



Thomas (Tommy) Leon Turner

January 18, 1939 - February 10, 2016

Tommy Turner of Nashville, TN went home to the Lord on February 9, 2016. He was born on January 18, 1939 in Reading, OH. He was predeceased by his parents, Cloyer and Mary Turner and the love of his life, his wife Peggy, to whom he was married 46 years. He is survived by his step-son, Fred Jones of New Jersey. Tommy was proud of his service to his country and served 4 years the U. S. Navy.

Tommy grew up in Jacksonville, FL and was involved in music since his childhood as his parents were professional musicians with his mother singing and his father playing the guitar. Tommy took over his parent's music store and operated it for 25 years. He was a BMI singer/songwriter. Tommy was fond of saying that he never worked as he was always doing what he loved. The first group he formed was the Minstrels 3 playing popular, folk and jazz. In the early 1960's, Mel Tillis invited Tommy to come to Nashville and Tommy and his group recorded an album for United Artists. Tommy wrote for Cedarwood Music and he started a new group, Tom's Travelers and he and Peggy toured the Southeastern U.S. In recent years, Tommy wrote songs and played the Bluebird Café and other local Nashville venues. He wrote a regular column for the American Songwriter Magazine for several years and was a friend and mentor for many songwriters.

Tommy was a deeply committed Christian and was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, a lay minister for the church, longtime member of Glenclyff Presbyterian Church and most recently, The Downtown Presbyterian

Church. He was involved with Samaritan's Purse and he loved the many friends he served on Sunday mornings at the breakfast ministry for those in need, the less fortunate and the hungry and he set an example of love and compassion unmatched by anyone.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Glenclyff Presbyterian Church, 416 E Thompson Ln, Nashville, TN 37211. with a reception following. Contributions may be made to the Room In The Inn, 705 Drexel Street, Nashville, TN 37203.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas (Tommy) Leon Turner*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *what a great night*

John Nemeth - February 17, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ *I host a songwriter show in Nashville and came to know Tommy 4/5 years ago. What a pleasure to be around, always had a smile and something nice to say and always had great memorable songs to share. As a Christian, I can only hope and pray that one day when my time has come and gone that I could be remembered for half of what Tommy was/is (he lives on in our hearts). Tommy we miss you and are glad you are reunited with your love, Peggy.*

John Nemeth - February 17, 2016 at 05:43 AM



“ *Truly a man of the Holy Spirit which he always was willing to share. Tommy Turner will be a much missed member of our songwriter community .*

Rich - February 17, 2016 at 03:59 AM