



Alton Wayne Tipps

November 10, 1938 - April 4, 2024

Dr. Alton Wayne Tipps died on April 4, 2024 at the age of 85 after a brief illness.

Wayne was born on November 10, 1938 in Winchester, TN to the late Rev. Virgil and Ruth Tipps. Services will be held at Luminary Methodist Church in Ten Mile, Tennessee on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at 3:00 p.m.

From 1972-1999, Dr. Tipps served as Professor of Music Education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Prior to UT, he was the Dean of Students and Conductor of the Orchestra at Shenandoah (VA) Conservatory and College of Music. Previously, he was the Director of Bands at Frederick College (VA). Under his direction, the marching and concert bands were the premier ensembles in the state of Virginia.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in music from Middle Tennessee State University, a master's degree from Vanderbilt University and a Doctorate in music education from the University of Michigan.

During his academic career he also served as Music Minister at Middlebrook Pike UMC in Knoxville, TN as well as Luminary Methodist Church in Ten Mile, TN.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 65 years, Erna Freudenberg Tipps and his sister, Betty Sue Cauthen. He had two daughters, Shelley Tipps Keeley (Mike) and Dee Tipps. Grandchildren are Jordie (Keeley) Ivey and husband Ross, Zade Shamsi-Basha and wife Caroline, Tyler Keeley and wife Rachel, Dury

Shamsi-Basha, Demi Shamsi-Basha, Drake Lindell and one great grandson,
Samuel Ivey.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks for donations to Luminary Church-
Wayne Tipps Memorial Fund. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the
Tipps Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Luminary United Methodist Church
3401 River Road
Ten Mile, TN 37880

Celebration of Life

APR 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HK

“ Erna, sorry to hear about Wayne’s passing. I enjoyed getting to know you both. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Harold Knott

Harold Knott - April 05, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alton Wayne Tipps.



April 05, 2024 at 04:59 PM

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“ Betty Sue and Rhonda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alton Wayne Tipps.

Betty Sue and Rhonda - April 05, 2024 at 04:59 PM

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“ From Your Friends at Blue Springs Marina purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alton Wayne Tipps.



From Your Friends at Blue Springs Marina - April 05, 2024 at 01:41 PM

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“ Jim and I have such fond memories of Dr Tipps. He was always leading and guiding our college paths and touched our personal lives as well over the years. I have fond memories of spending time with the whole family in their home making pasta or just hanging out. We also had some great boat trips on the river with Erna, Shelly and Dee. You are all in our prayers and we cherish the memories of our college years.
Love to all! Jim and Pam Wright

Pamela Wright - April 04, 2024 at 05:48 PM