



Tony Lee Atchison

October 7, 1967 - August 4, 2012

Tony "T-Bone" Lee Atchison, age 44 of Albia, passed away Saturday, August 4, 2012 at Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Tony was born October 7, 1967 in Sioux Falls, SD. He married Loresa Atchison on May 20, 1989. He later married his wife, Brenda, on July 3, 2010 in Ottumwa.

Tony graduated from Eddyville-Blakesburg High School, Class of 1986. He worked for Pella Windows for many years, before working for Vermeer and RELCO. He also worked for Witt Auto Salvage for many years.

Tony loved working on vehicles of all kinds, especially demolition derby cars with the MOPAR EXPRESS derby team, which he was a part of. He ran in many derbies himself, and to the derby world, he was a legend. He always enjoyed a good game of poker, and followed sports, including the Dallas Cowboys, Iowa Hawkeyes, and the Iowa state high school wrestling tournament every year. Anyone who knew Tony knew that he enjoyed being the center of attention. Tony also loved his family very much, and the time spent with them.

Tony is survived by his wife, Brenda Atchison of Albia; parents, Mark and Nancy Witt of Eddyville; seven children, Jeremy (Ashley) Atchison of Kirkville,

IA, Angie (Cody) Davis of Pella, Kelsey Atchison of Bloomfield, Heather (Mike) Hindman of Albia, Jeremy (Barb) Weeda of Tingley, IA, Lucas Lynch of Phoenix, AZ, and Riley Sharpe of Albia; nine grandchildren, Chase, Jaylnn, Hunter, Halle, Houston, Eric, Shaley, Kody, and Lacey; and four siblings, Christine (Layton) Bond, Calvin (Peggy) Atchison, Kim Atchison, and April (Jammie) McKim. Tony is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Tony was preceded in death by his grandparents; an uncle, Richard; and an aunt, Patty.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at the Christian Church in Eddyville, with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating. A funeral luncheon will be held prior to services in the church hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. Burial will be in Pleasant Corners Cemetery near Eddyville.

Visitation will open to the public at 12 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at the Christian Church in Eddyville, with Tony's family present from 6-8 Tuesday evening.

Memorials may be directed to Tony's family.

Tribute Wall



“ Tony Lee Atchison

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Tony Lee Atchison

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ wow uncle tony I cant believe its been this long. your memorial derby was this weekend and I had a feeling you were watching over all the guys running I love and miss you so much uncle tony! #787

amy lowry - albia , IA - May 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ its been three years tony and its getting harder for me i guess its finally hit me that your in heaven watching and guiding me now u were an amazing brother and friend and i never got to tell you how much i really appreciated you and always picking me up when i was down and watching over me u left a part of u in a lot of us that knew u rip tony thank u for everything and for being u

christine BOND - Eddyville, IA - sister - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ well my dream was to be his derby teammate but i dont think that will never happen atleast we have crazy cal.....love ya and miss ya T-BONE

Naythan Witt - Eddyville, IA - Cousin - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ to all the fond memories thanks tony will miss you dearly my condolences you will always be remembered

tony neels - olathe, KS - friend - August 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ WELL TODAY WE ALL SAY ARE GOOD BYES TOO T-BONE TONY ATCHISON WE WILL ALL MISS YOU.. RIP I WILL SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE SOME DAY MY COUSIN LOVE YOU MAN... T-BONE 787

KATHY SIMMONS - OSKALOOSA, IA - COUSIN - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ What a great loss to the family, friends and community. Tbone was a super guy who always smiled and said hello to everyone. He had a contagious laugh and usually had a story to tell. We were both deeply shocked and saddened at his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family as they struggle with this immense loss. With love-Troy and Mary Jane

Troy and Mary Jane Bunnell - Oskaloosa, IA - friends - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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PW

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your husband Tony so suddenly. I pray you have a good support system of family and friends soto don't have hesitate to reach out to anyone for comfort. I would like to come ser you in a few weeks, when things calm down a bit. But if I can do anything at all for you in the meantime must send me a text at 515-779-6369 or call.

Pam Thomas - West Des Moines, IA - high school friend & widow - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ RIP Tony. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. May God provide you all with comfort and peace during this most difficult time. He was and always will be a great man and a wonderful role model to many.

Jaydee Thoreson-Duke - Tiffin, IA - Friend - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ So sad to hear of Tony's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. God bless.

Sonja Drachenberg - Southington, CT - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ so sorry for the loss things wont be the same without tony he always made you laugh &always put a show on at derbies u will never be forgotten t-bone thinking of all of you prayers & happy memories will keep us all going cuz he wouldnt want it any other way R.I.P.
T_BONE

p rayers go out to all but it wont be the same without you tony u always made us laugh u where the main entertainment at the derbies u gave them a show that was u u will not be forgotten u had a special place in our hearts

lynn s chutjer - oskaloosa, IA - cousin - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Leave a condolence or a memory.*

Pam (Cole) Thomas - West Des Moines, IA - high school friend - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *To Mark, Nancy and family. We are very sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you in this time of sadness. God rest Tonys soul.*

The Robinson family.

Andy Robinson - Bussey, IA - Friend - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *You will be greatly missed Tony! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends!*

Patsy and Jason Hynick - Oskaloosa, IA - Friend - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ So sorry for your sudden and unexpected loss of TBone. He was such a neat guy - always making someone laugh. Will definitely miss seeing him on the track! I heard the song "Heaven Let Your Light Shine Down" today and all I could think of was Tony. Sure he is in heaven watching over his family. If only RIP could mean "return if possible".....and we could make it happen.....

Tammy Sparks - Oskaloosa, IA - friend - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ may your memories live in our hearts and minds and one day we will see you through them gates of heaven..

laurie mcgarry - knoxville, IA - acquaintance - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I LOVE YOU TONY RIP MAY GOD BE WTH YOU SWEET HEART....

KATHY SIMMONS - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ TONY YOUR IN GODS HANDS NOW.EVERY OCT I WILL REM.YOU BECAUSE THATS THE MONTH OF MY BIRTHDAY TOO.WELL YOUR 2 YEARS OLDER THEN ME... WELL RIP IN HEAVEN..... @>-----

kathy simmons - oskaloosa,iowa, IA - family - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ R I P my cousin. you will never be forgotten

Shelly Bell - lakeside, CA - cousin - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Tony will be missed but not forgotten. Our hearts go out to his family during this unexpected time of loss.

Mike Caudle

Mike & Dodie Caudle - Winterset, IA - Friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My hearts go out for the family. He was a great guy and always knew how to put a smile on anyones face. He had a laugh that nobody can ever forget. He loved to joke around with all the guys as they would work on the derby car. He will not be forgotten and will be missed by many. RIP 787. Tony will have the best seat in the house at all the derbys cheering on his teammates.

Leah George - Albia, IA - freind - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Our deepest condolences to the atchison and the mopar express family.
T-bone will be greatly missed. Truely one of the good guys of the sport.

Glad i had a chance to know him,drank some beers etc,etc

R.I.P. #787

*Steve Kipp
Kipp's Auto Service
Chicago,IL*

Steve Kipp - IL - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends!! Tony was a great inspiration to many and lots. He will be greatly missed... RIP # 787..... the derbies will never be the same he always put on a great show for the crowd.... Will miss seeing him there, but the memories will carry on!!! Rip T-Bone!!!!

Tabetha Kramer - Fremont, IA - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ will miss seeing t-bone run in the derbies sorry for your guys loss

troy raines - des moines, IA - friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Sending our love and prayers to you all!

Denise Hart - Lawson, MO - Family - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ you were a great friend Tony you will be greatly missed the demos' will never be the same without you.

jodi - auburn, WA - friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Well Blue Eyes I'm expecting to hear that laugh and see those eyes sparkle in my thoughts of you! Gambling/Concert nights will never be the same! You are greatly missed! You know I will keep Brenda close! Your forever laughing with us! Love You Handsome!

Deb moore - Albia, IA - Friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Kim,

I didn't know your brother, but I want to express my sincere condolences to you and your family. He sounds like a really neat guy. I know you will miss him very much.

May God Bless and comfort you.

Connie

Connie Meisterburg - Co-worker of Kim - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Always in our hearts...RIP T-Bone!*

David & Heather Sass - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Brenda,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Know that the community is thinking of you and praying for you.

Kim Murphy - Albia, IA - Friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *my heart goes out to you guys let the lord be with you all in losing a love one*

marilyn behrens - oskaloosa, IA - friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *You will be missed alot especially at the demos. You were a great friend. Sorry for your losses.*

Michalle Wilborn (Stout) - Jonesboro, AR - freind - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *If tears could build a stairway,
And memories a lane,
I'd walk right up to Heaven
And bring you home again.
Tony you will be missed so much
But never forgotten someday we will
All will meet again we love and miss you*

Witt/longoria family..... Trish - Amarillo, TX - Cousin - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *To all that knew T-Bone, I am so sorry for your loss!! He was an awesome guy!! Full of laughter and craziness. Lance you are in my thoughts as well, I know you and Tony were the best of buds!!*

Susie Grooters - Oskaloosa, IA - friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *R.I.P. T-Bone Tony, Our Thoughts and Prayers Go Out To Tony's Family in the Time of Their Great Loss of a Wonderful Husband, Son, Uncle and all around Great Friend.*

*Your Friend
Robyn (Brumbuagh) Blackorbay*

Robyn Blackorbay - Henderson, NV - Friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Tony, you were a wonderful husband. Your sense of humor was enjoyed by many. You touched so many lives. You were the "life" of my party every day. I will miss you always.*

Brenda Atchison - Albia, IA - wife - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ R.I.P t-bone tony my prayers go out to him and his family its sad to see him leave but he will always live on in our memory were all going to miss him

Cody Nordyke - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ Known Tony for many years from demo derby's and from working at Witt Auto Salvage. My thoughts and prayers go out to the all of the Atchison and Witt families. RIP Tony.

Greg Redlinger - Harper, Iowa, IA - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ R.I.P/ T-Bone, you will be greatly missed!

dylan - wellsville, MO - friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Im very sorry for your loss. Tony was such a special person and a inspiration to many. He will be greatly missed. To the world he was more then a son, husband, father,teammate he was a legend and a gem. His laugh and smile could light up a room. For myself he was funny, to my husband a friend, team player and idol for his ratical driving, to my boys just a amazing driver. The angels will love such a man as we all did to. God bless you all and our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you!

Runk&Jodi Wood - walnut, IA - friends/derby driver - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM