



## Tommy Austin, Jr.

November 1, 1948 - January 2, 2023

Thomas Ewing “Tommy” Austin, Jr., age 78, of Springfield, passed away Monday, January 2, 2023 at Oak Point Assisted Living in Adams. Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 2pm in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Brother Donnie Bryant and Robert H. Bell officiating. Burial will follow in the Springfield Memorial Gardens with Tommy Hallman, Alan Gardner, John Echols, Robert Echols and Bob Bell serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Burton Glover, Joe Casey, Winfield Wilkins, Robert Echols, Sr., and Denny Choate.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday, January 6, 2023 from 4-8pm and again on Saturday from 12pm until the hour of service at 2pm.

Mr. Austin was born November 1, 1944 in Springfield to the late Thomas E. and Susie Covington Austin, Sr. He was a funeral director and was of the Baptist Faith. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, was a member of the Civitan Club, was a Mason, was a member of the Rotary Club, and was a member of the New Chapel Men’s Club.

Mr. Austin is survived by his son, Thomas E. Austin, III; daughters and son-in-law, Kenna and Tommy Hallman and Donna Ashley Austin; sister and brother-in-law, Marcia and Robert Echols; and grandchildren, Hailey Hallman, Madison Hallman, and Brianna Austin.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made the Greenbrier, TN VFW.  
Any donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-  
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Cemetery Details

## Springfield Memorial Gardens

Springfield, TN 37172

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
(615) 384-1000  
<https://austinandbell.com>

## Visitation

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
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## Funeral Service

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JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
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# Tribute Wall

TT

“ *The Austin and Bell family has been such a blessing to my family and our heart breaks for you all. Tommy was such a wonderful person. He was always a shining light to everyone during their pain of losing a loved one. He will be missed greatly. He was a true genuine soul who truly cared for each person that came through that door.*



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**Tanya Renee Todd** - January 09, 2025 at 11:22 AM

RH

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I went to high school with Tommy and he was one of the nicest people in our class. While most of our class ran with their own little groups Tommy was a real person and a really nice guy. He was friends with everyone. He was a truly nice person and I will never forget him.*  
*Ray Henderson*

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**Ray Henderson** - March 25, 2023 at 07:08 PM

MB

“ *I don't remember this, I was told this story as far back as I can remember.*

*When I was about 4 a bigger boy pushed me into Oak Hills swimming pool. The water was deeper than I was tall and I couldn't swim. Tommy never hesitated, he jumped in, wallet, watch and all and pulled me out of the water. Not many people can say the funeral director saved their life, but I can. I'm sorry for your loss, I know it will be hard.*

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**Marisa Bush** - January 06, 2023 at 05:51 PM

DP

*My sympathy to the family. This family has always been a major part of the city for a long time. He is at peace now.*

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**donna plumlee** - January 11, 2023 at 01:23 AM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - January 06, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Tommy Austin, Jr..



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January 06, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Tommy Austin, Jr..



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January 05, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tommy Austin, Jr..* ”



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January 05, 2023 at 03:32 PM



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**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - January 05, 2023 at 10:27 AM

HC

“ A little humor, I hope. Tommy and I went fishing with a group to Eufaula, Alabama. We actually were gone about 3 days. On the trip from Nashville to Eufaula I would say I stopped at least a dozen time for Tommy to use the bathroom. Had not been long after surgery for him. Every time we would stop Tommy would come back out with food and a drink. After digesting that we would go a few more miles and then he would announce he needed to stop again. As I said I would imagine we stopped close to a dozen times. The next day while out fishing everything seemed fine until we had lunch on the lake. Soon after lunch the announcement came that he needed to go to the bank which we did rather quickly. I told him just after he got out of my boat onto this little island and he needed to rush, this little island was called Alligator Island and this was where momma alligator would come and raise the little ones. He was not gone long, you can only imagine how quick a trip this was. I have told this story on him several times and now one more. We will miss Tommy for sure, he was a true friend.

*Harvey Craft*

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**Harvey Craft** - January 05, 2023 at 08:04 AM

SY

“ Sandy Yates lit a candle in memory of Tommy Austin, Jr.



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**Sandy Yates** - January 04, 2023 at 07:00 PM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - January 04, 2023 at 05:07 PM

BC

“ In my younger days I was a cosmetologist never had done hair on a corpse. Tommy knew how scared I was, he picked me up in the Hurst took me to the funeral home. He said he would stay with me me but did he oh no . There were bodies laying all around me . He surely got a lot of enjoyment from that. Him and his dad were good people

Barbara Civils - January 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM

TB

“ Teresa Barber lit a candle in memory of Tommy Austin, Jr.



Teresa barber - January 04, 2023 at 05:46 AM

TR

“ So sorry to hear this he was a true sweetheart  
will deeply be missed



Tiffany rippy - January 04, 2023 at 02:04 AM

TO

“ Tonia lit a candle in memory of Tommy Austin,  
Jr.



Tonia - January 03, 2023 at 09:28 PM

TO

I enjoyed the time I got to take care of him, rest in peace sweet man

Tonia - January 03, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ Chelsey Nicole lit a candle in memory of  
Tommy Austin, Jr.



Chelsey Nicole - January 03, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ He was the sweetest man it was a pleasure taking care of him. I'll never forget how he always called me a beautiful chocolate drop lol he made my job amazing but the best thing I ever got told he said was from my boss Nikki Harper she walked in the kitchen one morning and said Tommy said he wants some coffee and he wanted it how he liked his women black i died laughing I was having such a hard day that day and that instantly brightened up my day Tommy will be greatly missed by me rest easy

Chelsey Nicole - January 03, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ Terry L Tanner lit a candle in memory of Tommy Austin, Jr.



Terry L tanner - January 03, 2023 at 06:33 PM



Tommy and I were friends in high school even though I went to Greenbrier and he went to Springfield. We would meet up at Vernons on the weekends and see who could tell the biggest lie. My best memory of Tommy was when he was attached to a group of Sea Bee's and we picked them up at Subic Bay. Took them in to Chu Lia Vietnam . There were tracers and mortars going in ever direction. Tommy said Gamble I need some butter so I went to the reefers and got him a box of butter patties. Later when we both got out I ask what did you do with the butter. He would not tell me.50 years and I still dont know why he needed butter in a fire fight. That was Tommy he always got the last laught . I already miss my military brother and old high school friend.

Ken Gamble - January 05, 2023 at 11:24 AM