

WORDS FOR MY *Papa Bear*

My partner of 37 years I stand here before our family and friends holding back the tears. Saying things, I thought would never come this soon. God has stopped your pain and doom. While writing with pen in hand I began to cry asking God why, then a smile comes across my face knowing you are in a better place. You are now resting in God's hands.

The times we've shared cannot be discarded.

The memories now shall strengthen me.

I won't say good-bye just good night my love,
my papa bear for life.

Love Always, Mama Bear.



WORDS FROM THE FAMILY

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent flowers, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you sent a text, email or spoken the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not here at all and just prayed or thought of us.

Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you all.

May God keep you and bless you.



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Charles ANTHONY TOWNSON

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

1:00 P.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE

William C. Harris Funeral Directors Spanish Lake Chapel

1645 Redman Ave - Saint Louis, Mo. 63138

Charles ANTHONY TOWNSON

Mr. Charles Anthony Townson was born February 17, 1967, to the union of Hattie Gooch and Charles Sanford Townson in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended St. Engelbert Catholic Church for elementary school and graduated from Beaumont High School. After graduating he attended St. Louis Community College studying funeral services. Charles was baptized Catholic on April 16, 1967 at Church of St. Matthew The Apostle. He was an altar boy in his youth.


Charles, also known as Tony T and Moose, lived life on his terms. Tony loved life and loved being surrounded by family and friends. He had a heart of gold and would do anything for anybody. He loved making people laugh, pulling pranks and dancing all night long. Tony, Mr. Hospitality, was always looking out for his family and friends. He would always call and check in to make sure you were ok. A man of many sayings and a smile that would light up a room. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. "Papa" enjoyed taking them to the park and filling them up with snacks and candy.

Tony was always the life of the party and worked hard. His boss/brother Rick (Ultimate Construction) described him as quick and efficient. He came in and got the job done. His dad/hero introduced him to the lavish hospitality industry. Tony started his hospitality career with his dad and best friend Paco at Port St. Louis. That led to a host of jobs from The Ritz-Carlton to The Frontenac Hilton. While working at The Ritz he shared an elevator ride with Ms. Janet Jackson herself.

Tony loved swimming, traveling (especially to a beach), watching Discovery Channel (Shark Week was his favorite), riding his scooter around town, listening to Too Short, Tupac, Easy E and throwing down on the grill. Tony loved animals especially horses and would often reminisce about working on Doctor Mills farm as a teenager. He was looking forward to walking his daughter Vickie down the aisle this October in an all-white suit.

He departed this life on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023. He was preceded in death by both parents and brother Michael Charles Townson. He leaves to cherish his memory lifelong partner-wife-momma bear- Kimberly White; children Victoria Angelic Townson (Alan Butler), Courtnei Sheri Rutlin, Shawn Stewart Nicolas Tyler Lackland, Charles Anthony Townson Jr. (Graceann Townson), Marc Anthony Townson; three grandchildren, Chace Anthony Townson, Charli Ann Townson and Xavier Alan Butler, sister Natalia Gooch and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and friends.

Order Of Service



Musical Prelude		Jesse Prather
Processional		
Scripture Reading		Kathy Jackson
Prayer		Jacqueline Couzart
Musical Selection "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"		Elisa Thames & Alexis Osei
Acknowledgements & Condolences		Natalia Gooch & Karla Townson
Remarks from Family and Friends		
Life's Reflections	(Read Silently with Soft Music)	
Musical Selection	"Better Days"	Elisa Thames & Alexis Osei
Eulogy		Evangelist Lorraine Wilson
Slide Show		Life of Tony Townson
Poem	"Suck it up and be a Soldier"	Victoria Townson
Benediction:	Kimberly White	
Recessional		

LIFE CELEBRATION

Seven Soulard
1800 S. Broadway ~ St. Louis, MO 63104
5pm-9pm
7pm Balloon Release
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