



## Tony Earl Lawson

September 6, 1946 - January 29, 2020

Tony Earl Lawson of Tullahoma, passed this life on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Alive Hospice in Murfreesboro at the age of 73. Graveside Services are scheduled for 1 PM, Friday, January 31, 2020 at Maplewood Cemetery.

A native of Coffee County, he was the son of the late Clarence Edward and Effie Mae Evans Lawson. He was a U S Army Veteran and a member of the Canaan Baptist Church in Tullahoma, where he served as a Deacon. Tony was the owner of TEL Tax Service and also owned and operated the Goody Wagon in Tullahoma. Mr. Lawson loved driving the ice cream truck thru the neighborhoods in Tullahoma and providing treats to the children. He always loved being around kids and coached Little League for several years. He also enjoyed fishing and being with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by brothers, James, Frankie, Doyle, Clarence "Bug", Lacy and G W Lawson and sisters, Frances Thomas and Bessie Lawson.

Mr. Lawson is survived by his loving wife of almost 44 years, Mary Jane Cherry Lawson of Tullahoma; daughters, Tonya Lawson of Murfreesboro, Mechelle Lawson of Tullahoma and Mandy Contreras of Murfreesboro and his loving pet dog, Chester.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorial donations be made in his honor to Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home.

Please visit our website at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com) to leave online condolences. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Maplewood Cemetery

Tullahoma, TN,

# Events

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**JAN 31** **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Maplewood Cemetery

Tullahoma, TN, US

# Comments

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“ Mr. Lawson was a very nice and honest man. We loved seeing him driving around in the ice cream truck. He will be greatly missed. Rondall and Melinda Quandt

**Rondall QUANDT** - February 02, 2020 at 02:05 AM

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“ Tony, Sissy (Mary) and I took a road trip from Tullahoma up to Swanee then down to the three states of Tennessee. Sissy and I were in our teens and Tony showed us one of the best times we ever had as teenagers. We laughed till we cried as the miles rolled by. I will never forget how that trip to Tullahoma showed me a part of my family that I had never known. I am so sorry for your loss, but Shelia was right about Tony's laughter, it was infectious. I pray that you will find peace in his passing knowing that he no longer is in pain. God bless you all

Peggy Evans Beebe

**Peggy Beebe** - January 30, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ Tony grew up in our neighborhood covering Peachtree St., White Oak, and Bel-Aire Drive. The kids from this neighborhood gathered after dark to play outdoor games. We played Night Army, Hide and Seek, and others until Tony taught us the game of all games, Kick the Can. This became our No. 1 game and still holds one of my favor memories. We were big on nicknames and honored him with the name "Kick The Can Tony". We all stopped what we were doing when we heard the melody 'Turkey in the Straw' coming from the Goody Wagon and ran him down for a snow cone. I speak for all the families: Pope, Alsup, Mullins, Hobbs, Holt's, and I'm sure many others, "You was a big portion of our childhood and will always be remembered".

**Karen Pope** - February 02, 2020 at 05:17 PM

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“ My son and I were walking around selling popcorn when we came across the ice cream truck; we bought ice cream and my son asked if he wanted popcorn and I didn't think he would but he bought popcorn from us! He was very sweet! Will be greatly missed...

**Kayla** - January 30, 2020 at 05:37 PM

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“ This man was so kind and generous! He always had a smile on his face! This man filled my childhood and that of my children with the greatest memories!!! He will be forever in the hearts of me and my children as well! You always be remember Ice Cream Man!!! RIP  
The Dudley-Shumate Family.

Amber Dudley - January 30, 2020 at 09:15 AM

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“ Thinking back, “the ice cream man” was one of the largest influences of my childhood. I can always remember hearing the sweet sound in the distance and I would run to my mom and beg her for some change so that I could get a treat. More days that I can count my siblings and friends and I would wait in our driveway patiently for him to finally make his way to our house. Thank you so much Mr. Tony for making my childhood and so many others’ one to remember. We love you and hope your sweet soul rests in peace.

brooklyn ferrell - January 30, 2020 at 01:01 AM

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“ Mary I am so sorry to hear this . My prayers and condolences to you and the family. I know he will be greatly missed by many. Wish I could be there for you but know that you are in my heart . Love you Miss Joan

Joan Donophan - January 29, 2020 at 10:42 PM

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“ Tony your in glory land now. One of the three musketeers has gone to be with the Lord.(Tom and David love you.) Mary Jane our love and prayers a re with you. Love, David Baker and family.



Donna Baker - January 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM

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“ Mr. Lawson was a wonderful man who made my summers. He will be missed by the entire community

**Olivia N Hiers** - January 29, 2020 at 05:58 PM