



Tony Bruce Townson

September 24, 1939 - April 1, 2016

Tony Bruce Townson, age 76, of Chattanooga , TN, was called home to be with his Lord on Friday April 1, 2016 . He was at home with his wife, Mary and at peace with God. He was a member of First Baptist Church Bridgeport, AL.. He served his country in the Army in Germany from 1963 to 1965, discharged just as the Vietnam War was ending. He was a member of the American Legion Post # 40, Ringold, GA. After retiring early he was dedicated to helping to care for his mother, Lena Gourley Townson, his aunt, Lucy Gourley Moura and his Uncle Rev. Joe Caldwell. He spent countless days coming from his home in Chattanooga to Sweetwater and staying days at a time to help care for them. He was one of the kindest, most selfless people on earth. He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Mary Steele Townson, who has lovingly cared for him the past couple of years. Also survived by his precious aunt, Sally Gourley Caldwell, Sweetwater, who along with her deceased husband, Rev. Joe Caldwell loved him like a son. Also survived by sisters-in-law Linda Steele Raulston(Clyde), Bridgeport, AL, Myrtle Steele , Bridgeport, AL and Littleen Steele of Stevenson, AL, several nieces, nephews and great friends who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lena Gourley Townson, father, Tom Townson, his grandparents, William Melton Gourley and Fannie Lindsey Gourley, his grandparents James and Nancy Townson and numerous aunts and uncles. The family would like to extend very special thanks to special friends, Betty and Owen Lewis for countless hours and days they spent helping Mary in so many ways, also a special

thanks to Calvin and Debbie Gullett for all they did to help, a special thanks to little Chelsea Gullett who was like a grand-child and always brightened his life. A special thanks to caregivers Tracy Dodd, Sonya Stuart and Courtney Francis. for lovingly caring for him. A special thanks to cousin Betty and Richard Taylor with whom he and Mary had a special bond from spending a lot of time together over the past several years. Thanks to his cousins Glenn Townson and wife and Raymond and Brenda Stamey for coming to see him often. His loyal friends of many years, Dennis Harvey and Barry Johnson were there for him every step of the way. His cousin Joe Gourley, Ohio, called frequently. To Chris and Julie Gourley for bringing his Aunt Sally to see him a special thanks. For all the many acts of kindness from many of you that made his life more special we are so grateful. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, from 5:00P.M. until 9:00P.M. Funeral services will be held at 11:00A.M. on Monday in Kyker's Chapel with Pastor Houston Thomas, Jr. officiating. Interment to follow in the West View Cemetery. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“*Mary, I am so sorry to learn of Tony's death. From experience, I know there are no words to ease your pain. But please find comfort in knowing that others care and we are thinking of you at this difficult time.*

Hold tight to your faith and believe he is not gone, he is just on a different journey and out of our sight for awhile. He will love forever in your heart and in your memories.

Take care of yourself and know we love you.

Betty Metcalf

Betty Metcalf - April 04, 2016 at 07:54 PM

DB

“*Mary, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband Tony. I hope God will fill your days with peace and wonderful memories of your precious husband. Love, Doris Brazelton*

doris brazelton - April 03, 2016 at 09:58 PM



“*Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Tony Bruce Townson.*



April 03, 2016 at 04:55 PM

DO

“ *Donnie, Stacie, & Zach Hammontree sent a virtual gift in memory of Tony Bruce Townson*



Donnie, Stacie, & Zach Hammontree - April 03, 2016 at 04:41 PM

ST

“ *Stacie lit a candle in memory of Tony Bruce Townson*



stacie - April 03, 2016 at 04:25 PM

CW

“ *This is cousin , Charolette Cansler Wilson.. Prayers for his wife and loved ones. What a day that will be when we all get to heaven to never be parted again and spend eternity with Jesus who made it possible.*

Charlotte Wilson - April 03, 2016 at 01:55 PM

JT

“ *Jerry and Donna Taylor purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tony Bruce Townson.*



Jerry and Donna Taylor - April 02, 2016 at 10:26 PM

KM

“ Praying for Mary and all the family during this time. May God wrap his loving arms around you during this time. We will continue to pray for all the family.

*With our Deepest Condolences and Love
Jason, Kristina, Gabe and Gavin Marshall*



Kristina Marshall - April 02, 2016 at 09:05 PM

KA

“ Kathy(Welch)Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Tony Bruce Townson



Kathy(Welch)Hendrix - April 02, 2016 at 08:42 PM

DH

“ Mary I'm glad you gave Tony a special life. Tony will be sorely missed, GOD had a special trip planned for him. You were fortunate to have Linda & Tracy to help you prepare Tony for his journey. We'll miss him but we can see him again! He & I had some good times while working together.

Dennis Harvey - April 02, 2016 at 06:25 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Tony Bruce Townson.



April 02, 2016 at 04:11 PM