



Don Crotzler

July 24, 1939 - January 30, 2026

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our dear brother Edward Donald Crotzler (Dyno) on January 29, 2026, after a prolonged illness.

He was born to Edward Glen Crotzler (Joe), and Louise Henley Crotzler on July 24, 1939, in Old Hickory, Tennessee. Three years later the family moved to Henrietta, Tennessee to a farm where he was a pillar of strength and helped the family as he grew up. He attended Bethel Elementary School and then Central High School in Ashland City, graduating in 1957. He served in the 101st Airborne Infantry from April 1963 to May 1964 with a Hardship Honorable Discharge to again help with harvesting crops when the family needed him. Later he worked for the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee until he was forced to take early retirement due to health issues. He was an avid sports fan of the Vanderbilt Commodores and Tennessee Titans. Dyno had a passion for fast cars and drag racing, mostly at Union Hill Raceway. He had many friends, a heart of gold and was always helping family and “buddies”.

He is survived by his son Michael Crotzler, two brothers Charles Crotzler, Richard Crotzler (wife, Rhonda, daughter Averi) and two sisters Linda Dilley and Nancy Hughes (husband Tom, son Tom Jr, daughter Lori). He is also survived by his longtime companion, Tonnie Trotter and her two daughters Terri Smith (husband Kenny, daughter Kayla) and Chelsa Collins (husband

Scotty, son Charlie and daughter Amelia). He is predeceased in death by another sister, Joyce Baker (1993) and Tonnie's son Gary "Bubba" Oliver (2021).

His spirit will live in our hearts.

A memorial service will be held at 5 o'clock pm, Thursday, February 5th, at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View with Bro. Randy Riggs officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday beginning at 3:00PM until the hour of service at 5:00PM.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BG

“ So sorry I didn't know about this. A longtime racing Buddy and friend. He will be missed. Bubba Gifford

BUBBA and Barb GIFFORD - February 07 at 10:31 AM

RB

“ Always a great friend will miss him

Randall brinkley - February 06 at 04:22 PM

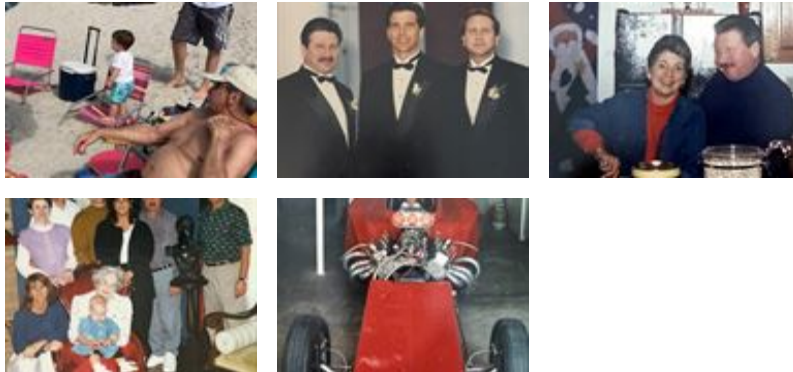
TS

“ Terri S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Crotzer.

Terri S. - February 05 at 10:40 AM



“ 80 files added to the album LifeTributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - February 04 at 05:28 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Don Crotzer.*



February 04 at 04:03 PM



“ *Love, Jerry, Marian, and Gibb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don Crotzer.*

Love, Jerry, Marian, and Gibb - February 04 at 04:03 PM



“ *Willerdean Smith lit a candle in memory of Don Crotzer*



Willerdean Smith - February 04 at 12:50 PM



Always remembered Donald as a friendly nice guy! Praying for all the family.

Willerdean Smith - February 04 at 12:53 PM

PJ

“ Wayne and Peggy Justice send their condolence to the Crotzer family. He was a good friend to us. We are in the condo we purchased from him a few years ago now and cannot attend the funeral. We would have liked to visit our old friends from Bethel school. Nancy and Charles know that we are thinking of you as well as Tonnie. Our love to you.

Peggy Justice - February 03 at 03:21 PM

DF

“ Donnie And Jerri Gupton And Family lit a candle in memory of Don Crotzer



Donnie and jerri Gupton and Family - February 02 at 02:12 PM