



Tyler John Smith

December 14, 1989 - April 14, 2021

Tyler John Smith, age 31, was freed from the chains of addiction by his Lord on April 14, 2021. Tyler was born on December 14, 1989, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For the last 12 years, he was quite the nomad—living in Indiana, Alabama, Colorado and Florida and, most recently, making Nashville his home.

He is survived by his parents, John Smith, and Danita and Del McCartney; grandmother, Delphine Neely; sister and brother-in-law, Meghan and Cole Graham; niece, Eden; uncles Dave and Darren; aunts Jen and Debbie; cousins Annie, Aidan, Owen and Tate; his girlfriend Katie Plum; and a host of friends. Tyler was preceded in death by his grandfather, Donald “Duke” Neely, whom he dearly loved.

Many knew Tyler only through the lens of the addiction he battled for years, but that was not the real Tyler. For those fortunate enough to truly know and love him, we will remember him as a baby with beautiful golden curls, a great soccer athlete, an amazing cook, a lover of the mountains, a hard worker, a fiercely loyal friend and someone who called often and ended every conversation with “love you.”

The chains of addiction that bound him were stronger than anything he could battle on his own. He fought that addiction for 12 years and genuinely sought

God's help during the struggle. Tyler spent the last month of his life ensuring that those he loved knew it. He reconciled with family even though he had no need to, and he was optimistic about a new life, his new job and an exciting future.

He is now living his new life and, though it is not the one he or those who love him envisioned, it is far better than anything we could imagine and is eternal. Tyler is now happy, healthy and whole, and we are comforted and strengthened to know we will be with him again one day.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial honoring Tyler's life on Saturday, May 15, at noon at Lakeshore Park's Marble Hall, located on Orchard Drive, Knoxville 37919. While the venue is covered, seating is limited, so please bring a lawn chair with you.

Over the years, urban missions provided the best care Tyler received in his fight against addiction. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Knox Area Rescue Ministries, P.O. Box 3310, Knoxville 37927.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Lakeshore Park's Marble Hall
Orchard Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919

Tribute Wall



“ *Tyler John Smith*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *May peace be with you all. I am so sorry.*

Susan Nance - April 26, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family Danita.*

Lynda Barlow

Lynda Barlow - April 22, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *May Tyler rest in peace and condolences to you and your family.*

Marilyn Gibbs

Marilyn Gibbs - April 22, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *Praying for comfort, celebration, and peace as you remember your beloved son.*

The Godsey Family - April 22, 2021 at 01:34 PM

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“ *Praying for all. God's peace be with you.*

Clabough Family - April 21, 2021 at 07:55 AM