



Tony Duren Cheek

July 25, 1960 - March 23, 2010

Anthony Duren “Tony” Cheek, age 49, of Brentwood, passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2010. He was a former restaurant executive. Anthony graduated from Franklin High School in 1978 and attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, prior to beginning a career in restaurant management. He was most recently General Manager of Merchant’s Restaurant in Nashville. He previously served as General Manager of the Palm Restaurant and Gallagher’s of New York, both in Tampa, Florida. Tony is survived by his loving partner, Daniel Paul Kegler of Nashville. Other family members include his parents, Duren and Beverly Cheek of Brentwood; brother, Jeff Cheek of Brentwood; sister, Michelle Cheek of New York City; nephew, Jonathan; Niece, Lauren; and dog, Molly. Tony was an avid golfer who enjoyed playing local courses with his father, Duren, a veteran journalist of the United Press International and later for The Tennessean. A private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers memorials are requested in Tony’s name to the ASPCA.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Tony Cheek I'm going to miss you so much you dont even know. You were the best GM I have ever worked under. I'm going to make my dreams we talked about come true I know you will try so hard to make that happen. Me and Christina will always love and miss you. Thank you so much for being such a great guy.

Dustin Rupoli (sous Chef) - April 03, 2010 at 03:42 PM

PW

“ Duren and Beverly, Please know that your many friends are praying for you and holding you close in our hearts.

Paula Wade - March 29, 2010 at 04:40 PM

SS

“ Dear Cheek Family,
Your son and brother, Tony, always was a source of smiles for me. He was a kind and compassionate friend that I will miss. Please know you are in my daily thoughts and prayers.
Sperry Bell Stadler

Sperry Stadler - March 28, 2010 at 07:37 PM

MM

“ Tony was not only my best friend, he was the best man that I have ever known. Superlative in all things. The smartest, the most generous, the kindest, the most trustworthy, most honorable, most dependable, most loving. He had impeccable taste in all things- clothes, art, music, food, wine, people. He gave the most perfect gifts. He spoke with clarity and conviction. I am blessed for having him in my life all these years and I shall remember him and miss him every day for the rest of my life. To the Cheek family, thank you for raising him and sharing him with me. To Daniel, thank you for loving him and bringing him such joy and happiness. We shall not see the likes of him again. He was truly one of a kind. Sail on my dear, dear friend.

Mark Madrey - March 28, 2010 at 06:05 PM

RP

“ I am so sorry for everyones Loss. I had worked with Tony back at the 106 club in the mid/late 90's. I was saddened to hear the news. Tony had a huge heart and always the proper gentleman. I wish the Family and Friends of Tony all my condoences.

Robert Parsons - March 28, 2010 at 12:37 PM

BF

“ Tony Cheek was a fine young man who was always striving for The No.1's in anything he undertook.He left a Big Footprint in Nashville & He will be remembered by close friends & people who got the chance to meet him. Prayers & Sympathy are sent to Mr.Cheek's family,His Life partner,and other people who were close to him. Sincerely, Benjamin Farrar-W.Bennett,Susan Marshal,Susan Beeler,Knoxville,Tennessee

Benjamin Farrar - March 27, 2010 at 01:48 PM

BB

“ You made a difference in my life Tony. You will be missed.

Bret Brunner - March 27, 2010 at 11:19 AM

JL

“ My sincere condolences to Tony's family and loved ones. In the 20+ years that I knew Tony, he never failed to bring a smile to my face, and always had something interesting to say on almost any subject. He will be missed.

Janie Burke Ledyard - March 27, 2010 at 09:22 AM

YB

“ Thank you for being in my life. I'll miss you.

Yvonne Brown - March 26, 2010 at 04:30 PM

PC

“ Words cannot express the sorrow I have felt at the news of Tony's death. I am so sorry for the Cheek family's loss. Tony and I were so very close for so many years. I am truly thankful to have known him. He was one of the best people I have ever or will ever know. God Bless you all in this time of sorrow.

Pat Curley - March 26, 2010 at 12:48 PM

TM

“ Tony was a great guy that I went to FHS with. I graduated in 1979, a year later. God bless and be with his family at this time.

Deepest Sympathy,
Tammy Gilley McElhaney

Tammy Gilley McElhaney - March 26, 2010 at 10:50 AM

HF

“ *My heart is one of many that is heavy today, tomorrow, and always now that this beautiful spirit had left our earth. Until we meet again- I LOVE YOU SIR.*

Heather Fraser Bruno and Family - March 26, 2010 at 10:31 AM