



## Lance Owen Cavett

September 15, 1955 - March 13, 2024

CAVETT, LANCE OWEN passed from this world peacefully on 13 March 2024 to be united once again with his beloved mother Mary Emma Owen Cavett, his father James O. Cavett, beloved Grandparents Ernest L. and Myrtle M. Samples Owen, and uncle Ernest L. Owen, Jr. Lance had few surviving biological family, but was blessed with, and blessed the life of many friends who thought of him as family, the youngest of whom knew Lance as “Uncle Lance” or “Papa Lance”. Amongst the many were his special “crocodiles”, Godchildren Chloe and Nick Thomas, Hannah Jenkins, and Ellie Watson. He was as proud of these children as if they were his own, and doted on them with love and affection, never a day going by that he didn’t endeavor for their happiness.

Lance was a proud member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #280 in Sweetwater. He embodied the creed of the Odd Fellows (Friendship, Love, Truth) by serving his community on several boards and committees, among which were Westview Cemetery Board (Secretary), Sequoyah Housing Board (President), Cora Veal Senior Citizens Center Board, Monroe County Republican Party (Past Chairman), and Member of Advisory Board to Monroe County Juvenile Services. He was an avid Bridge Player creating many lasting friendships within the competitive Bridge Players community. As a devoted member of First United Methodist Church of Sweetwater, and an active participant in Monroe County Juvenile Services, Lance always insured that those with a need had the things that were needed. Lance never sought

accolades or recognition for his kindness or compassion, but many of Monroe County's children and families benefitted from his generosity and charity. Lance was a true friend, embodied the meaning of compassion, and will be missed by many, especially special friends Tara Thomas, Rhonda Kyker, Tracie Carmack, Angie and Brent Watson, Donna and Robert Jenkins and so many more who meant so much to Lance. Many sought his counsel professionally and personally. His calm, rational advice and sage guidance will be deeply missed. Lance always tempered his advice with compassion and acceptance of others as they are, not as society dictated they be. He displayed and shared wisdom to others that transcended economic status, politics, and social constructs. His counsel will be deeply missed, especially by his friend Judge Thomas.

Odd Fellows Funeral Service will be Graveside at West View Cemetery on Monday, 18 2024 at 2:00 PM, with interment to follow immediately, Reverend Robert Jenkins officiating. Lance's friends at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, are providing funeral services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Memory of Lance Cavett to Westview Cemetery, P.O. Box 511 Sweetwater, TN 37874, Cora Veal Senior Center, 144 College St. S. Madisonville, TN 37354, and Monroe County Juvenile Court Services, 4500 Hwy New Hwy 68 Suite 3, Madisonville, TN 37354.

# Tribute Wall

TL

“ I am just learning of Lance's passing and to say my heart is broken is an understatement. Lance Cavett was one of the most generous, kind, smart and funniest person I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He will be greatly missed. As I said every time we ended our calls, " I love you, my friend." RIP Lil Tanya



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**Tanya Lewis** - September 05, 2024 at 02:49 PM

JP

“ I am Lance's cousin and I'm my visits with him always found him pleasant and interested in his extended family that put down roots in Salt Lake City. In many conversations he made it very apparent he was a Proud Republican and we would share views on the state of our nation. I found him dedicated to Christ and we had many discussions on his religious affiliation and how much he admired the teachings of the LDS Church and its leadership. I will miss our far ranging discussions and his kind concern for me and my family. I always came away from those phone calls and visits with an uplifted spirit and thoroughly enjoyed his points of view. Rest well dear cousin till we meet beyond the veil.

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**Jack Peck** - August 22, 2024 at 03:22 PM

BG

“ I just saw this. My heart is broken. Lance treated everyone he met with kindness and respect. He always had some wonderful Tall Tells to tell, and we loved listening to them all. Most of us were in school or just starting our careers back then and he guided us, provided local contacts for jobs and future careers. Doesn't get much better than Lance Cavett. I met him at the Piedmont Hospital Swimming Pool. I was taking swimming lessons (I think he was just socializing). He was a good man, a good friend and will always have a very special place in my heart. Godspeed home, my dear, funny, gracious, kind, generous Friend. You will always have a place in my heart; a place that will forever be filled with you and your kindness. I love you Buddy!

BJ GUTHRIE - July 13, 2024 at 08:17 PM

TK

“ My heart hurts but my soul smiles that sweet dear Lance is once again with his beloved mother. You will be missed so greatly, but your memory will last forever!

Terrell King

Terrell Montique King - June 06, 2024 at 08:15 AM



JG

“ Jackie & Lois Goodman lit a candle in memory of Lance Owen Cavett

Jackie & Lois Goodman - April 22, 2024 at 12:05 AM



JA

*When we have left this earthly home, all that is left of us is what others remember. Lance left a lot of memories. He could organize an event like no other. He was generous. He left an empty place here. Rest in Peace, Lance.*

Jackie - April 22, 2024 at 12:09 AM

RH

*“Lance was simply one of the finest people I’ve been blessed to know. A true character and a wonderful story teller! I’ll deeply miss our conversations.*

Ron Honken - March 20, 2024 at 07:48 PM

MF

*“Marsha Fetherolf lit a candle in memory of Lance Owen Cavett*



Marsha Fetherolf - March 19, 2024 at 03:45 PM

MF

*Lance was a good friend and high school classmate! I have so many fond and funny memories of Lance! He was quite the character! RIP Lance! Fly high buddy! You’ll be sorely missed!*

Marsha Fetherolf - March 19, 2024 at 03:48 PM

HH

“ ‘Tis a fearful thing  
to love what death can touch.

*A fearful thing  
to love, to hope, to dream, to be –*

*to be,  
And oh, to lose.*

*A thing for fools, this,*

*And a holy thing,*

*a holy thing  
to love.*

*For your life has lived in me,  
your laugh once lifted me,  
your word was gift to me.*

*To remember this brings painful joy.*

*‘Tis a human thing, love,  
a holy thing, to love  
what death has touched.”*

*— Judah Halevi*



Have Hope - March 18, 2024 at 04:09 PM

SC

“ Steve And Gail Clark lit a candle in memory of Lance Owen Cavett



Steve and Gail Clark - March 16, 2024 at 03:44 PM

RB

“ I've got lots of memories from when I worked with Lance at the Lost Sea as a photographer and tour guide back in the 70's. Every time I think about him, I can't stop smiling. Whenever Lance was around, we never got bored because he was always doing something or planning something that would never disappoint. To me, Lance was one of those special people that God brought into my life that can never be replaced or forgotten. Thanks for all the wisdom, kindness and good times buddy. May your soul rest in peace! Rodney Belk

Rodney Belk - March 16, 2024 at 10:29 AM

SW

“ I remember having heated debates with Lance back in the good ole days,he was highly intelligent in all discussions. Steve Woodruff

Steve Woodruff - March 16, 2024 at 12:17 AM

KM

“ What a kind man Lance was, with a world of knowledge. He was funny too! He will be missed.

Kayla Mitchell - March 15, 2024 at 06:07 PM

TJ

“ I had the pleasure of taking care of Lance at NHC Farragut. We both were from Sweetwater and he loved to talk about it. We shared so many things and had so much in common. He was a wonderful guy, & He will be missed dearly! My prayers go out to the family and friends. ❤️

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**Terronda Jones** - March 15, 2024 at 05:52 PM