



Guy Anthony "Tony" Layton

July 16, 1947 - April 13, 2023

Guy Anthony "Tony" Layton, passed away unexpectedly on April 13, 2023 at his home in Gulfport, MS. He was 75 years old. His family is saddened by his sudden passing but celebrates his incredibly full life.

Tony is survived and missed by his two children Thad Layton and Audrey Kenwood, daughter-in-law Stef Layton, sisters Dinah Layton and Lisa Barrett, brother-in-law Paul Barrett, grandchildren Jake Layton, Hank Layton, Alexis Polatis, Eden Polatis, Corbin Polatis, Seneca Kenwood, Karmen Kenwood, and great-grandchild Royal Polatis. Tony was preceded in death by his parents Guy Willard Layton and Dorothy Foster Layton, and niece Emily Kate Anglin, as well as his loyal black Labrador "Woodrow".

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Tony grew up in Laurel, Mississippi where he lettered in football at Laurel High. He later graduated with a BA from The University of Southern Mississippi before moving to the Gulf Coast to start a family and an illustrious sales career that would span five decades and earn him countless, lifelong friends.

For those who knew him, Tony was many things- devoted father, man of high integrity, master storyteller, and avid outdoorsman. Whether it was wetting a line with friends at one of his top-secret fishing holes or silently admiring the wonders of nature atop a deer stand, Tony found some of his greatest

pleasures outside. He is undoubtedly paddling his father across one of heaven's properly stocked ponds as they recount stories and reel in one giant fish after another.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a celebration of Tony's life this Thursday, April 20, at 2:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel in Laurel, MS with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make donations to the Mississippi Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Tony was one of the nicest guys. We went to church with Tony and his family many years ago. So sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed by many.

Angela Wilson - May 05, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Thad Layton - April 22, 2023 at 09:12 PM

BB

Thad if you have time one day, give me call. Brad Bradshaw
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Brad Bradshaw - April 24, 2023 at 06:44 PM

GB

“ I am sadden by his passing, I lost a real friend and hunting buddy.
Terry & Sylvia Holifield

Gloria Buchanan - April 20, 2023 at 07:18 PM

WR

“ To the family of Tony Layton, my condolence.

Wanda Reeves - April 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM

MC

“ Tony was a cousin of mine. I remember the many summer visits when Aunt Dot, Uncle Guy and Tony, Dinah and Lisa would come to the old home place in Jefferson. Many good memories of those days. Tony, my brothers, and other boy cousins spent many summers on the farm and could tell many stories of their adventures. Prayers are with you from the Foster family. Love to all,
Melissa Foster Carter

Melissa Carter - April 19, 2023 at 09:42 PM

CE

“ Charlotte Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Guy Anthony "Tony" Layton



Charlotte Ellzey - April 19, 2023 at 08:40 PM

BT

“ Our Prayers and Condolences to the Layton family. - Bengi & Carin Thigpen

Bengi Thigpen - April 19, 2023 at 08:18 PM

BB

“ Tony Layton was a fine fellow as the Good Lord has made, he duck hunted with my dad and I for years at Chotard. We will miss him greatly. Rest In Peace my friend.

Brad Bradshaw - Brandon, MS

Brad Bradshaw - April 19, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences from my family to yours during such a great time of loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all.*

Jason Foto - April 19, 2023 at 07:57 AM

JG

“ *What a great friend I will miss him dearly, Jack Gipson*

jack Gipson - April 18, 2023 at 10:30 PM

RS

“ *Tony was my friend for many many years. He called me brother and I felt the same for him. Over the last few years we were unable to visit often but still kept in touch. I will miss him for the rest of my life.*

Roy Shannon - April 18, 2023 at 06:45 PM

JR

“ *I loved Tony Layton. He was one of my handful of true friends. When my father was suddenly sick in the hospital in Mobile about 25 years ago and I drove in from Jackson to see him, Tony was already there, just a talking with my Daddy. That was Tony. Somebody had told him Daddy was sick and he dropped everything and drove from Gulfport to Mobile to check on Daddy.*

And the good times we had hunting together. I'll miss him so.

Jeff Reynolds

Jeff Reynolds - April 18, 2023 at 06:02 PM



Tony was a family friend for many years but my husband and I didn't get to really know him until we moved across the street. What a great guy!! He was our neighbor and friend. We are already missing him driving over on his golf cart :(The memories we have are fabulous but more than anything we look forward to spending eternity with him someday.

Dawn Foulon - April 20, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Guy Anthony "Tony" Layton.*



April 18, 2023 at 04:43 PM