



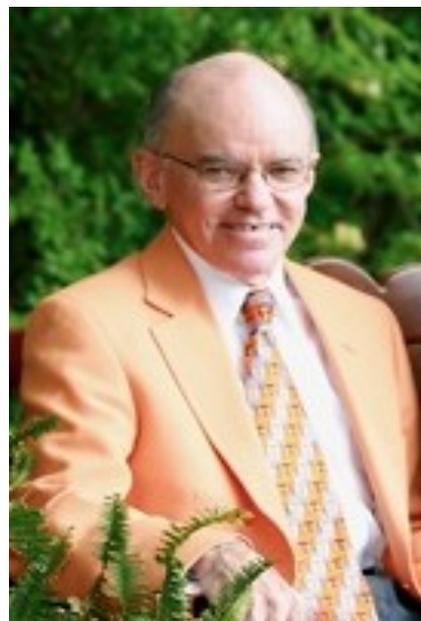
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Thomas A. (Tony) Cross 1946 – 2014



Tony's small frame that had fought multiple health battles for the duration of his 67 years of life, was laid to rest on November 19, 2014. It is a well-deserved relief after having endured a considerable amount of pain and discomfort during the past several weeks of his life.

He was a product of the state of Tennessee of which he was proud and to which he remained loyal until he drew his final breath. He was an avid Vols fan whether they were doing well or not. He was encouraged and excited because of the team's improved quality this season. He delighted in taunting me about

his wearing of orange and asked if I felt it would be wrong if he wore his orange pants to church that he had on order. My response was, "No, not if you don't mind looking tacky!" It was pretty much the response he expected and desired. He attended Martin College in Pulaski, TN and the University of Tennessee at Martin, TN. He attended both institutions on a tennis scholarship. Tennis was a passion for him at which he was very talented.

Tony was born in Nashville, grew up in Lawrenceburg, TN, but worked in Illinois for a short time before making his way to Memphis where he began a lifetime career as a credit manager. His stop in Memphis was beneficial for additional reasons, primarily the meeting of Collett Branch, to become his wife of 41 years. His career track as a credit manager led him in 1975 to work with Futorian Manufacturing in New Albany. He also was employed at Air-Cap Industries and finally retired from Heartland Building Products.

Our brother was eclectic in his abilities and interests. In addition to being a sports enthusiast, he enjoyed fishing earlier in life and enjoyed collecting Bibles more recently. He loved nature, particularly photographing nature and posting his work on Facebook. Music was a love for Tony. He enjoyed leading singing and learned to play the piano and guitar.

Tony was my friend and hero. I admired his determination and fighting spirit. He loved the Lord, His church, study of the Bible, and engaged often in religious chat rooms on internet defending the truth. During the past couple of years, he began attending a breakfast gathering of some of the older members from church at McDonald's. At first he was quiet and reserved, but soon after learning the nature of the gathering with slapstick comedy and character assassination, he was soon right in the middle of the fiasco! He contributed to the fun and benefitted greatly by the association.

Along with so many others, I miss Tony. Each Thursday his seat at breakfast is hauntingly empty and his pew at worship services is now sadly silent. He made his mark on each person who knew and loved him. His dedication and service to the Lord and the New Albany Church of Christ was deeply appreciated, but now greatly missed. He inspired me and supported my efforts in teaching and preaching, always showing interest in my upcoming activities. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his sweet wife, Collett, and his mother in law, Tauso, whom he loved. He is truly missed, but can never be forgotten. So many things have been made better in this world simply because he touched them with his charming life. *mlk*

Things Aren't Always What They Seem

Two Traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead, the angels were given a small space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem."

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest. When the sun came up the next morning, the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field. The younger angel was infuriated and asked the old angel, "how could you have let this happen?" "The first man has everything, yet you helped him," she accused. "The second family had little but was willing to share everything and you let the cow die." "Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied.

"When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he would not find it." "Then, last night as we slept in the farmers bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem."

Sometimes that is exactly what happens when things don't turn out the way they should. If you have faith, you just need to trust that every outcome is always to your advantage. You might not know it until some time later...

Some people come into our lives and quickly go... Some people become friends and stay awhile... leaving beautiful footprints on our hearts... and we are never quite the same because we have made a good friend!



Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift.
That's why it's called the present!
Life is special...live and savor
every moment...
This is not a dress rehearsal!



13 PROVERBS ON MONEY

1. "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine _____ :So shall thy barns be filled with _____ " (Proverbs 3:9, 10).
2. An adulterer will find that strangers shall "be filled with [his] _____ " (5:10, 11).
3. "Treasures of _____ profit nothing: but _____ delivereth from death" (10:2).
4. "He becometh _____ that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the _____ maketh rich" (10:4).
5. "A good man leaveth an _____ to his children's children..." (13:22).
6. "He that is of _____ gain troubleth his own _____ but he that hateth gifts [bribery] shall live" (15:27).
7. Slothfulness casteth into a deep _____ ; and an _____ soul shall suffer hunger" (19:15).
8. "Love not _____, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be _____ with bread" (20:13).
9. "There is treasure to be desired and oil _____ the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man _____ it up" (21:20).
10. He that loveth _____ shall be a poor man: he that loveth _____ and oil shall not be rich" (21:17).
11. "...the _____ is servant to the lender" (22:7).
12. Riches make themselves" _____ " and fly away (23:5).
13. "For the _____ and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with _____ " (23:21).

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PRAYER LIST



Grace Lyon, continues to be in a lot of pain, but is improving. She expects to be moved to Union County Health and Rehab on Bratton Road this week to continue her recovery.

Whit Robertson, grandson of *Troy* and *Novene Robertson* returns to Vanderbilt this week to have the stent removed from his kidney from his surgery a few weeks ago. He will also have an MRI and a Spinal Tap Tues. They expect to get the results from these tests on Wed. Continue to pray for him.

Dixie Prichard, co-worker of *Alyce Jennings* was injured in an auto accident over the weekend. She is in serious condition at La Bonheur.

Maggie Wetherford, great-grandmother of *Madison Griggs* has been placed under Hospice care in Jackson, TN.

Harold Reeves, grandfather of *Emily Gann* has been diagnosed with cancer and has begun chemo treatments.

Continue to remember:

B. A. Stubblefield, Carl Smith, Gloria Jones, Deborah Gullick, Kay Kafar, Jerry Grimmett, Kyle Crofts, Lyndon Beard, Sheila Thomas, Yolanda Stubblefield, Barbara Davis, Mary Butler, Nancy Petrowski, Justin Forsyth, Judy Ward, Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, Glen Jumper, Eulene Hooper, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, (Rehab) Charlene Coker, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

I've Learned...

You can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to sit in.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



December 10..... Maria Ormon
December 13..... Clayton Hill
December 14..... Eleta Grimmett
December 20..... Brooke Mann
December 20..... Callie Smithey



SYMPATHY



* We express our deepest sympathy to *Amy Jennings* and family in the death of her grandmother **Marjorie Barkley** of New Albany. Funeral services were held Fri. Dec. 5th, at United Funeral Home in New Albany.

* We also express our sympathy to *Charles Kimbrell* in the death of his 1st cousin **Purcell Kennett**. Funeral services were held Sun. Dec. 7th, in Oxford.

* We extend our deepest sympathy to *Dixie White* and family in the death of her brother **Lance Mauney** of Tiplersville, Ms. Funeral services were held Mon. Dec. 8th, at the Chapman Church of Christ in Ripley, MS.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for all of the cards, food, calls and especially your prayers during the recent illness and loss of our loved one. A special thanks to each one who helped in any way with the lunch provided for the family before the funeral. We are so blessed to have such a caring church family. Sincerely,

The family of Victor Ashmore

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

- Gifts for Pine Vale Children's Home need to be turned in by Dec. 14th.
- Holiday Fellowship will be held Dec. 21st, following our evening services. Please bring finger foods.
- Dec. 24th, Wed. Bible Study will be moved to Tues. night Dec. 23rd.
- 5th Wed. Night Singing will be held Dec. 31st, at the fellowship building, at 7pm. We will have snack foods following the service.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
Morning Worship.....10:30
Evening Worship.....6:00
Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

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Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....David Clayton
A.M. Prayer.....Mark Jennings
Closing Prayer. Bobby Marques
P.M. Prayer ..Terry Stubblefield
ClosingAlvin Parks
Wed.12/10.....Randy Wall
Wed.12/10.....Bill Lyon
Usher & Lock .. Lonnie Weaver
Greeter.....G & K Clayton

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....100
Sunday A.M..... 131
Sunday P. M.....N/A
Wednesday.....109
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PANTRY ITEM

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CAUGHT TALKING TO GOD

Two boys were put in I.S.S. (in school suspension). The one boy asked, "Whatcha in for?" "I got caught talking to Bill. You?" "I got caught talking to God."

Strange how talking to God can get one into trouble, especially when you consider all the benefits it affords. Martin Luther once said, "The less I pray, the harder it gets; the more I pray, the better it goes."

Once again, prayer has made it's way into the spotlight this week-- and I don't mean in a good way. Seems like when people invoke God in a public way they're often chastised and demeaned. It won't be a surprise to many of us if one day we're put in jail for praying at the dinner table of our favorite restaurant.

I hope that we never stop talking to God, even if threatened with prison time. Because, ". . . *this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hearth us*" (1 Jn. 5:14).
~ Neil Richey