer, but in 1940 he was called up to join the army. On his 21st birthday, he became an officer and was sent to India. While he was there, one of his jobs was to carry messages on a motorbike. By the end of the war, he was a Captain and returned to the United Kingdom to train tank drivers.

In 1949 he married, left the army and moved back to Yorkshire, where he worked for a roofing company. That marriage did not last, and in 1968 he married his second wife, Pamela. The couple had two daughters, Lucy and Hannah.

In 1992 he retired and cared for Pamela, who had become ill. When she died in 2006, he moved to live with Hannah.



Over the years, Captain Tom had suffered from skin cancer and a broken hip. At the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, he wanted to help the NHS. He set out to walk around his garden, hoping to raise £1,000. When the local paper found out about it, his story went viral and he eventually raised over £30 million for the NHS!

He also became the oldest person ever to have a UK number 1, when his version of “You’ll Never Walk Alone” reached the top of the charts in April 2020.

The Queen gave him a knighthood, making him Captain Sir Tom Moore, in July 2020, and he published his autobiography in September 2021.

Captain Sir Tom Moore died on the 2nd February 2021 in hospital in Bedford. He was one hundred years old.