



Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr.

August 27, 1946 - October 25, 2017

Carl Arthur (Art) Austin, Jr passed away October 25, 2017 to his heavenly home due to complications from Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD).

Art was a member of the Harriman United Methodist Church and served as a Sunday School teacher to a preteen boys group many years ago. He was a graduate of Harriman High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee. Art proudly served in Europe with the U.S. Army. At an early age, he achieved Eagle Scout certification.

Art was a well-known and highly respected Roane County businessman. He owned and operated Austin's IGA Foodliner in Harriman and later Cheers of Kingston Wine and Spirits. In 1998, Art was chosen Business/Businessman of the year by the Roane County Chamber of Commerce. He also served as Harriman Utility Board Chair and was a member of the Hooray for Harriman board.

All that knew Art would agree that he had a "big personality" that brought unexpected fun and joy into their lives. He was an inspiration and mentor to many. With family and friends, Art enjoyed boating, water and snow skiing, motorcycles, the UT Vols, and vintage cars. He had a passion for music from an early age playing the piano and later the organ in the boy band The

Casuals. He cherished class reunions and the opportunities to dance! Art was also a passionate animal lover, especially, the dogs he raised and loved through the years, most recently little Dolly.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Alva Austin and father-in-law, Paul Hudson.

Art is survived by his wife and love of 44 years, Kay Hudson Austin; loving and faithful stepson Troy Rice and wife Diane, and granddaughters Hannah, Meredith, and Maggie; daughter Valeigh Osborne, husband John and grandson Wes.

Survivors include: brother, Thomas A. Austin; brothers-in-law Sid Hudson, wife Cynthia and Don Hudson, wife Janet, mother-in-law Betty Hudson; devoted nephew Justin Hudson and niece Heather Nealon, husband Dan and son Hudson; Godson Glenn Vicary; nephew Richard Hudson and family; nephews Kaine Austin and Hartman Austin and nieces Ashley Parsons and Abby Austin.

Art had a huge circle of friends and a special group that were steadfastly by his side during his challenging dementia journey: Allen Williams; Jerry Lou and Gene Eblen and Tim Pollitt; caring and dedicated family caregivers Sid, Don, and Tommy including the tremendous love and support of my sister-in-law Cynthia. Thank You to Summit View of Farragut and HomeWatch Caregivers.

At the end of my life when I ask one final "What have I done?" let my answer be: I have done love! A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday November 11, 2017 at 2:00pm at the Harriman United Methodist Church with Pastor Darren Kitts and Pastor Steve Parker officiating. Please join the family for a reception after the Celebration in the church fellowship hall refreshments provided.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc for FTD Awareness, 5801 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919 or St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Harriman United Methodist Church
601 Queen Avenue
Harriman, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr.*



Kyker Funeral Home - November 06, 2017 at 11:53 AM

CH

“ *I just googled my old friend Art Austin and I found this. I was in the Army with Arty, 1970, Ft Sam Houston. To this day (56 yrs later) I tell stories about him. My rebel buddy. May he rest in peace. Curt Hamilton. Cuba New York*

Curt Hamilton - April 14 at 11:35 AM

TF

“ *The Hamner Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr..*



The Hamner Family - November 09, 2017 at 06:01 PM

SP

“ To Kay & Family,
I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss of Artie. I
was in some of his high school classes. He
was always smiling and laughing - having fun
and friendly to everyone.

My dad, Preacher JOHNSON, The Sign Painter, painted many a
signs at Austin's IGA store. Dad really liked the Austin family.
May God Bless you and comfort you in this time of sorrow. We shall
meet our loved ones in the sweet bye and bye.

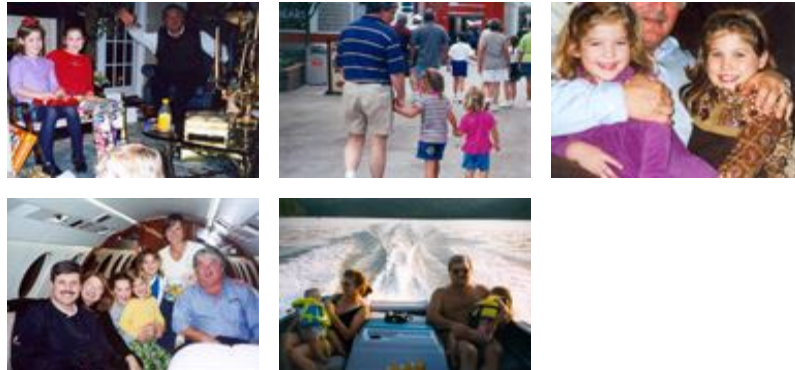
Love & prayers,
Sharon J Patterson



Sharon Patterson - November 07, 2017 at 01:49 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - November 06, 2017 at 10:46 AM

MP

“ Matt Parsons lit a candle in memory of Carl
(Art) Arthur Austin Jr.



Matt Parsons - October 30, 2017 at 03:01 PM

BM

“ Betty & Jaymee Murray lit a candle in memory of Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr.



Betty & Jaymee Murray - October 29, 2017 at 06:08 PM

DM

“ Donna McAbee lit a candle in memory of Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr.



Donna McAbee - October 28, 2017 at 05:36 PM

 John Hamner

“ The Austin Family and the Hamner Family have been close for over 70 years. Artie's passing is a loss of one of our own. May he triumphantly enter into God's presence and rest peacefully in that place in paradise that has been prepared for him. May God's Peace and Comfort surround the Austin and Hudson families and the host of friends and loved ones whose lives have been touched by Artie.

John Hamner - October 28, 2017 at 01:05 PM

FM

“ Artie was always so great to us. We shopped at Austin's for years. He gave both of our kids their first jobs. A great lesson in life. Thanks for the memories, Artie. You will be missed. Freddie and Jim Mullins

Freddie Mullins - October 28, 2017 at 11:22 AM

JN

“ *Janice Nelson lit a candle in memory of Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr.*



Janice Nelson - October 28, 2017 at 11:19 AM

JH

“ *My family lived next to Austins IGA for a while and my brothers and I worked at the store while in high school. Artie was younger, but even then he took interest in the store operations and made sure the bag boys didn't snatch "too much" fruit or candy. Art was a good guy. Condolences to his family.*

Joe Hamner

Joe Hamner - October 28, 2017 at 11:08 AM

JW

“ *Jim West lit a candle in memory of Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr.*



Jim West - October 28, 2017 at 10:42 AM

BH

“ I knew Art from childhood and became close friends while we attended UT, living in the same apt complex, we spent a lot of time together, rarely missed any UT games, home or away, bowl games, championship games, etc. Art loved his Vols! The memories we shared will always be special.

Bobby Hamner & Family

Bobby Hamner - October 28, 2017 at 10:31 AM

BE

“ Our sympathy to the family.
Witt, Joe, Tom, Rosa and Brenda Donald

Brenda Elam - October 28, 2017 at 09:07 AM



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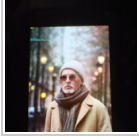


Paul Mashburn - October 28, 2017 at 07:16 AM

LG

“ my parents always took me and my brother to get groceries at austins i love going in there they were always real kind caring people esp when we learned daddy had cancer

lisa smith google - October 28, 2017 at 02:38 AM



“ *My condolences to his family and friends.*

Richard Saffles - October 28, 2017 at 02:04 AM

BQ

“ *Kay, Valeigh, Troy, and Tommy,*

Words alone cannot express my thoughts with the passing of Art. He was very good to me while I was growing up. He was a good role model for all of us!! When Art took over our Sunday school class I found new respect for him as a man. He made sure that we had a well-rounded education and gave a new perspective on faith. I will forever be thankful for times that we had together. May he rest in peace!!

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time!!

*Love,
Bobby Qualls*

Bobby Qualls - October 27, 2017 at 11:28 PM

WL

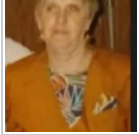
“ *Am sorry for your loss, enjoyed knowing Art very much. Always enjoy the talks we had .*

William Alexander III - October 27, 2017 at 08:37 PM

PV

“ *Knew Artie when he was just a kid. Full of life and always a help to others. My prayers are with the family.*

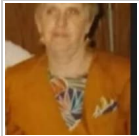
Phyllis Vice - October 27, 2017 at 06:43 PM



“ *Kathy Lawson lit a candle in memory of Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr.*



Kathy Lawson - October 27, 2017 at 06:00 PM



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“ *Ramona Pennington Morlock lit a candle in memory of Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr.*



Ramona Pennington Morlock - October 27, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ *Sandra Goins lit a candle in memory of Carl (Art) Arthur Austin Jr.*



Sandra Goins - October 27, 2017 at 03:50 PM