



## Tony L. Springfield (Southeast)

January 11, 1930 - September 19, 2024

Tony Lee Springfield was born on January 11, 1930, to Tonnie Springfield and Opal Taylor Springfield in Brownsville, Tennessee. Tony was one of seven sons and eight daughters. He grew up in a family committed to its Baptist faith.

Tony moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan where he worked at the Ypsilanti State Mental Hospital and completed course work at the local community college. He met Betty Talbott in 1960 at the hospital where she was working as a summer intern. They were married on December 22, 1961. To their union, two sons were born: Mark and Brian.

Tony would later work at the State of Michigan – Center for Forensic Psychiatry where he retired as Supervisor & Security Inservice Trainer. Tony also worked part-time at the historic John Leidy Shop for many years, amassing his own specialty plates and other collectibles that he proudly displayed in his home.

Tony was a member of the Masons and an avid martial arts practitioner, competing at the local and national levels. Tony attained his 4th degree Black Belt. He shared his love of martial arts with his community – teaching judo at the Ann Arbor YMCA for many years and teaching martial arts and self-defense workshops for University of Michigan students, and the Jackson, Michigan YMCA. Tony was a proud member of the United States Judo Federation.

Tony enjoyed bowling and belonged to several bowling leagues over the

course of decades. He also collected coins. Tony also spent his free time traveling the United States and abroad, exercising, swimming, cooking, and discussing world and current events. Tony enjoyed listening to soul, blues, and gospel music, and most of all just being with his family.

Tony is survived by his wife of nearly 63 years Betty; sons: Mark (Debra) and Brian (Lennette); grandchildren: Tony, Lauren, Brooke, and Iona; brother: Lee A. Springfield of Cordova, Tennessee; sisters: Dr. Asalean Springfield of Nashville, Tennessee; Lois Chipepo of Montclair, New Jersey; Shirley Bannister of Silver Spring, Maryland; Opal Wilkerson of Mitchellville, Maryland; and Bettye Springfield of Nashville, Tennessee; along with a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation: 9:30am-11am, Saturday, September 28, 2024, at A.D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, 4501 Bardstown Rd. with funeral service to follow at 11am. Burial at Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Rd  
Louisville, KY 40204

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

A. D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home - Southeast  
4501 Bardstown Road  
Louisville, KY 40218  
(502) 491-7885  
a.d.portersoutheast@gmail.com  
<https://adporters.com/>

## Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AT

“ Averelle T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).

Averelle T. - September 28, 2024 at 01:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).



September 27, 2024 at 05:45 PM

TF

“ Timeka, Craig, Shomari & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).

Timeka, Craig, Shomari & Family - September 27, 2024 at 05:45 PM

SM

“ Shelley & Jim, Ryan & Tre" Morrison purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).



Shelley & Jim, Ryan & Tre" Morrison - September 26, 2024 at 06:40 PM

SM

“ Shelley & Jim, Ryan & Tre" Morrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).

Shelley & Jim, Ryan & Tre" Morrison - September 26, 2024 at 06:40 PM

GB

“ God bless his soul. Shirley & Barry purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).



God bless his soul. Shirley & Barry - September 26, 2024 at 03:57 PM

TF

“ The Spicer Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).



The Spicer Family - September 26, 2024 at 02:18 PM

TF

“ The Spicer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).

The Spicer Family - September 26, 2024 at 02:18 PM

KG

“ Keith & Dawn Grace purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).



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**Keith & Dawn Grace** - September 26, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).



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September 26, 2024 at 09:36 AM

BT

“ BrightSpring Proposals Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).

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**BrightSpring Proposals Team** - September 26, 2024 at 09:36 AM

JF

“ Jackson family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).



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**Jackson family** - September 25, 2024 at 09:58 PM

JF

“ Jackson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).

Jackson family - September 25, 2024 at 09:58 PM

JT

“ My deepest sympathy to Betty Ann and the family. I too share your grief. A friendship of over 60 years and many memories to hold dear.

Julia Talbott - September 25, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).



September 24, 2024 at 11:37 PM

AF

“ Arlisa Springfield Armstrong and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).

Arlisa Springfield Armstrong and family. - September 24, 2024 at 11:37 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Tony L. Springfield (Southeast).*



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September 24, 2024 at 08:54 PM