



## Stephen Tyus

July 8, 1960 - July 3, 2020

Our beloved, Stephen Tyus earned his wings, transitioning from this earthly home to his Heavenly mansion in to the loving arms of the Lord on July 3, 2020, with family at his side.

Stephen was born July 8, 1960, in Decatur, IL the fourth child to Eddie and Annie L. Tyus.

He was baptized as a Catholic at an early age, attending St. Patrick's Church and School. He also attended EHS, working as a laborer and "all-out" handyman, always ready to give advice on any repairs. Steve was able to demonstrate his love for cooking in many eateries throughout Decatur. He accepted Christ as his Savior and truly believed that life begins once in the presence of God.

Steve was a loving son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend and will forever leave a void in our hearts. He loved to "crack" jokes, had a winning smile, huge heart and was always the life of the party at any gathering. He never met a stranger, befriending so many. He was our family's "Hallmark Greeting Card" aficionado, always remembering our special day memorializing it with a beautiful card. This we will also miss! His passion for playing the lottery was infectious!

Leaving to forever cherish his memory, sister Diane; brothers, Dion (Della),

Jerald (Jeanette), Tyrone (Angela).

Affectionately known as "Unc" by his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great nephews as the "fun uncle" as he was always there for plenty of laughter and guidance. He will be dearly missed by them all: nieces, Dionca, Shelby (Ryan), Brittney (Darius), Katrina (Kalin); nephews, Glenn (Ashley), Jacob, Damion, Adrian (Kapora), Jerald Jr (Danielle), Tyrone Jr., Airryn; and special friend, Bill Oliver

Welcoming him at the Gates of Heaven were his parents; niece, Tobi; sister, Cathy Ann; friend, Mildred; amongst other family and friends that preceded his arrival.

The family would like to extend our gratitude to the staff at both St. Mary's Hospital ER Dept and St. John's ICU for caring for Stephen during his final moments. Also, a special thank- you to Dr. Dawood and staff, Davita Dialysis Wood St. A very special expression of gratitude to the residents and residential coordinators at the Belvedere Apts, Jill, Polly, Jeremy all whom accepted and loved Steve as part of their honorary family. He will miss the birds, squirrels and chess games with Polly but please know that Stevie thought the world of you all!

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Stephen will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 13, 2020, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday before the service at the funeral home. Entombment will be in the Star of Hope Mausoleum in Graceland Cemetery.

The family of Stephen Tyus is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at <http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Star of Hope Mausoleum / Graceland Cemetery

2091 N. Oakland Ave.

Decatur, IL, 62526

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home  
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**JUL** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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**JUL** **Entombment**

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Graceland Cemetery Star of Hope  
Mausoleum  
2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, IL, US,  
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# Comments

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“ Prayers and condolences to the Tyus Family. Good Friday 2019, we were having a fish fry at the Church of the Living God CWFF. Bro Lacey was to cook fish but had to be admitted to the hospital at the last minute. Steve Tyus stepped in and cooked so much fish for us. He was more than willing to help out a group of women that he did not know. Because of his outgoing personality, sense of humor, and cooking skills what could have been a failure was a success. We were saddened to hear of Steve's passing and our prayers are with you all. God Bless each of you. RIP Steve!!! Julia Neal and the Women's Work Aux. of the Church of the Living God CWFF #46.

**Julia Neal** - July 13, 2020 at 01:14 AM

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“ Sending condolences from the Parker and Cook family  
Brenda Parker, Alexandria, Ambria, Brandon Parker and Cliff Cook



**Brenda Parker** - July 13, 2020 at 12:25 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**Della Tyus** - July 08, 2020 at 08:13 PM

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“ Tyrone, Our Prayers and Thoughts go out to you and your family during this difficult time in your lives., fellow schoolmate Leonard

**Leonard Estell** - July 08, 2020 at 05:41 AM



“ There are just not enough words to express the sadness I have in my heart for the loss of a wonderful man. Steve was a true angel on earth. To know him and to be in his company was a true blessing!!! I will truly miss his wonderful smile and his unconditional love and support that he gave whenever I was blessed to be around him. My deepest and heart felt condolences to Miss Diane and the rest of the family on the loss of your brother, my friend but, most of all a wonderful soul who did more for others than he did for himself!!! The gates of heaven opened wide for you Steve and I know you are in the arms of GOD Please kiss mom for me! I love you both and miss you more than you will ever know.

**Tonya Reed** - July 06, 2020 at 11:12 PM