



Anthony Lynwood Putnam, Jr.

April 9, 1967 - February 19, 2020

Surrounded by his immediate family, Tony (Anthony) Putnam went to be with Jesus on February 19, 2020 after battling leiomyosarcoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer. He was 52. Full of faith and hope, he courageously and without complaint sought after ways to win this war against cancer. To the very end, he never lost sight that his Heavenly Father was in control, even when it did not make sense.

Tony was born on April 9, 1967 in Seneca, South Carolina to Anthony and Lois Putnam. He was raised in Easley, South Carolina with his younger brother, Tracy. After graduating from high school, Tony furthered his education in college where he met his wife, Kerry. They were married after completing their bachelor's degrees. Tony then continued pursuing his education and received a Masters of Divinity in Memphis, TN.

Since Tony was in college, he has served in summer mission programs and Student and Children ministries in South Carolina and Tennessee. Upon completion of his Masters of Divinity degree, he has worked in positions as a Student Pastor and Co-Pastor at churches in Alabama and Florida. Most recently, he was the Associate Senior Pastor of Rocky Mount Church in Mooresville, NC. With steadfast and unwavering love for God, Tony devoted his life to serving Christ, so that people could have a personal relationship with Him.

Tony's favorite things in life, besides leading people to Jesus, were the Clemson Tigers, working in the yard, woodworking, and spending time with his wife Kerry, son Stephen, and daughters Ashlee and Kaylee. Of all the people he touched, his most proud achievement was the investment of time that he always gave to his family. He loved them and being with them with all of his heart.

A Celebration of Tony's Life will be postponed until further notice.

To honor Tony's personality and attitude, this service will be casual and filled with worship music to reflect his deep love of Jesus. If you would like to show your appreciation for Tony, in place of flowers, he requested help supporting his family through financial gifts as they navigate this difficult time. Please make your donations through PayPal using the following link: <https://www.paypal.me/ktput>.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Putnam family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ Anthony Lynwood Putnam, Jr.

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Anthony Lynwood Putnam, Jr.

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Anthony Lynwood Putnam, Jr.

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ Kerry I am so very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers for your precious family. Karen Wilson Eller Class of 86

karen Eller - May 09, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ Kerry and family We were so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. He was a great guy and a great pastor. I know he is resting in the arms of the Lord now and no longer in pain. We will never forget him. Our deepest sympathy to you and the kids.
Phil and Debby Anninos

Philip Anninos - April 03, 2020 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ Kerry and children, We are so sorry to hear the news of your loss. Tony was youth director at our church when my children were in their teens. He had such an impact on their lives and on the lives of their friends. He was a blessing. He will leave such an empty space. Praying for all of you. Love & Hugs, John & Debra Self, Laura, Adam and Rebecca and families.

Debra Self - March 12, 2020 at 06:38 PM

SD

“ No words can express the deep heartache I have for all of you Kerry. The years I spent working side by side with Tony at PC3 are treasured memories that I will carry with me forever. I'm praying for all of you as I know God will comfort and strengthen you more each day. Love, Hugs and prayers, Sue Deen

Sue Deen - March 10, 2020 at 11:51 AM

CP

“ Kerry, Stephen, Ashlee, and Kaylee, My heart is truly broken for your loss. We all know exactly where Tony is, but that doesn't mean there will not be difficult days ahead. I had a similar loss when my husband passed at a young age and I had children college age and high school. You can get my information from church if you ever need to talk. My prayer is for God's loving arms to wrap you all in continued comfort and peace for all the days ahead.
Carla Porter

Carla Porter - February 27, 2020 at 03:29 PM

JM

“ Jo-Anne Mione lit a candle in memory of Anthony Lynwood Putnam, Jr.



Jo-Anne Mione - February 24, 2020 at 06:49 AM

JM

I knew Tony from when he first came to PC3 Church. Although seemingly quiet, he could sure talk about the Lord. His impact was great on the youth around here. Although I haven't seen them in years....they took a little piece of my ❤️. Deepest sympathy to Kerry & the kids. God cover ya'all with His peace & Comfort

Jo-Anne Mione - February 24, 2020 at 06:55 AM

SA

“ I first met Tony through a Skype interview. He immediately made an impact in my life by showing the love of Christ to me and talking to me as a sister in the Lord. When I met Tony and Kerry in America they treated me like a family member, not some random weirdo from South Africa 🙄 The genuine love I felt through this couple will stay with me forever. They seem to live out the slogan “be kind, to everyone”. Thoughts and prayers for you and the kids Kerry. Love you lots xxx Sa

sarah - February 23, 2020 at 11:44 PM

CP

Kerry, Stephen, Ashlee, Kaylee
My heart is truly broken. We absolutely know where Tony is, but I know many of the days ahead will be difficult for many reasons. I had a very similar heartache when my husband passed away at a young age. Please know you are all in my constant thoughts and prayers. My prayer is God's continued comfort and presence for all of you.
Carla Porter

Carla Porter - February 25, 2020 at 08:06 PM

VC

“ I went to junior high and high school with Tony. He was one of the nicest and most genuine people I have ever met. He always had a kind smile on his face. Please know that your family has been and will be in my prayers.

Vonda Cooley - February 23, 2020 at 07:46 PM

MP

“ My husband and I met Tony & Kerry when they came to Rocky Mount UMC in Mooresville You could hostily see our Lord in everything they did, he had an awesome relationship with our God We just wish we could have got to know Tony better love to Putnam family

Michael & Jackie Parker - February 23, 2020 at 07:46 PM

TH

“ I went to high school with Tony... truly one of the nicest people I have ever met! My thoughts and prayers are with his family. One day you will see him again until then, may the memories of your time with him fill your heart with love.

Tonya Hardee - February 23, 2020 at 06:20 PM

JS

“ My name is Jay B Bishop Sr. I grew up in Easley SC. My family attended Geer Memorial Baptist Church and there we met the Putnams. For a number of years through elementary school, junior high and high school, Tony was, what I would consider, one of my closest friends. Our families went out to eat together many Sunday nights after church. We played church basketball, went to church retreats and activities. We had alot of great times as boys(even getting in trouble occasionally).

You could say we both had a drug problem... Our parents drug us to church every time the doors were open. Something I would say we were both grateful for as we grew into adulthood.

We never saw each other again after high school. Life took us down separate paths, but I will never forget the day that he came by my house to tell me he felt led to follow the Lord into full time ministry. I never felt that he and I had any conflict but he wanted to make sure the air was clear between us as he began that journey. He showed me his great faith and integrity that day. He has been an will continue to be sorely missed.

May the Lord's great grace minister to his family and all of those who grieve this loss. May we also rejoice in his homecoming with our heavenly Father. May God be glorified.

Jay B Bishop Sr - February 23, 2020 at 02:32 PM