



Anthony "Tony" Lee Champa

March 18, 1958 - February 16, 2022

Anthony "Tony" Lee Champa, 63, passed away Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

A native of Springfield, KY, Tony operated Champ's Roller drome at various locations around Louisville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mandy (Hale) and Armand "Champ" Champa; his wife, Tammy (Wilkins) Champa, and his brother, Jere Champa. A father figure to many, Tony is survived by his daughter, Amanda Champa; son, Anthony Champa; and brothers, Joe Champa, and Gary Champa (Kathy).

His funeral service will be at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial at Louisville Memorial Gardens West.

Visitation will be from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Owen Funeral Home. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GW

“ Was friends with Tony when we were kids hung out at his house and of course the skating rink,had lots of fun it was the thing to do. RIP old friend, sorry for the family's loss, God Bless

Greg Wright - February 23, 2022 at 10:12 PM

AH

“ Gary and Kathy,
We are sorry to hear about your brothers passing. Words are not enough. Praying for your family. Hope the wonderful memories carry you through this time.
Love,
And and Aneda

Aneda Hanschu - February 22, 2022 at 03:21 PM

BJ

“ Blake & Joy lit a candle in memory of Anthony
"Tony" Lee Champa



Blake & Joy - February 21, 2022 at 02:35 PM

BJ

To Amanda, Anthony and Champa family, we love and adore you all. Tony's humor is something we want forget, we treasure the visits we had with your mom, dad, and great aunt Mandy (truly good people). We will be attending viewing and funeral services, if you need anything please dont hesitate we're here for you. Sending our love Blake & Joy Wynn - Mableton Georgia.

Blake / Joy - February 21, 2022 at 02:48 PM

JA

Wow I did not know Tony Passed. He and I spent a lot of time together as teenagers. When tot Bad Company concert togetherwhat a guy

Jack - May 21, 2024 at 09:47 PM

OW

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy Blake & Joy Wynn purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Anthony "Tony" Lee Champa.*



Our Deepest Sympathy Blake & Joy Wynn - February 21, 2022 at 02:34 PM

DK

“ *I grew up under Jere at Camelot. Then I told the Godfather I'm going to be head floor at Crestwood as soon as it opens as he smiled and winked at me. That's when I met and worked for Tony. He turned us all into a working family(it was never work for me :) and soon as sessions were over I would dust the wood floor off put the cones down and and rip around till the next session. Tony would come out of office and laugh and say you never come off that floor. I would just say thanks Boss for letting spin some quick laps. I will now salute and smile up to Tony Jere and Pops when I go to next adult skate because they will be rolling w/me. Watch over me fellas we all miss you.*

Donny Kaelin - February 21, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *RIP my friend. You and your family took great care of me all those years and it was the best of times in my young life. Champs was the best and you made it that way. God bless your family.*

Dave Shepherd - February 20, 2022 at 09:54 AM

SR

“ I didn't realize this when I wrote the first post but after reading and hearing stories of Champs Skating Rink from people ALL OVER Louisville, it is clear that Tony and his family's legacy has reached far and wide around these parts. Just spoke to my cousin who did speed skating with the Champa boys in Valley Station years and years ago. The social scene WAS Champs. So many people from the baby boomer generation to the present have been to one of the Champs rinks. For at least 55 years Champs and roller skating have been a part of this city's history. This may be the end of an era but the city of Louisville will always have the honor to be part of a legend. RIP Tony, and thanks for the memories...💕

sharlton (charly) ray - February 19, 2022 at 11:33 AM

TA

“ Tere Barker Crist & Brenda Davis Ammon purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Anthony "Tony" Lee Champa.



Tere Barker Crist & Brenda Davis Ammon - February 18, 2022 at 10:25 AM

JR

“ We are sorry for your loss. Tony and Tammy were our neighbors for years. We will be out of town and can't stop by the funeral home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Jim and Annette Rich

Jim and Annette Rich - February 18, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Lee Champa.*



February 18, 2022 at 08:02 AM



“ *Rest in heaven to a good man...my favorite job ever....I still love to skate today because of this man...New Year eve parties...7 to 7 lock ins...jumping boxes...Suicide drinks....skate and dance parties.....Champs was the shit....! Rest easy my friend we'll keep ride the rails til the last wheel falls off...#Champs.4.ever*

Montrey Phillips - February 17, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *I remember in high school Anthony driving his pretty little vette everyday. The guys were so jealous and the girls, well...put it this way, he was never lonesome 🥺. As for the skating rink, im sure there are better stories out there than I have. As a father he always supported Anthony in every way. He would come to ALL the book fairs. What an awesome family, so well known in this end of the city. Fairwell my little roller blade buddy 💕*

sharltion (charly) ray - February 17, 2022 at 04:46 PM



Tony was a great guy and so full of life I met him when he run the greenwood rink then work for him some 20 yrs later at manslick he was great behind the mic and turntables always fun and played the good jam's even get out on the floor and have fun during some of the songs.just a fun guy,the whole family seemed nice the only ones I was really familiar with was tony and Gary.

David Williamson - February 17, 2022 at 05:40 PM

KK

*RIP Tony.
I remember all our fun times!*

Kelly K - February 17, 2022 at 06:31 PM

AL

Tony was such a great guy o went skating every Wednesday and every weekend he always had a smile on his face ! He always made sure we were safe and made sure everyone had a great time I have many memories from my childhood at champs . He will truly be missed . Rest In Peace

Ashley Landers - February 17, 2022 at 08:35 PM

MA

RIP BUDDY, I cant count all the great times I had at there skating rinks... Keep those speed skates rolling up there...Prayers to the champa family.

Mark - February 17, 2022 at 11:21 PM

AR

You will be missed ! Thank you for being so nice to us and always looking after us like a big brother. You were the life of the party !

Andrea Reeves - February 18, 2022 at 09:23 PM

J(

I have a huge lump in my throat reading all of the comments for Tony and family. Champs was the unparalleled greatest part of growing up. Jere and Tony kept us safe and were always happy to see us all. All night skates were the jam! Working there on and off for years was always fun. They will never ever be forgotten. Love to Amanda and Anthony and many prayers for your great loss

Jill (Haws) - February 22, 2022 at 07:35 PM

BE

Going. To. Miss. You. Tony

beth - February 27, 2022 at 09:07 PM