



Mr. Thomas E. Duke

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Thomas E. Duke, a beloved husband and father, of Cottontown, TN passed away on December 18, 2020 in Davidson County. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ed (Betty) Duke, Jean Haynes and step brother Manuel Lambert. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Delle Anne Duke; daughters, Erin (Michael) Ford, Anne Elise (Chris) Rocha; stepfather, Wilson Haynes; sisters, Sheila (Terry) Tisdale, Paula Holder, Patti (Bobby) Koblinsky, step sister Kathy Ellis; brother, D'Wayne (Cyndi) Duke; grandchildren, Ryder Ford, Kalub Ford, Arabella Ford, Hunter Rocha; and a host of nieces and nephews and great- nieces and nephews of which he loved dearly.

Tommy was a larger-than-life kind of guy, he always had a smile on his face and a joke up his sleeve. He enjoyed Sunday dinners and family trips to the beach. Tommy had a passion for golf, fishing, Harley Davidson's, softball, guitars and above all, music. Many people had described Tommys as, "The best air guitarist" and also "the best softball coach." Tommy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was a great storyteller and was known for his enthusiasm. Tommy was a supporter of dreams and would always go out of his way to help the ones he loved achieve those dreams. He loved his CSX railroad family and worked with them for over 30 years. Tommy was an amazing man who touched the lives of everyone who knew him, he will truly be missed.

A celebration of life graveside service will take place at 11am, December 24, 2020 in historic Spring Hill Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery. 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216. 615-865-1101. Service for family only and masks are required. We will meet in the lobby at 11:00 to drive to the grave site. Please dress warm.



Events

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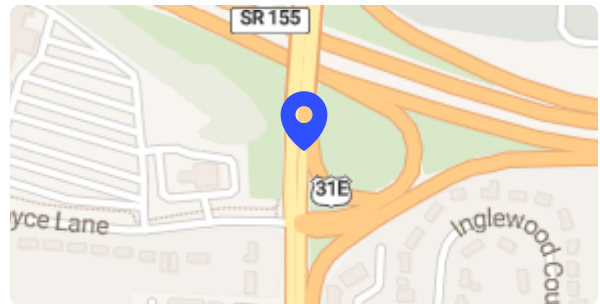
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Graveside Service

 **Thursday**, December 24, 2020

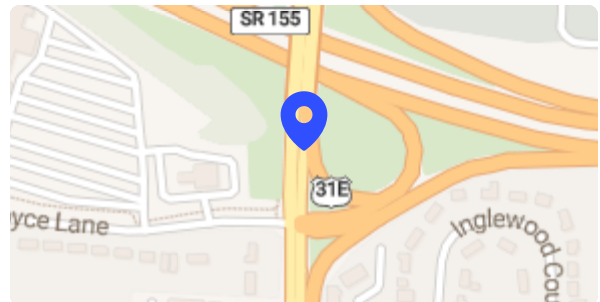
 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM CT

 **Historic Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216



Cemetery Details

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KH

Ken Hamilton posted:

I worked with Tommy for many years , always a great day regardless of situation. A great railroad man and friend. RIP Brother!!

December 23 at 10:19 AM

CD

Cyndi Duke posted:

Delle Anne, Erin and Anne Elise - what a tremendous brother-in-law he was! So many good memories, just too many to list. At Christmas he would play Eric Clapton or Stevie Ray Vaughan or whatever artist he was into or loved! It really added to my appreciation for music and those artists. Such a loss for you and us all! Prayers for you and all of us! We loved him and I cannot imagine not seeing him anymore. I know you can't. Love you all so much!!

December 22 at 8:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Duke family.

December 21 at 8:54 AM



PH

P.D. Hall posted:

Delle Anne and family, Linda and I are so sad for ya'll with the loss of Tommy. He was a great friend and co worker. He always talked about his love for his family. Tommy and I made some good memories working together and while riding our motorcycles that I will never forget. Prayers for you and family. Sincerest sympathy, Pd and Linda Hall

December 21 at 8:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Duke family.

December 21 at 5:48 AM





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Tommy L Ray posted:

Delle Anne, I am so sorry for you and your daughters loss. Tommy was a great guy. I always enjoyed working with him on third shift at the "pit". We also played softball together. Good memories. You and your family are in my prayers. Tommy Ray

December 20 at 3:22 PM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Duke family.



December 20 at 1:30 PM



Jim Wright posted:

so sorry for your loss.....he was a great Guy who was appreciated and loved by his RR workmates... was always pumped up and his joy for life, his job and his Family showed and he talked freely of that.... he was a great help to me and had my complete trust...RIP, Tommy, love ya Buddy...Jim Wright

December 20 at 1:09 PM



The Tisdale'S Biker Family sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Duke family.



December 20 at 12:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Duke family.



December 20 at 12:07 PM



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Andrea Harrison posted:

Tommy and Delle Anne's home was my childhood home away from home. My memories are many, but the beach trips I took with them and Tommy's air-guitar solos are among the best! He was always putting up with a house full of boy-crazy, loud, obnoxious girls. I loved him dearly. Delle Anne, Erin, and EC, you are in my thoughts and prayers constantly. Love you all BIG. ❤️

December 19 at 4:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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