

Tim Hovey

Titles: 14 Sources: 5 Stills: 11

Born: Los Angeles, California; June 19th 1945

Died: Watsonville, California; September 9th 1989 – of a drug overdose



Fancy-shootin' caballero – Hovey in his "**SLIM CARTER**" rig-out

Source: *Bob's Child Film Stars Photo Gallery website*



In **"TOY TIGER"** – but you guessed that, didn't you !

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Halliwell's Filmgoer's Companion entry:

"American child actor of the mid-fifties. Later on TV."

Bob's Child Film Stars Photo Gallery website comment:

"Overloaded with dimples and charm, Tim Hovey was an immensely likeable boy. Physically small, he won his first significant role as a cadet in **"THE PRIVATE WAR OF MAJOR BENSON"**. My favourite of his movies, and one of my favourite movies of all time, is **"SLIM CARTER"**, in which he appears with Jock Mahoney, one of my favourite TARZANS."

John Willis Screen World vol.42 obituary note:

"Former screen actor and TV child actor, died on September 9th 1989 at his home in Watsonville California of a drug overdose. He is survived by his wife, parents and a brother."

Those Endearing Young Charms entry:

"Tim Hovey was prominent as a child model before his entrance into the motion picture field. Although he was a small and homely youngster, Tim's appealing nature could not be overlooked by the Hollywood scouts. In 1955 he began his film career, where his performances in **"THE PRIVATE WAR OF MAJOR BENSON"** and **"QUEEN BEE"** earned him the Milky Way Gold Star award as one of the top 12 juvenile performers in the nation.

Tim had parts in **"THE PRIVATE WAR OF MAJOR BENSON"**, **"QUEEN BEE"**, **"TOY TIGER"**, **"EVERYTHING BUT THE TRUTH"**, **"MAN AFRAID"**, **"SLIM CARTER"**, **"MONEY, WOMEN AND GUNS"**. He appeared on television in episodes of **"Playhouse 90"**, **"Lux Theater"**, **"Kraft Theatre"**, **"Matinee Playhouse"**, **"GE Theater"**, **"Schlitz Playhouse"**, and **"Lassie"**."

The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"Tiny Tim, a child seemingly endowed with double-jointed dimples, not only talked but read at an alarmingly early age. His father

owned a sports shop in the San Fernando Valley, and took little interest in offers to get Tim into the movies, but eventually the boy went to a studio audition and landed a small part in the **Lassie** series. At a subsequent audition he went one better and was cast in the plum role of a military academy's smallest cadet in "**THE PRIVATE WAR OF MAJOR BENSON**".

This set the tone of cuteness which was to dog all his major parts, though not that of a troubled child of Joan Crawford in "**QUEEN BEE**". In "**SLIM CARTER**" he was teamed with ex-stuntman hero Jock Mahoney.

Both Tim and his parents were very relaxed about his career, which came about with almost no effort. When he was 15 he simply decided to stop acting, although he'd enjoyed it well enough and had just been offered a part on Broadway in "*Critic's Choice*".

After Jesuit High School and study at the University of Colorado he applied to join the Air Force, but was rejected as being too small. For the next few years he travelled widely in Europe, Asia and Africa, then in the Seventies became sound engineer with "The Grateful Dead" and "Kingfish".

Well-invested earnings from his four years of stardom saved him from the need to work too intensively, and Hovey was said to be a notably unbitter and untwisted man. He nevertheless died of a drug overdose."

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
--		Lassie	US TV series – guest role
55	10	THE PRIVATE WAR OF MAJOR BENSON with <i>Tim Considine</i>	as "Tiger" Thomas
55		QUEEN BEE	
56	11	EVERYTHING BUT THE TRUTH	as Willie Taylor
56		TOY TIGER	
57	12	MAN AFRAID with <i>Butch Bernard, Bradley Mora</i>	
57		SLIM CARTER	
58	13	MONEY, WOMEN AND GUNS	
--		Playhouse 90 ---	US TV play – guest role
--		Lux Theater ---	US TV play – guest role
--		Kraft Theatre ---	US TV play – guest role
--		Matinee Playhouse ---	US TV play – guest role
--		GE Theater ---	US TV play – guest role
--		Schlitz Playhouse ---	US TV play – guest role