



Michael Dennis Tipton

August 20, 1966 - April 23, 2018

Michael Dennis Tipton, 51, died peacefully at his home on April 23, 2018. Born on August 20, 1966 to Winona McCord Tipton and Harold Dennis Tipton, Mike was a life-long resident of Bristol.

Mike attended Anderson Elementary, where he played football, and later attended Vance Junior High and Tennessee High School, where he was a member of the concert and marching bands. During his childhood and High School years, Mike was an active member of State Street United Methodist Church youth group, participating in several outreach ministries. Mike graduated from Tennessee Tech with a degree in Accounting and joined the family business, Tipton Construction Company, ultimately rising to the office of President. Over the years, Mike enjoyed many pastimes, including spending most summer days at South Holston Lake with his sister Pam and numerous friends, off-road four-wheeling, motorcycling, landscaping and manicuring his and his mother's yards, tending roses inherited from his grandmother, and preparing beautiful delicious meals. Anyone who knew Mike knew of his generous heart and love of his wonderful dogs – Jake, Copper, and Katie (all now deceased) and Judd.

Mike is preceded in death by his father, Harold, his paternal grandparents Jacob and Lora Tipton, his maternal grandparents Jim and Ethel McCord, uncles Jim McCord, Jr., Howard (Zeke) Nicar and Jim Barker, and aunt Ann Martin Thomas.

He is survived by his mother, Winona Tipton, sisters D. Lynn DeVault (Glo Ghegan) and Pam Tipton (David Thierry), brothers Jim DeVault (Jennifer) and David Tipton. He is also survived by nephews Daniel and Sam DeVault (Katie), Tyler Tipton (Rebekah) and Matthew Tipton (Ashley).

The family is eternally grateful for the caring support of Javette Alford and Rachael Baber, Dick and Isabell Ladd, Jeri Fowler and Tom Seeley.

A celebration of life for Mike Tipton will be held Saturday, June 23 from 3:00-5:00 at The

Brooklyn Grill, located at 2125 Euclid Ave, Bristol, VA. The family invites friends and colleagues to join them for this opportunity to remember Mike through pictures and stories in a casual setting.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family by mailing to The Tipton Family/Winona Tipton, 1 Liberty Place, PO Box 107, Bristol, VA 24201.

Arrangements especially for Mr. Tipton and his family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - June 21, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. You all are forever friends of mine.

Scott Frazier - June 24, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - June 21, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ My heart is broken for the Tipton family. A family that welcomed so many into their home. Many fond memories. I pray for comfort and strength to all of you during this difficult time of loss. Mike will be missed. Kim Adkins Rossow

Kim Adkins Rossow - May 09, 2018 at 07:57 PM



“ I really do not know where to start, I still can not believe Mike is gone. Most of my childhood memories include the Tipton family, they always treated me as their own, Pam and Mike were always bailing me out of whatever trouble I had gotten into. Mike was like the little brother I never had, we both shared to this day a deep love and connection to our dogs. He was always helping me build my 4x4's, dirtbikes whatever I was into he was there. We had a lot of good times together, I'll miss you my friend. Godspeed.

Randy Moore - May 06, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was a good man and a good friend. Even I was older than Mike we had many good times at Church and playing in the pool at the Bristol Country Club. Mike will be missed. My prayers are with the family.
Your Friend in Christ
Alan K. Odum Jr.

Alan K. Odum Jr. - May 01, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ The comfort of having a friend may be taken away, but not that of having had one. I'm super blessed to have known Mike. He was always willing to help anyone out. Taken away far to soon. He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers for the family.
Jennifer Mumpower

Jennifer Mumpower - April 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM



“ I met Mike while I was taking care of his father Harold. I can remember how he showed me the trick of making really good scrambled eggs. Nonna I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family.
Debbie Taylor

Debbie Taylor - April 29, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ My heart hurts for the Tipton family. Mike and I were the van drivers growing up at State Street UMC. We would go out 4-wheeling and just have fun. I am saddened to read of his passing. May the Lord bless him and the Tipton family during this time.

David Holloway - April 28, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ Dear Nona and family, I am so sad to read about your loss of Mike. I have many fond memories of you and Harold and your beautiful, precious children at our church and other activities. What a loving and blessed family. May God continue to comfort and bless you and your dear family. You will be in my daily prayers.

Eleanor Hardy Lowry - April 30, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ I cannot think of childhood in Bristol without thinking of the entire Tipton Family. Wonderful memories of a simpler time, in a real community where folks knew their neighbors, and watched out for each other.
I am so sorry for your loss- I pray for your comfort.

Dana Moore Nashville, TN

Dana Moore - April 28, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ Javette Alford lit a candle in memory of Michael Dennis Tipton



Javette Alford - April 28, 2018 at 01:44 PM



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Pam - April 28, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ Godspeed, my friend. You are loved & you will be missed.

Lori Jeffcoat - April 29, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ Rachael Baber sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Dennis Tipton



Rachael Baber - April 27, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ Rachael Baber lit a candle in memory of Michael Dennis Tipton



Rachael Baber - April 27, 2018 at 10:07 PM



“ My condolences go out to all of your family. I hope the good lord will give comfort and peace with this loss of precious life. There will always be an emptiness to me because you were like my big brother. Love Always Kris and Maria Johnson

Kris & Maria Johnson - April 27, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your passing. Lots of memories and hope you are now at peace. Thoughts and prayers for your family.

Freddie and Jane Wilkinson - April 26, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ Sorry for the loss to the whole family. Have had many great times with you all, Mike was always fun to be around. He will be missed.
Byron Cook

Byron Cook - April 26, 2018 at 04:19 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Mike's death. I have so many fond memories of him - his Jeep without doors that scared my mother to death, summer days on the lake, my senior prom. Mike was one of the kindest, gentlest, tender-hearted, generous boys I ever knew and I have no doubt he was that same kind of man. It breaks my heart to know he isn't with us in this world anymore. My condolences to his family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Bekki Burnette - April 26, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ Mike was one of my best friends through out our youth. He was a good friend, although we went seperate ways as we grew and took different paths in life, Mike was always a good person with a big heart. Mike was someone you could call on for help if needed. He is loved by all and will be missed by many. God Bless to the Tipton family and my thoughts and prayers go out to all.
Todd Taylor

Todd Taylor - April 26, 2018 at 09:22 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Mike. He has been a friend to us for many years. I remember his first bike he got from us, a 16" gold Schwinn. We'll sure miss him. Thoughts and prayers to all his family from the Boyd boys.

Hal Boyd - April 25, 2018 at 11:04 PM



“ Relois Sturgill - Haworth lit a candle in memory of Michael Dennis Tipton



Relois Sturgill - Haworth - April 25, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ Jim & Rita Baines lit a candle in memory of Michael Dennis Tipton



Jim & Rita Baines - April 25, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ Desiree lit a candle in memory of Michael Dennis Tipton



Desiree - April 25, 2018 at 08:02 PM



“ All my deepest sympathy and prayers go to the family at this very difficult time. Mike was very loved and will be truly missed by all . I will carry him in my heart always. May he rest in peace.
All my love,
Amy



Amy Burress - April 25, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ We are so saddened to hear of Mikes passing....he was a great guy and we have so many wonderful memories of the great times we spent with him on South Holston Lake...
He will be remembered for his huge heart, and will be greatly missed....Jim & Rita Baines



Jim & Rita Baines - April 25, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ Mrs. Tipton, Pam and David,
Mike was a lifelong friend from our days at Anderson Elementary, I have never heard anyone say anything but great things about Mike. He will be sorely missed, the thing that stands out to me is probably 4th grade football, the team was going to dinner and I couldn't afford to go. Mike and Harold never hesitated to include me on their dime. I was grateful then and even more so 40 some years later. God Bless.....Joey Hale

joey hale - April 25, 2018 at 05:44 PM