



Tony LaPhil Peterson

May 10, 1964 - July 21, 2021

Tony LaPhill Peterson was born May 10, 1964 (Mother's Day) to the late Earma Lee Carey Peterson and the late Roosevelt Peterson Sr. in Orlando, Florida; And so began this great life. As a baby, Tony moved with his mother and family to Pittsburgh, PA.. As a young child Tony returned with his mother to Apopka, Florida where he attended the Orange County Public School System. Tony graduated from Apopka High School on June 19, 1982.

Tony was a man of many talents. One of those talents was his passion for cooking! He worked at Chili's Restaurant, where he was Head Chef and retired as Head Training Chef. Tony could and would cook anything. He was a Master on the grill. Even to this day, at Porkies and Sonny's Barbeque Restaurants (Apopka) to see his face or at the mention of his name brings immediate smiles to his former co-workers. He will long be remembered for the "Grill Master" he was. Tony LOVED fishing and was a great "fisherman", as well as a great fisher of men. Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Another talent Tony possessed, was a builder. He helped to build the homes in Lake Opal Subdivision; Even at an early age, Tony worked and worked hard. He mentored and coached numerous youth during football season. He was also known as the best "Candy Man" in town, was known for his jalapeño pickled eggs and the best "Push-Ups" you could find.

On September 01, 2014, Tony married the dedicated love of his life, Kimberly Denise Howard. Tony insisted that all four of their children be a part of the wedding ceremony. He was adamant that September 01, 2014 was not just a day of uniting with his queen but they united as family. When asked by the hospital chaplain, "When God calls you home and you're standing before him, what will be your answer when asked; What is the one thing you accomplished in your life that you're most proud of?" Without hesitation and with an abundance of passion and pride, he answered: "My baby, My daughter." Serenity Arie will always be The apple of his eye and the beat of his heart.

Tony loved the Lord and he loved awesome Worship. He was a dedicated member of New Direction Community of Faith Church. He served with the Men's Fellowship and was also a master on the grill for our Annual Church Barbeque.

Tony is preceded in death by his mother: Earma; father: Roosevelt Sr.; one sister: Willie Ruth Sanford and one brother: Gary Peterson

Tony leaves to cherish and continue honoring his memories: his loving and devoted wife: Kimberly Howard-Peterson (caretaker) and their four children: Arthur Cooper, Xavier Cooper, Charity Elizabeth Cooper and his most prized beloved: Serenity Arie Peterson. He also has a son: Tony Diamond Peterson. Two sisters: Sandy Smith and Virginia Jenkins both of Apopka, Fl.; Seven brothers: Roosevelt. Jr. (Renee) of Cleveland, Ohio; Leon Carey of New York, Alvin Peterson and Floyd Peterson (both of Pittsburgh, Pa.); Alviness Peterson (Yolanda) and Dale Reese(both of Apopka). The man he first introduced to his family as his brother, he was his Best friend and Best Man at his wedding: Chander "Dolph" Daniels (Jacqueline); Tony also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memory Gardens

3329 E. Semoran Blvd
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
927 South Central Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Tony LaPhil Peterson

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM

TG

“ Toyea Gunn lit a candle in memory of Tony LaPhil Peterson



Toyeya Gunn - August 08, 2021 at 05:28 PM

JD

“ Our sincere condolences to the family of our dear friend and brother Tony, aka TP. TP has and will always remain dear to Chandar and I. There's too many wonderful memories of TP to post but rest assure he will be deeply missed. We LOVE you TP.



Jacqueline Daniels - August 01, 2021 at 01:32 PM

PW

“ Pastor Fernando And Gladys West lit a candle in memory of Tony LaPhil Peterson



Pastor Fernando and Gladys West - July 31, 2021 at 06:04 PM

TW

“ Rest up! I love you ❤️ Thank you for stepping up and raising me. Love you Stepdad ❤️

Tiffany Wilcox - July 30, 2021 at 07:29 PM

VB

“ You will certainly be missed. You was a one of a kind good person and Heaven has truly received an Angel.



Vivian Baker - July 30, 2021 at 04:59 PM

VB

“ Vivian Baker lit a candle in memory of Tony LaPhil Peterson



Vivian Baker - July 30, 2021 at 04:55 PM

KA

“ Words can not express how my heart feels , hug granny for me Unk. I'll never forget you. Forever My Uncle/Daddy 🌹
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Krystal Austin - July 30, 2021 at 03:03 PM

L?

“ Linda & Auntie Roberta Hughley 💔🙏🌸 lit a candle in memory of Tony LaPhil Peterson



Linda & Auntie Roberta Hughley 💔🙏🌸 - July 30, 2021 at 09:52 AM

LP

“ Laurice Peterson lit a candle in memory of Tony LaPhil Peterson



Laurice Peterson - July 29, 2021 at 07:15 PM

LP

“ Laurice Peterson lit a candle in memory of Tony LaPhil Peterson



Laurice Peterson - July 29, 2021 at 07:05 PM

LH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss I'm gone miss him talking noise when he come next door 😞😞



Lisa Haynes - July 29, 2021 at 04:04 PM

KH

“ Kim Howard sent a virtual gift in memory of Tony LaPhil Peterson



kim howard - July 29, 2021 at 01:51 PM

KH

“ Kim Howard lit a candle in memory of Tony LaPhil Peterson



kim howard - July 29, 2021 at 01:49 PM

KH

“ MY BABY LOVE💔😞💔😞 I've ALREADY been missing you my husband 😞and our children are 💔...TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!!! WE gonna finish this race the same way we ran it together,💪 STRONG!!!!💕💕💕💕🕊️🙏

kim howard - July 29, 2021 at 01:48 PM