

## Tommy Fred Giles

May 15, 1962 - May 1, 2020

Tommy Fred Giles, age 57 passed away Friday, May 1, 2020.

He was born in Ramestine, Germany May 15, 1962. Most of his life he lived in Knoxville, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his father Fred Giles; grandfather Okey Giles; grandmother Edith Johnson; and step-grandfather Ernest Johnson.

He is survived by his mother Peggy Giles of Newport; daughter Kayla Overholt Giles of Newport; brothers Donald "Pomeroy" Giles (Lisa) of Parrottsville and Timothy Giles (Cindi) of Newport; and nieces and nephews Jennifer of Parrottsville, Dylan of Morristown, and Chris Kimbrough of Nashville.

Tommy had a love for music and loved to work the concerts. Tommy worked for True Grip and Lighting for many years. He loved motor cycle riding even though it took his life. Tommy had many friends in Newport and Knoxville. He loved to read and had a cat he loved.

Graveside service will be at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, May 6, 2020 in the Cave Hill Cemetery with James Suggs and Johnny Butler officiating.

Please observe Social Distancing at Graveside Service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a local food bank.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Comments

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“ Peggy, I have known Tommy since the 70's when we met at Camp Carson. We lost track of each other in the late 80's and reconnected several years ago on Facebook. I am so sorry for your loss and I know his absence leaves a huge hole in your family. Tommy was larger than life. He had an incredible heart and I know you miss him terribly. I am so sorry for your loss.

**Sheri Bailiff** - May 20 at 04:38 PM

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“ Rest in Peace my friend you will never be forgotten!  
Condolences to family and friends.



**Rae McGuire** - May 06 at 09:39 AM

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“ Tommy, you were a good man and a solid friend, in the sunshine and the rain.

In John, Jesus said that He would go before us to prepare a place for us. I know he has done so for you...I love you my Brother and will see you again, the good Lord willing and if I am on time for the bus call:) Can I say Alan Jackson?

love you Brother,

Bruce

**bruce adams** - May 06 at 07:40 AM

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“ Peggy, Sending sincere sympathy to you and your family. We were very sorry to hear of Tommy's fatal accident. Please know we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this heartbreaking time. May God comfort and bless you as only He can!

Matthew: 5:4

Sincerely,

## Bud & Linda Dawson and Family



**Bud & Linda Dawson** - May 06 at 12:10 AM

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“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I’ll keep your family in my prayers.

**Marcie Wilds** - May 05 at 11:01 PM

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“ Julie Cummings lit a candle in memory of Tommy Fred Giles



**Julie Cummings** - May 05 at 08:32 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Tommy's passing..Prayers for the family..  
Patty Evans Stephenson



**Pat Evans Larry Stephenson** - May 05 at 07:29 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.

**Terry,dorothy, and tonya gregg** - May 05 at 06:58 PM

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“ Peggy and family, we are deeply sorry for your loss. Praying for healing, strength and peace during this difficult time.

Sarah Hartsell  
Linda Hartsell  
Mary Ann and Jay Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - May 05 at 03:09 PM

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“ Daniel Braden lit a candle in memory of Tommy Fred Giles



Daniel Braden - May 05 at 01:23 PM

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“ Greg E. Trent lit a candle in memory of Tommy Fred Giles



Greg E. Trent - May 05 at 12:32 PM

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“ Tommy was always a bright light and joy to be around. He will be missed.

kimberly - May 05 at 08:21 AM

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“ Tamberlyn Shaw lit a candle in memory of Tommy Fred Giles



Tamberlyn Shaw - May 05 at 01:08 AM

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“ Tommy will be missed. Prayers for comfort and peace!

Beth Cruz - May 04 at 07:22 PM

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“ Mrs. Giles, i am so sorry for your loss. To hear of Tommy passing was a shock to me. You and your family will be in my thoughts. Tommy was a dear friend and like a brother to me though our careers took us in different paths. We shared so many good times in the 80's and 90's traveling to so many places and the concerts, he and i and the gang. I have thought of Tommy so many times because so many things trigger those memories we created. I will never forget Tommy and those good times we shared with the gang. God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Greg E. Trent

Greg E. Trent - May 04 at 04:20 PM



“ So sorry to hear this sad news  
Tommy was such a pleasure to be with and around  
Many Thoughts and Prayers for his family and friends at this most difficult time

vicki Cutts - May 05 at 02:13 PM

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“ This breaks my heart to hear. Tommy was such a wonderful person. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed. Prayers and love to all.



april faircloth - May 04 at 02:07 PM

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“ I've got a lot of memories of Giles, a lot of them are hilarious, most of them I can't print. I don't remember the last time I saw or spoke to him, but he will always be my friend and I will never forget him. My sincerest condolences to the family, he's one in a million.

**Todd Webb** - May 04 at 12:57 PM

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“ I have known Tommy for almost 30 years. He introduced me to the entertainment industry. Guided me early in my career. I got to return the favor years later training him on the lighting consoles and providing a bit of career guidance. Tommy is the glue between so many people. As I travel now, entertainment professionals all over the world know Tommy. I have always been proud to say he is my friend. I will save all of the other stories till we are in person. That way no one has it in writing. For 30 years he has been a large influence in my life good and bad! I will miss him dearly.

**Brad White** - May 04 at 12:23 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Tommy Fred Giles.



May 04 at 10:04 AM

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“ My deepest thoughts and love go out to Tommy's family. There are so many adventures and memories that I had with Tommy that I will hold dear. The one thing I will always cherish most during this tragic time is how he brought so many of us together throughout the years. Our lives may have never crossed paths and because of Tommy , we became friends, families and brothers. Tommy, we will all be alright so you and the boys keep playing all night.

**Brian Nelson** - May 04 at 09:25 AM

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“ Debbie Murr lit a candle in memory of Tommy Fred Giles



Debbie Murr - May 04 at 08:30 AM

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“ Pomeroy and family,

We are sorry to hear about your brother Tommy.  
Sending our deepest sympathy  
Love and prayers  
Todd and Tammy Binkley

Tammy - May 04 at 08:09 AM

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“ Peggy and family so sorry to hear about Tommy . Prayers for the Family.

Tura Lawson - May 04 at 12:38 AM

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“ Peggy and family, I was so sorry to hear about Tommy! I pray that the Lord may comfort you and give you the strength you will need to get through the days and weeks ahead. May God bless you and your family.

Angie Ramsey - May 03 at 11:33 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this. May God comfort you. Love you.

Doc and Rita Shelton - May 03 at 10:42 PM

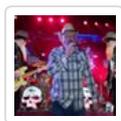
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“ Tommy you were such a huge part of my life from the first day that I moved to Newport. I will never forget you my friend. You and the rest of the fellas were always more than just friends you all were family. You will be forever loved and missed by so many people. RIP my friend

Tracy McClanahan - May 03 at 10:07 PM

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“ I've known Tommy since 1989. Probably hadn't seen him in 15 years and I took a gig at Thompson Boling. I had my head down and heard this guy start talking and knew immediately who it was. As he was addressing everyone, I thought boy had he changed alot, he's become a sweetheart, but at the end of the night when everyone was ready to go home, I realized it was the same old no-nonsense Tommy. He never did me wrong, and if you were smart you'd never do him wrong. Peace and comfort to you all. He was a true Newport son.

Lyn Grant - May 03 at 09:49 PM

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“ Tommy, man, what can I say, but wow, I couldn't believe the news...Tommy Giles, dead at 57...motorcycle accident...radical, it is...seems just like yesterday we became friends at Edgemont along with many others. Myself & many others will never forget you brother. R.I.P. & God speed...

Tc Cummings

Todd Cummings - May 03 at 09:39 PM

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“ May Tommy Rest In Peace. He was a good person. He will be missed. My condolences to all.

Susan Pitt (MoE) - May 03 at 09:34 PM

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“ Tommy was such a good guy. Everyone loved him. He will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Lisa Maxwell - May 03 at 09:18 PM

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“ Well it all started when I came to visit my sister Kim. Tommy and Kim and I all went out to the bar right down the street started playing pool. And ends up falling in love with that guy that like he is such a great man. I know he will be missed for eternity come on people that care and love him

laurie - May 03 at 09:13 PM



“ RIP Tommy,prayers for all family and friends



**Marty Coakley** - May 03 at 08:46 PM

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“ To the family, a son, a brother, and a father, and a grade school friend and his brothers his personality was unique, as was his love for music. I grew up with him and something that most people don't know that he and worked at Camp Carson, "The Baptist Retreat".

It's hard to tell everyone the pranks that were played while working there, OMG... Our families would have been sued no doubt... Beds were short sheeted, shaving cream, and we once moved someone outside while they were sleeping it was terrific times.

As with the loss of many, I am going to hold up my mug and hope that all his rides now are with Jesus!

**Rusty Crum** - May 03 at 08:31 PM

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“ Tommy Giles was part of the fabric of my youth . He introduced me to so much music and protected me where ever the party was... What a good dude.. He will be missed... gone too soon

**misty** - May 03 at 08:26 PM

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“ This is shock. So sorry ms Giles and to daughter and brothers. Another one gone from gang out Carson Springs. Praying for family. Grub

**Billy Jones** - May 03 at 08:07 PM

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“ Tommy and I were friends thru Tall Paul... I don't have the standard drinking stories to share... however... when told him I was diagnosed with Early Onset Dementia Tommy was visibly shaken and after that every time I saw him he would ask about it and how I was doing. I saw us as acquaintances but suddenly we were more... in a time I felt worthless (because I couldn't work) Tommy showed me I was valued in our community.

I owe Tommy a debt for that.

Rest In Peace Brother!

Joseph Meadowcroft - May 03 at 07:46 PM

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“ Nancy Butler Bain lit a candle in memory of Tommy Fred Giles



Nancy Butler Bain - May 03 at 07:31 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss!!! I went to school with Tommy and was in the band as well. I have great memories of him!!! He will be missed!!



Carla Gentry - May 03 at 07:23 PM

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“ so sorry to hear this , he always was giving me a hard time about something saw him wendsday he was so glad he would be getting to go back to work, and looking forward to a few upcoming concerts we both hope would happen... he will be missed Prayers for his family and friends

tamra wilson - May 03 at 07:10 PM



“ Went to school with Tommy, always a fun guy to be around , he shared a lot of laughter and always had a contagious smile. Prayers for the family

**Tommy James** - May 03 at 06:50 PM

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“ Tommy and I made friends my 1st year at UT. We both lived in Hess. We remained friends of course. I have some great memories with him. I am so truly sorry for your loss and will be praying for your comfort and strength. Teri Crabtree



**Teri Martin Crabtree** - May 03 at 06:20 PM

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“ Tommy was always smiling. I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for your loss.

**Tonya D. Thornton Moyers** - May 03 at 06:15 PM

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“ I have worked with and known Tommy for nearly 20 years. Our friendship has been a special one to me.

The toughest shows I have been on has been with Tommy Giles. He was always there to the end, and we have had 1 or 2 times it was only he and I at the end.

We have shared hundreds of meals together, and probably thousands of stories. Both were his passion.

Tommy I miss you, and promise I will never forget you my friend. Your legend will grow as your stories will be passed along and each time they are told we may embellish just slightly to increase the legend of Tommy Giles.

Untill we meet again. God be with you my friend.

**Corky Corcoran** - May 03 at 05:00 PM



“ God bless you on your journey brother. You are truly an original and we will all miss you and the passion you had for what you loved and of course the stories... I'm sure they will grow as time goes by but will never be presented as you could. Love you brother!

**David Akers** - May 05 at 12:00 AM

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“ Tommy was always a hoot to be around.. Peggy, Pomeroy, Timmy, you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Chuck Strange** - May 03 at 04:45 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Matthew Gross** - May 03 at 04:24 PM

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“ Tommy and I we're brothers I love Tommy with all my heart this world is a much different sad place without him I appreciate the time I got to spend with him I pray that you will rest in peace my brother

**Matthew Gross** - May 03 at 04:09 PM

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“ Sheila (Manning) Burnett lit a candle in memory of Tommy Fred Giles



**Sheila (Manning) Burnett** - May 03 at 04:03 PM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss.  
Angie Hux Gentry

Angie Gentry - May 03 at 03:40 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this news. Condolences to his family. He will be missed but never forgotten



Dawn - May 03 at 03:36 PM

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“ I am sorry for your loss. Tommy was an amazing guy. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, strength to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

Rosa Sutton - May 03 at 03:26 PM

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“ Tommy, was amazing person. I will always remember his laugh and his personality when we was in High School together. RIP Tommy.  
Lynn and Becky Lane.

Becky Lane - May 03 at 03:03 PM

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“ It is with the deepest regret that I must say goodbye to my beloved friend. He was a brother to me in all the ways that matter. Thoughts and prayers from myself and my family.

Byron O'Neal - May 03 at 02:59 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Tommy Fred Giles.



May 03 at 02:55 PM

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“ Ann Canady lit a candle in memory of Tommy Fred Giles



**Ann Canady** - May 03 at 02:52 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to all. Tommy was one of a kind and will be missed.

**Duay and Kay O'Neil** - May 03 at 02:42 PM

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“ I went to Edgemont and to CCHS with Tommy. He is part of many of my childhood memories. He always kept us laughing with his shenanigans. Prayers for the family. Love you my childhood friend.

**Melanie Lanham** - May 03 at 02:27 PM

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“ Sorry to hear about your loss

**charlie and lana williamson** - May 03 at 02:12 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Tommy was a dear friend and helped me and my families business greatly. I shall miss him very much. May God bless and keep you all during this difficult time.

Deepest sympathies,

Eric Julian

**Eric Julian** - May 03 at 02:06 PM



“ Peggy so so sorry to hear be of your loss. May God bless you and the other family members.

**Evelyn rhodes** - May 03 at 09:06 PM

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“ A huge hole is in our hearts..prayers to Kayla, Mrs Giles and rest of family! From Doug n Kim Iglehart and the rest of our family.



**Kim Iglehart** - May 03 at 01:44 PM



“ Tommy was a huge part of our family for about 28 years he was definitely a character we have all laughed and cried together he was like a Dad to my nephew Trever Branson Tommy we will always love you we will never forget you and we'll see you on the other side

**Donna & Stan Ledbetter** - May 03 at 08:41 PM

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“ I loved Tommy with all my heart. He was rowdy and wild. My parents approved of him. He was my protector. Life just happens. I think we are all thinking just one more day of some Segar or Springsteen song lyrics. You had a good heart.

**vonda** - May 03 at 01:32 PM

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“ So sad! Gone to soon! He was a good one! Went to grade school with him n high school! U will b missed by many!Prayers for the family!

**Jackie Raines** - May 03 at 01:04 PM

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“ Peggy were so sorry for your loss we love and praying for ypu

Amy and Kenzie Starnes - May 03 at 12:51 PM

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“ I will always remember Tommy with a smile on his face and think about him every time I hear Kiss and a lot of other great music from the 80's. I remember him coming into Revco to see his Mom when I worked with her. He was such a sweet guy. I will miss seeing his posts on Facebook about music and food. He will definitely be missed. My heart hurts for Peggy, and his brothers and other family. His family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers. Love Candy.

Candy Allen Keifer - May 03 at 12:21 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tommy Fred Giles.



May 03 at 12:00 PM

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“ Tommy was an amazing friend, a loving man and an incredible human being. Our lives will not be the same without him and so many memories will live with us forever. Deepest sympathy to his daughter, his family and all those who loved him. Shine down on us Tommy, we love you. Tom and Candee West

Tom and Candee West - May 03 at 11:46 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers with the family  
Melanie Strickler

Melanie Strickler - May 03 at 11:31 AM



“ We r so sorry for ur lose. We loved tommy,Ronny had him in r.a.s at church. He was a good friend of my family.we r praying for ur family. Love u all.

ronny hartsell - May 03 at 04:41 PM



“ He was an Amazing friend and man. Gone too soon. Going to be greatly missed by many.. Prayers for the family and many friends.. R.I.P

**Carol Johnson** - May 03 at 10:03 PM



“ Tommy was truly a fabulous soul. He was one of the most charismatic individuals you could ever meet. We immediately became friends when we both lived at Hess Hall and I was starting my freshman year at UT. He was the ring leader of our dorm and definitely the funnest guy to be around. There is no other way to say it better -- we had a blast! Our friendship took us on ski trips to Boone, back to his home town of Newport to meet his family and one infamous Rush concert in Atlanta where we had an odd encounter with Sinead O'Connor sitting next to us on the Marta train at the airport. We did not even know it was her until she got off and another passenger told us who we had been speaking with. Unbeknownst to us, she had also played a concert in Atlanta that night. I still remember Tommy coming home from the hospital after barely surviving the brown recluse spider bite. I still tell that story today--

I have one funny moment i want to share. We were finishing our lunch in Atlanta after attending a concert the night before and Tommy went to the bathroom . While he was away from the table, I convinced our waitress to play a prank on him that he had just eaten a bad fish that had made two other people in the restaurant very ill. She played it so well and proceeded to ask Tommy if he was feeling Ok. I will never forget Tommy touching his cheek with the back of his hand and saying " now that I think about it..I am feeling flushed". She then told Tommy he probably needed to get to the hospital. He looked like he had seen a ghost and then he saw us struggling to contain our laughter... and then he was ready to kill me lol.

Tommy, I miss those times. You were one of those people that could befriend anyone anywhere. I will always cherish the memories, the laughs, the trips, the good times and even the life lessons. I came to Knoxville from Memphis and had no clue about the culture of East Tennessee and you were one great tour guide! Your words always carried so much conviction that as I write this it feels like you are here in the same room.

I look forward to seeing you again one day brother. Sleep well..

Jason Goode

**Jason Goode** - May 04 at 11:37 PM



“ we are here for you all to help out if we can in this time of sadness

**Richard. Nancy craig** - May 05 at 07:20 AM



“ Rest in peace, Brother. You were one of the first people we met after moving to Knoxville. Even though I was a fresh Yankee in the South, it didn't seem to bother you. Maybe it did, but who knows. Our prayers our with your family, and you will be missed by many...

**Steve and Sabrina Schwenke** - May 05 at 06:54 PM