



James Anthony Lawson Sr.

June 30, 1960 - March 15, 2026

James Anthony “Tony” Lawson, Sr., 65, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2026.

He was born to the late Rosella (Casey) and Marvin Lawson in Louisville, KY. Tony loved watching the river flow from his deck, karate, and hunting and fishing with his boys.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Marilyn Yates. Tony is survived by his wife of 23 years, Dawn (Stearsman) Lawson; children, T.J. Lawson (Samantha), Jake Lawson (Kirsty), Jeremy Mckinley, Corey McKinley, and Elizabeth McKinley; brother, David Lawson (Sally); sisters, Janet Dolson, Marsha Thompson, and Julia Kinley, and grandchildren, Aubrey, Aiden, Trey, Xavier, Tucker, and Violet Lawson, Abigail Shafer Suhr, Avery Burns, and Madison, and Gracie Mckinley.

His visitation will be from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Owen Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James Anthony Lawson Sr.



Owen Funeral Homes - March 19 at 08:45 AM

CM

I'm gonna miss you Tony, I can't describe how I feel waking up everyday knowing I can't see you anymore, thank you for everything you have done for me and the girls, you will be truly missed, love you so much man

Corey Mckinley - April 16 at 04:52 PM



“ Me and Avery are going to miss you!!! You were the first person to ever take my son fishing!!! I'm going to miss our long talks about anything and everything!!! We love you!!!

Elizabeth McKinley - March 19 at 06:42 AM

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hey mom its me avery I miss you

Avery Burris - May 13 at 10:12 AM

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“ Adam & Caroline Taylor purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James Anthony Lawson Sr..



Adam & Caroline Taylor - March 18 at 12:11 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of James Anthony Lawson Sr..



March 18 at 10:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Anthony Lawson Sr..

March 18 at 10:23 AM

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“ THE BALMER FAMILIES purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of James Anthony Lawson Sr..



THE BALMER FAMILIES - March 17 at 12:12 PM

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“ THE BALMER FAMILIES planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Anthony Lawson Sr..

THE BALMER FAMILIES - March 17 at 12:12 PM

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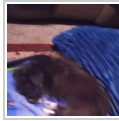
“ Uncle Tony was always full of laughs and love. He also helped me out when I needed him most with my Abby. I love you Tony and hope you can rest easy!

brittany harris (kinser) - March 16 at 06:41 PM

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“ Love ya pop, thanks for all the GREAT TIMES 🇺🇸

Tj Lawson - March 16 at 06:27 PM



You are forever in my heart ❤️ I will always love you Tony.

James Lawson - March 16 at 06:31 PM