



Tony Martin Austin

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Tony Martin Austin, a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and dear friend will be loved and remembered long after his passing.

Tony passed away on August 15, 2021 at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his wife Bettie and his son Gary.

Tony is survived by his brother Gilbert, children Debra Sledd (Daniel), Tina Austin, and Marty Austin (Stacey Reeves Austin). His legacy will be carried on by generations of loving children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The simplest pleasures in life, such as enjoying a leisure round of golf, singing gospels and playing guitar. Spending time with loved ones brought the greatest joy to Tony.

Tony proudly served his country in the army as a sergeant in the Korean War and continued his public service as a Memphis police officer driving car #1 on Beale Street. He was known as Mr. Smiley by his colleagues.

After leaving the police department, Tony began working for Womack Exterminators in 1961 and acquired the business as owner/operator until he retired. He loved his church and would always extend a helping hand to anyone in need.



Events

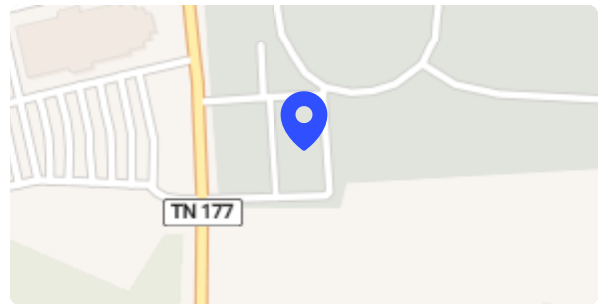
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Graveside

Thursday, August 19, 2021

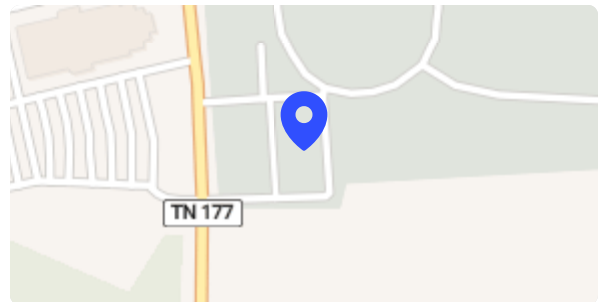
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Memphis Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens
3700 N Germantown Pkwy, Bartlett TN 38133



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Tribute Wall

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BH

Betty Hendrickson posted:

I loved Tony and Bettie Austin. Both were generous, loving people. Many memories at their house, at church, on youth trips and one very special memory is the two of them dancing on roller skates in perfect synchronized movements to the music. They were so talented. Tony was good at most anything he tried. Losing Bettie was devastating for Tony, the kids and scores of friends. Today I send love and sympathy to Debbie, Tina, Marty and Gilbert and all the family. I will never forget the Austin's. Betty Pierce Johnson Hendrickson.

August 18 at 3:47 PM

RW

Rick Wright posted:

He was a great friend of mine, a great singer

August 18 at 6:41 AM

JY

John Yarbrough posted:

We at Balmoral Baptist Church enjoyed the blessing of knowing Tony Austin and the times he shared his joy in Jesus through songs that resonated from his heart as well as his voice. He confessed faith in Jesus as Lord and we know for certain in the grace of our Lord that we will sing with him again. Pastor John Yarbrough

August 18 at 6:28 AM

MR

Mike Rhea posted:

How can I start? My Christian deacon brother at Beverly Hills and Cherokee. Best bloop pitcher in slow pitch softball. In golf, he'd ask me if I inhale or exhale on my backswing. He was always getting a new driver to hit the ball further. Repaired my house. Made life more enjoyable. One of my Dad's best friends. And was married to one of my favorite people in the whole world and he really missed Betty but not any longer. So very sorry to all the family but you have rich memories to hang on to and a heritage of salvation to pass on to successive generations. Tony and Betty loved the Lord and are both there with Jesus now. Way to go Tony. Mike Rhea

August 17 at 5:48 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Tony by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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