



## Michael Tierney

October 18, 1940 - August 12, 2011

Michael Tierney, 70, died August 12, 2011 at his home in Old Hickory, Tennessee, after a courageous battle with cancer. Michael was born in Gloversville, New York, the oldest of three children born to Eleanor Bernard and Edward Tierney. After graduating from Gloversville High School, he worked as a parts salesman at a local car dealership, the beginning of a long career in the automotive industry. Michael's warmth, charm, and strong work ethic made him successful in sales. Though he retired from his position as Regional Sales Manager at Melling Automotive in 2007, he continued to cherish those special relationships. In retirement, he found great joy mowing the greens at a local golf course and spent many mornings discussing current events over breakfast with his friends at the local marina. And he always enjoyed spending time at home with his loving companion Deborah Whiting. Michael's commitment and dedication to his family was evident in his decision to move his family from Las Vegas to Boston in search of the best cancer treatment for his daughter's childhood illness. He was always on-hand to cheer at his daughters' softball games or bring flowers to celebrate a dance recital. He adored his grandchildren; so proud of his grandson's love of baseball and his granddaughter's joy of dancing.

Michael is survived by his long-time loving companion Deborah Whiting of Old Hickory, Tennessee; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joelle and Peter Starefos of Rockville, Maryland, and Kristin and Robert Baltramaitis of Wallingford, Connecticut; and four grandchildren Noah Robert Baltramaitis,

10, Brynn Tierney Baltramaitis, 8, and twins Addison Claire and Emerson Rose Baltramaitis, 16 months. He is further survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Dianne and Joseph Notorfrancesco of Villas, New Jersey, one nephew Joseph Notorfrancesco, and two nieces Lisa Oliverio and Maria Haugh, and one last surviving Aunt Rita Ernest. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Elizabeth Love.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2011, at 3:00pm, at Black Jack Cove Marina in Old Hickory, Tennessee, with a brief memorial service beginning at 4:30pm.

The family wishes to express their thanks and appreciation for the love and support of friends, neighbors, and caregivers during his fight. Memorial donations may be made to the Minnie Pearl Cancer Foundation in Nashville, Tennessee ([minniepearl.org](http://minniepearl.org)).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Tierney*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Deborah and the Tierney family.*

**Gordon D. Batcheller** - August 20, 2011 at 05:40 PM



“ *Steve and I spent some very special times with you and Mike. I treasure those times, and will never forget them. You are a very special lady, Deb, to have gone through all that most of us cannot even imagine. The awful devastation of the flood, and then Mike getting cancer all at the same time. You hung in there, and I know it was not easy for you. Mike even spoke of how proud he was of you, the way you stayed so strong, and worked at your job, and took care of things at your flooded home (insurance, and the list goes on and on and on), and also at the same time took care of doctor appointments, and caring for Mike (the details of that alone must be tremendous). After all is said and done, you deserve much, much praise and support. Please feel free to call on me for anything you may need, even if it is someone to cry with you and hold your hand. Whatever that need may be, I am there for you, My Precious Friend. Please call on me.*

**Sheila Johnson** - August 18, 2011 at 08:10 PM

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“ *Myself and the entire maintenance crew at Riverside Golf Course have missed you. We do have those great memories of our time with you.*

*Steve and the guys*

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**Steve Brown** - August 18, 2011 at 08:01 PM