



Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Quinn

August 11, 1950 - July 8, 2020

Thomas Anthony Quinn, 69, of Nashville, Tennessee, went to meet his Lord and Savior on July 8, 2020 after a brave 6 year battle with cancer.

He was born in Nashville on August 11, 1950 to Margaret Murray Quinn and Anthony Ernest Quinn.

Tommy grew up in Nashville and graduated from Father Ryan High School in 1968. He attended Memphis State University, where he formed many lifelong friendships as an active member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and later studied and traveled abroad in Europe. After college, Tommy began an extensive career with Brodnax Jewelers in Memphis and Nashville. He continued his career at Crystal's Fine Gifts and Jewelry in Nashville, where he worked as the store's manager for more than 20 years.

Photography and art were two of Tommy's passions. An avid and skilled photographer, Tommy never went anywhere without his camera, and had an eye for capturing beautiful scenery as well as candid shots of friends and loved ones. He was known for assembling his photographs into albums which would become gifts and treasured keepsakes for his many friends and family members. Tommy was a board member of The Arts Place, and had a wide and varied personal collection of artwork which included many signed pieces.

Tommy's Christian faith was the central focus of his life. He was an active member of Christ Church in Nashville, and was involved with numerous ministries and foundations, including Mercy Multiplied and The Heimerdinger Foundation, which provides free meals to cancer patients. His deep love of God and profound faith touched all who knew him. Most of all, he reveled in the joy of being affectionately known as "Uncle Tommy" to his nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, godchildren and friends, young and old alike. Tommy had a unique gift of genuinely connecting with people – even strangers – and this was a hallmark of his lovingly warm personality. He lived a full life and will be greatly missed by all those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Margaret Murray Quinn, Anthony Ernest Quinn, and his sister, Diane Quinn Dickman. He is survived by his brother, Daniel Murray Quinn (Bitsy) of Germantown, TN., his sister, Patricia Halterman, his brother, Kevin Patrick Quinn, and brother-in-law, Jim Dickman, all of Nashville. He also leaves his nieces and nephews: Patrick Quinn of Memphis, TN., Brian Quinn (Millie) of Germantown, TN., Melissa Muraira of Lebanon, TN., Jennifer Halterman, Tim Halterman (Angie), Kevin Anthony Quinn (Sarah), Jessica Pugh (Nick), Chase Quinn, Dylan Quinn, Philip Dickman (Margot), all of Nashville. He also leaves 11 great nieces and nephews and many, many beloved friends near and far.

Memorials can be made to: The Heimerdinger Foundation, Meals 4 Health and Healing, 4004 Hillsboro Pike, Suite 223-B, Nashville, TN. 37215; M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd. c/o Angiosarcoma Foundation, Houston, TX 77030; Christ Church, 15354 Old Hickory Blvd., Nashville, TN. 37211

A Memorial service and Celebration of Life will be held at Tucker's Gap Event Center, 2900 Callis Rd., Lebanon, TN. 37090 on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery has been entrusted with the final care of Mr. Quinn.

Cemetery

Events

Historic Spring Hill Cemetery

5110 Gallatin Road

Nashville, TN, 37216

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Celebration of Life Memorial Service 02:00PM

Tucker's Gap Event Center

2900 Callis Rd, Lebanon, TN, US, 37090

Comments



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Hayley Crow - July 24 at 02:36 PM



“ I just found out that our beloved Tommy passed on. I moved to Houston almost two years ago and I'm ashamed that I didn't keep in closer contact with Tommy. Such a loving and extraordinary human being. He was beloved by my late wife, Jonni, and me and Tommy was there for me when she passed in 2017. Tommy had more faith than any other human being I've ever met and I know that he is sitting at the right hand of God, right next to my beloved Jonni. They were good buddies and now they can pick up the conversation where they left off. I woke up in the middle of the night last night, thinking about Tommy and wondering how he was doing. Then I got a really sick feeling and I just knew that we had lost our wonderful friend. Sending you love and hugs, Tommy.

Jonni and Ray Rogers August, 28th 2020

Raymond L Rogers - August 28, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ Today we pause in tribute to our dear friend and co-worker, Tommy Quinn. Always an example of hope and faith, Tommy inspired all of us. We will miss his smile, his stories and his love and compassion toward others.
In love through Christ,
His Draper Jewelry Family

Draper Jewelry - August 08, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ Thank you capturing all the wonderful memories of my family. You will be deeply missed Uncle Tommy!



Lanee Ferguson - July 21, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ Such a kind, generous, helpful man. Always positive. Always upbeat. A friend to all. Grieving his loss here, but celebrating his home going. Thank you, gracious Lord, for Uncle Tommy.

Anna Floit - July 15, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ I will miss my friend. He was an inspiration to his buddy (my husband) and me. He walked beside me before, during and after Larry's transitioning. Thank you, Tommy, for loving us well.

Renee' Cannon-Cox - July 14, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ I have known Tommy for more years than I can remember and am saddened to hear of his passing. Tommy was the most delightful and upbeat human being on this earth and had a kind word for all. He was always looking for ways to make others have a better day when he was fighting each day for his own life. I will miss his stories, his humor, his lust for life and know that the world is a better place for having him in it. I will think of you often and know that God put you on this earth for a reason and, for reasons we do not know or understand, has taken you away from us. We will all think of your bright smile and know that you are at peace.

Susan Cavender

Susan Cavender - July 14, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Tommy was a dear friend of mine and The Upper Room Museum since the early 1980's. The Christian art world, and art world in general, has lost a treasure. He often visited The Upper Room Chapel for prayer and would come by the museum to chat and share prayers. If you ever visited the museum and saw the beautiful Boehm porcelain nativity scene you can thank Tommy. Tommy I will miss you but I know heaven is buzzing in joy with your arrival.

Kathryn Kimball - July 14, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Uncle Tommy (as we called him) became a beloved, honorary member of our bible study group Houston Prayer Warriors. We all just adored him and looked so forward to his visits to Houston as he was truly a living example of the love of Jesus. He never met a stranger and was a blessing to all lucky enough to meet him. He will be greatly missed but thought of and remembered so often and always with a smile. I can only imagine the party they are having in heaven for his homecoming!! Heaven just got a whole lot brighter!! Rest In Peace dear friend.

Ann Singleton - July 10, 2020 at 07:26 PM