



Travis Berry Collinsworth

April 20, 1978 - April 22, 2025

Travis Berry Collinsworth, 47, of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2025, surrounded by his wife, his dogs, and his family after a battle with stomach cancer.

Born on April 20, 1978, in Miami, Florida, Travis graduated from Christopher Columbus High School, where he created lifelong bonds of friendship as a member of the Debate team, and where he discovered a passion for political philosophy. A passion that led him to study at the University of Florida and later pursue a master's degree at Boston College.

In Boston, Travis discovered the sounds of Jaco Pastorius, Charles Mingus, James Jamerson and Ron Carter, and in 2000 he moved to Nashville to focus on playing bass. There Travis found a home and community that inspired and accepted him. He played in a multitude of bands of different genres and over time he became a master of tone and rhythm.

In 2006, Travis became co-owner of The 5 Spot, a venue he helped build from the ground up, literally nailing together the very wood on the bar and band stand. The 5 Spot would soon become a cornerstone not only of East Nashville's music scene, but of its community, a home for local artists, a refuge for touring musicians, and a showcase for new sounds to find their first audiences.

During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Travis helped organize a coalition of independent music venues working to secure critical funding and support. His leadership helped preserve the soul of a creative community during one of its darkest times.

Travis loved his dogs Tulsa, Bruce, Dragon, and Mo, but none more than his bulldog Rocky, who accompanied him to work each day and became a fixture of The 5 Spot and the neighborhood. It was Rocky who led Travis into Wags & Whiskers, a local pet supply store, where Travis met the love of his life, Sam DeSantis, and whom he would later marry in 2024.

A devoted fan of the Florida Gators and the Tennessee Titans (especially # 22, Derrick Henry), his Mondays were either full of joy or quiet reflection, depending on how his teams played.

He had an inquisitive mind and devoured books and media about history, music, politics, philosophy, technology, fantasy and science fiction. His humor was quick and witty, and delivered like a bass player; with perfect timing.

He was an avid bicyclist, cycling 20 to 30 miles everyday around Nashville's Shelby Bottoms Park and trails. He loved the outdoors, loved working in his garden and was especially fond of Japanese Maples and Cherry Trees in bloom.

Travis was known for his kindness, his sense of humor, his integrity, and his ability to connect with everyone he met. He is survived by his wife Sam of Nashville, TN, his mother Beth, his father Meade, and sister Erinn in Miami, FL, as well as his brother Kevin, his sister in law Sierra and his niece Lily in Portland, OR. His legacy lives on in every chord played at The 5 Spot, in every musician he shared a song with, and in every life he made more joyful just by being in it.

In memory of Travis, and in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following organizations:

1. Nashville Humane Society, <https://nashvillehumane.org/>
2. Music Health Alliance, <https://www.musichealthalliance.com/>
3. The Heimerdinger Foundation, <https://hfmeals.org/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Visitation

APR **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216
Nashville, TN 37216

Tribute Wall

AP

“ *My deepest condolences to Beth, Meade, and family. My love and prayers are with you.*
Angel Pacifico



Angel Pacifico - April 30, 2025 at 11:46 AM

RL

“ *Roberta L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinsworth.*

Roberta L. - April 28, 2025 at 07:24 AM

MP

“ *Mark P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinsworth.*

Mark P. - April 26, 2025 at 04:05 PM

MP

“ Twenty-four years, hundreds of gigs, thousands of miles...always on The One.

And we never talked about, ha!

You are my best musical buddy and the smartest guy I know, Travis. Watching you grow into such a fine musician and fall in love with this city and all of the people you helped here has been humbling. And watching you finally fall in love with Sam with your typical beaming grin was very amusing and cool too, you sly dog! ;)

Thank you for being my buddy, my brother, and sometimes my wisest of council. Thank you for being such a good friend to my brother Ben and to my family and all of my friends that instantly became YOUR friends too! You are a true gentleman and they ALWAYS mention that to me about you. You easily affected people's lives in the most positive of ways and that is something every person should hope for.

I never thought this road would end so I'm just going to keep walking it like it never will. You're my bass player and that right hand keeps me steady!

Rest easy, old buddy. Keep an eye on us, will ya please?

And treat Rocky to a bone!

Mark

Mark Pavlack - April 26, 2025 at 04:04 PM

KJ

“ Beth and Meade and family may you find peace in knowing that Travis is at peace and in the arms of our loving God. Bob and Karen Jones.

KAREN JONES - April 26, 2025 at 01:22 PM

MB

“ It seems like yesterday when I first met “baby” Travis. What joy he brought to you, his family, and his memory will live with you until we all do meet once again in God’s glorious kingdom.

marti Bueso - April 26, 2025 at 11:06 AM

MF

“ My heart hurts to think that Travis has passed. The world is a sadder, emptier and poorer place without him. I spent a lot of time with and around Travis from the ages of 15-22 as classmates, teammates, roommates and friends. He was a righteous dude with a keen and curious mind, a big heart, a kind soul, and a particularly peculiar sense of humor. He was a loyal, friend, who was always on the side of the good, the kind and the humane, and always knew how to have a good time. He is missed and will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with Sam, Beth Meade, Erinn, Kevin, Sierra, Lily and all of Travis's friends. - Miguel

Miguel Fernandez - April 26, 2025 at 09:44 AM

FF

“ Fernandez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinworth.

Fernandez Family - April 26, 2025 at 09:23 AM

FF

“ *Fernandez Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Travis Berry Collinworth.*



Fernandez Family - April 26, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ *Travis was always like that second brother of mine. Such a great guy and a great mind! My heartfelt condolences to Meade, Beth, Erin Kevin, Sam and all his friends and family!! I love you guys so very much, and hate this for you!! You will be missed Travis! Gone, but not forgotten!*



Cat Christie - April 26, 2025 at 09:06 AM

JV

“ *Janeth V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinworth.*

Janeth V. - April 26, 2025 at 08:56 AM

LD

“ *Love Dad purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Travis Berry Collinworth.*



Love Dad - April 25, 2025 at 07:53 PM

LL

“ Love you, Dad & Lisa purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Travis Berry Collinsworth.



Love you, Dad & Lisa - April 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM

LL

“ Love you, Dad & Lisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinsworth.

Love you, Dad & Lisa - April 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM

FF

“ From the Curros family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinsworth.

From the Curros family - April 25, 2025 at 06:12 PM

FF

“ From the Curros family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Travis Berry Collinsworth.



From the Curros family - April 25, 2025 at 06:12 PM

TF

“ The Hartl Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinsworth.

The Hartl Family - April 25, 2025 at 05:44 PM

TF

“ The Hartl Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Travis Berry Collinsworth.



The Hartl Family - April 25, 2025 at 05:44 PM

JF

“ Jack , Lynn and Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Travis Berry Collinsworth.



Jack , Lynn and Family - April 25, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MP

“ Michelle Pitsenbarger lit a candle in memory of Travis Berry Collinsworth



Michelle Pitsenbarger - April 25, 2025 at 03:57 PM

MP

“ I knew Travis as a young girl. His family is an amazing group of people and I cherish them all!
My heart and prayers go out to Beth and Meade in the loss of their son and to Erinn & Kevin for the loss of their brother.

Michelle Pitsenbarger - April 25, 2025 at 03:55 PM

GA

I never knew.

Gabe - April 25, 2025 at 04:41 PM

JT

“ Joan Boyd and Art Troxel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinsworth.

Joan Boyd and Art Troxel - April 25, 2025 at 03:27 PM

JT

“ Joan Boyd and Art Troxel purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Travis Berry Collinsworth.



Joan Boyd and Art Troxel - April 25, 2025 at 03:27 PM

M"

“ Mike, Shannon, and "Hooteroll?" purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Travis Berry Collinsworth.



Mike, Shannon, and "Hooteroll?" - April 25, 2025 at 02:57 PM

M"

“ Mike, Shannon, and "Hooteroll?" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinsworth.

Mike, Shannon, and "Hooteroll?" - April 25, 2025 at 02:57 PM

ML

“ I can't express enough the joy in my life that was given to me by my friendship with Travis, and our nearly 14 years of shows together. My world will never be the same,

Mike Lawson - April 25, 2025 at 02:53 PM

DL

“ Don and Lynn Lambert purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Travis Berry Collinsworth.



Don and Lynn Lambert - April 25, 2025 at 02:36 PM

GL

“ Knowing the Collinsworth family for many years, my sincere condolences to Meade, Beth, Kevin and Erinn at the loss of their son and brother Travis - may his sole rest in peace.
George Lauder

George Lauder - April 25, 2025 at 02:32 PM

MF

“ Travis was and is simply one of my favorite people in the world that I never got to see often enough, but whenever I did he was just the absolute kindest, funniest, smartest, most interesting, and most enjoyable person to spend time with. Some of my favorite stories to tell to this day (and beyond) are about my times with Travis. I'm super thankful for all of those moments and I'll recall them for many decades to come over a beer and a bong and a tune.

Love you bud.

-Mike (Billy)

Mike Fisher - April 25, 2025 at 02:27 PM

LR

“ Lydia Reed purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Travis Berry Collinsworth.



Lydia Reed - April 25, 2025 at 02:22 PM

GC

“ Greg and Mark Cartotto purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Travis Berry Collinsworth.



Greg and Mark Cartotto - April 25, 2025 at 02:11 PM

GC

“ Greg and Mark Cartotto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinsworth.

Greg and Mark Cartotto - April 25, 2025 at 02:11 PM

MT

“ *Michael T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Travis Berry Collinsworth.*

Michael T. - April 25, 2025 at 02:07 PM