

Teddy Colley

July 17, 1949 - June 28, 2025

Theodore T. "Teddy" Colley, 75 years of age, of Gatlinburg, TN, formerly of Pikeville, passed away on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Teddy was born on July 17, 1949, to the late TT and Helen Colley of Robinson Creek. He is preceded in death by one son, Mitchell Colley. Teddy is survived by one sister, Cam Colley of Pikeville; two nieces, Rachel (Matt) Dotson of Pikeville, Lynzi Elizabeth (Ben) Stevens of Richmond, VA, and one nephew, Colley (Kela) Stevens of Clearwater, FL; and one great-nephew, Hux Dotson of Pikeville. Teddy will be especially missed by some special friends, Barry and Gloria Johns, Ron and Jessica Hall, Frank Ramsey and Diana Lenox. Teddy was Secretary of Public Protection during the Wilkinson Administration, business owner and investor. He served on several boards and had many accolades such as the ABC Commissioner for KY, Secretary of Racing Commission, KY Lottery Board, etc. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge in Gatlinburg, TN. His sense of humor and smile will be missed so much. A small private service will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 11AM at the O. T. Hinton Mausoleum at Johnson Memorial Park. Following the private entombment, a luncheon will follow at 12Noon at El Poncho. Donations in his memory can go to the East Ky Dream Center, 463 Hambley Blvd., Pikeville, KY 41501. Arrangements are under direction of the Hall & Jones Funeral Home of Virgie. Online condolences may be expressed at www.hallandjones.com

Cemetery Details

O. T. Hinton Mausoleum @ Johnson Memorial Park

US 23
Pikeville, KY 41501

Tribute Wall

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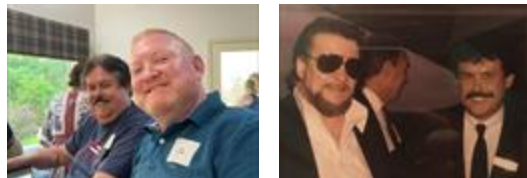
“ *Your absence in Gatlinburg will never be filled. You had a glowing spirit for life and fond remembrances of you will brighten our lives forever.*

Ronnie and Judy Caughron

Ronnie Caughron - July 28, 2025 at 10:22 PM

TR

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Tim Reed - July 16, 2025 at 11:05 PM

TR

Tomorrow Teddy would have been 76. Miss you friend!

Tim Reed - July 16, 2025 at 11:11 PM

GM

CAM. I doubt you remember me, but we met years ago (1967) when I visited your home. Teddy and I stayed more our less touch after our time together at KMI. I only learned of his passing yesterday. I'm greatly sorry for his loss he was a really good friend. There's not a lot that can be said to comfort you and family in this time of loss. While stationed overseas in London I came across s poem which brought me some measure of comfort over the years when losing a friend or family member. Hope it does the same for you.

*Death Is Nothing At All
Henry Scott-HollandBy Henry Scott-Holland more Henry Scott-Holland*

*Death is nothing at all.
It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.*

*Everything remains exactly as it was.
I am I, and you are you,
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched,
unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.*

*Call me by the old familiar name.
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.*

*Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.*

*Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near,
just round the corner.*

*All is well.
Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!*

Gerhart Maas - July 23, 2025 at 01:14 PM

LM

“ Cam:
We lost Teddy's only Son, (my grandson, your nephew), Mitchell Colley August, 2021 in the blink of an eye. I sent Teddy an attachment via text, in which he replied, and two days later we lose him. So tragic! I, personally, have not found closure! I know you, and your family, will miss him achingly! 🙏🙏❤️

Lois Mitchell - July 02, 2025 at 06:24 PM

LJ

Deepest sympathy to the family. Prayers and hugs to everyone. He was a good friend 🤝

Linda Justice - July 03, 2025 at 07:12 PM

JW

“ *Cam, Rachael, and family. We are so sorry for your loss. I've known Teddy for around 60 years and every time we saw each other he was all smiles.
We will keep you in our prayers*

Jerry (Big "J") and Betty Wakeland - July 02, 2025 at 02:54 PM

AC

“ *May the Angels take you in to Paradise and into the arms of Jesus, my loving, dear, hilarious, steadfast friend. I will always love you and cherish our wild and whacky times together* 💜💜💜💜💜💜

angie Siegel Clark - July 01, 2025 at 07:56 PM

JP

“ We only knew Teddy for a short time, but enjoyed spending time with him, very much. We will miss his stories and witty sense of humor. Our thoughts are with his family. Jenni and Mariano (Teddy) Pache

Jenni Pache - July 01, 2025 at 05:10 PM

RG

“ We had the pleasure of meeting Teddy through the Elk's Lodge in Gatlinburg. He was often the center of attention at the lodge because he was so much fun to be with, always upbeat, never at a loss for words, had at least a million jokes in his repertoire, and just as many stories. Teddy was an extremely interesting person with an even more interesting background. The Elk's has suffered a major loss with the passing of Teddy, but we all were blessed to have had the opportunity to know him. RIP Teddy

Rick and Janis Glover - July 01, 2025 at 03:35 PM

JR

“ Teddy are surly missed by so many. To Teddy's Family, we loved him dearly here in Gatlinburg. His humor and smile will be forever remembered. We are so very sorry for your loss and will keep all of you in our Thoughts and Prayers 🙏🙏 Jerry and Sarah Richey

Jerry and Sarah Richey - July 01, 2025 at 08:07 AM

DE

“ You will truly be missed by so many. I'm sure we will meet again soon. Rest in peace my friend.

Dena - June 30, 2025 at 11:49 PM

DH

“ Sorry for your Loss Cam
I sure will miss Teddy coming in the restaurant n eating he was a wonderful person my heart goes out to u Joyce’s (Dianna Hamm)
I miss u Teddy go rest high on the mountain
Love u your friend

Dianna Hamm - June 30, 2025 at 09:33 PM

BN

“ He was a great guy and will be missed. He was enjoyable to talk to at the elks lodge. So sad.

Bobby Neely - June 30, 2025 at 07:34 PM

GC

“ George &Denisa Childress lit a candle in memory of Teddy Colley



George &Denisa Childress - June 30, 2025 at 06:02 PM

BR

“ So sorry Cam, praying for you all



Big Deb Roberts - June 30, 2025 at 12:14 PM

MH

“ Condolences to Cam. I have a lot of good memories of Teddy and I growing up together.

Mike Harley - June 30, 2025 at 08:22 AM

GS

“ I knew Teddy since our days at KMI Military School. We shared many laughs and memories through the years, I would kid him about dying his hair which he denied but that smile that he always had is something those of us who were blessed to know him will never forget. Prayers for his family and friends.

Greg Stumbo - June 30, 2025 at 08:08 AM

DJ

Cam

I use to work for your dad and Teddy I was shocked to hear of Teddys passing thinking back from work at the Great Flame Coal office I'm the only one left! I send my love to you sweetie Debbie

Debbie Johnson - June 30, 2025 at 02:57 PM

TF

“ Teddy - a gentleman, a gem, one of a kind - his contagious smile, interesting and humorous ability to capture everyone's attention was a gift to all of us. We will miss you. Rest in Peace 🦋

The Semenic Family - June 30, 2025 at 07:18 AM

JR

“ So Sorry For Your Loss. Prayers For His Family and Friends



john and Diana Reynolds - June 30, 2025 at 06:28 AM

VH

“ So sad to hear of Teddy's passing. He was a good friend to Bruce and I over the years as was his Dad. Hadn't seen him in years but have lots of memories of times back in Pikeville. I will always remember Teddy with that big smile for every one. He will be missed by his family and friends. Special prayers for his sister, Cam.

Vada Huffman - June 29, 2025 at 10:47 PM

TR

“ Really going to miss having a monkey shoulder scotch out on the porch and talking till midnight, like we did this past Tuesday night! I came over last night to have another in your honor. There will never be another like you Teddy, and I'm lucky to call you friend.

Tim Reed - June 29, 2025 at 09:25 PM

LC

“ Rest in peace my brother

Larry Claiborne - June 29, 2025 at 08:53 PM

DT

“ I know Teddy through the Elks Lodge in Gatlinburg. He was always ready to share a story, joke and laugh. He had an infectious laugh and smile. We will miss him dearly. I picture him being reunited with his son.

Diane Tucker - June 29, 2025 at 08:00 PM

CS

“ Chris & Lisa Stanley lit a candle in memory of Teddy Colley



chris & Lisa Stanley - June 29, 2025 at 07:53 PM

CS

Praying for all the family 🙏🙏🙏

chris & Lisa Stanley - June 29, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim Reynolds - June 29, 2025 at 07:49 PM

DS

“ Prayers for Teddy and his family.

Danna Stamper - June 29, 2025 at 07:39 PM

AR

“ Angel Roberts lit a candle in memory of Teddy Colley



Angel Roberts - June 29, 2025 at 07:31 PM

KT

“ *Teddy had a huge personality that made it easy to call him a friend !
Have nothing but good memories from knowing him . My heart hurts
for all of us who knew and cared about Lil TT. Ken Trivette*

Ken Trivette - June 29, 2025 at 07:05 PM

PJ

“ *Paulette Johnson lit a candle in memory of
Teddy Colley*



Paulette Johnson - June 29, 2025 at 05:34 PM

LR

“ *One of my closest friends in Gatlinburg. We had lunch together
every day. Will sure miss his stories, jokes and laughs. Prayers for
family and friends.*

Larry Reece - June 29, 2025 at 05:16 PM

DA

“ *So sorry to hear about teddy, he was a lot of fun back in the 60” at
pikeville college, he definitely was a one of a kind.
Last time I talked to him was after his father died and then he
moved to TN, saw him couple of times around town, but didn't get a
chance to talk to him
Always a interesting person*

david adams - June 29, 2025 at 04:58 PM

DL

TJ and I always loved to run into Teddy at El Poncho's. He was always so friendly and ready to share a story. I have known Teddy since I was small child. His beautiful smile will be missed by many! Rest in peace my friend.

Dema Ann Litafik - June 30, 2025 at 05:35 PM