



Dennis Tyus

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Decatur 'Dennis L. Tyus, 55, of Los Angeles, CA formally of Decatur entered into eternal peace at 11:15 AM on Friday, June 22, 2012 at the Lincoln Rehabilitation and Health Care center in Decatur.

Visitation will be Saturday June 30, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Home going Celebration will immediately follow the visitation at 11:00 AM. Reverend Mark Tyus will officiate.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery and will conclude with the 'Flight Home' ceremony.

Dennis was born July 30, 1956 in St. Louis, MO, to Fred and Virginia Tyus. Dennis was a devoted educator and taught computer science for 22 years in the Los Angeles Unified School District and was known to have a gift to help troubled kids through education. Dennis was also a member of the Los Angeles Unified School District Association for School Teachers. Dennis received various certifications from Comp TIA, Microsoft, and Cisco including A+, MCSE, CCNA, CCNP and had passed the CCIE written exam. Dennis looked forward to coming home for Christmas every year so that he could spend time with family and play the White Elephant game. He leaves to cherish fond memories, his parents, Fred and Virginia Tyus Sr. of Decatur, IL; siblings, Wilma Garrett (widowed) of Decatur, IL; Regina Stevens (Craig) of Decatur, IL; Izola Tyus of Bloomington, IL ; Fred H. Tyus Jr. of Indianapolis, IN; Brenda Bond (Curtis) of Indianapolis, IN & Michelle Williams (Roy) of Toledo, OH; also a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his infant brother, Mark Tyus.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Lincoln Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Decatur, DMH Hospice and Dr. Im and Dr. Eskandari of Kaiser Hospital of Los Angeles, CA for the care he received.

The family of Dennis L. Tyus has entrusted the care of their loved one to Moran &



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Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL 62526, View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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IT

Izola Tyus posted:

Happy Birthday Dennis I love and miss you – I know now that god smiled on us by allowing us to take a vacation together right before you went to be with him. God really smiled on me to allow me the time I spent with you as normally we just spend time at Christmas. I miss your smile and the storieeeeeees we told each other and staying up all night on the phone talking about nothing. Until we meet again I will just carry you in my heart each day forever. – Love Izola

July 30 at 5:22 PM

TM

Tanisha Moore posted:

I am so sad to hear this news. Mr.Tyus was a great teacher. He even elected me to be his top contender for the cisco systems networking project. He saw a light in me, no one else saw. I was in my 11th grade year and had no idea what I wanted to do as an adult. He forced me to give a presentation to a group of officials with Cisco Networking Systems. Although I was greatly nervous, knowing he and my mother were sitting in the audience, gave me the strength to proceed. I had the crowd laughing within 2 minutes of my presentation, from then on I knew I had a talent. I was interviewed by the daily breeze newspaper and even featured on the news. I have to say that without Mr.Tyus' belief in me I would not be where I am today. I currently have a book due to be released in December of 2014, and I enjoy speaking and giving interviews. Teachers never realize the impact they have on a persons life. I wish I had the opportunity to tell him before he passed. R.I.P Mr.Tyus and I thank you for pointing out my gift and having faith in me.

October 1 at 7:05 AM

MM

Mark S. Marsh posted:

My brother, my teacher, my early mentor. You ignited the spark of education and excellence in me at SIU. We started the ACTION-TEAM with Donald "Chip" Williams. Let's see if I can remember our charter: "ACTION-TEAM, an organization created for the total perpetuation of exemplify excellence may it be in an educational, business and/or political area". Donald who preceded you in death and me were your loyal Disciples. "I fail to articulate for fear I may deviate from the true rectitude of my course" that was our way of saying "I don't know". We would just laugh when other students would just look at us speaking our esoteric words. Dennis, my friend, thank you for help shape who I am today. You gave me the example to reach beyond the obvious and the ordinary. You dared me to reach higher and I did. I always wondered why you did not take the corporate job but from the other writings here I now know why...Your gift was lighting the fire of education and excellence in YOUR DISCIPLES. God Bless you Dennis I will always love you my brother. Rest In Peace.

February 1 at 5:49 PM



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Saul Sanchez posted:

Its with a heavy hart that I write this, Mr.Tyus will forever hold a special place in my heart. As a former student of his, I remember he jokingly referred to us as "his disciples" as he liked to call the group of students that gravitated to him. Although in high school I was on the fast track to becoming a criminal, and was even expelled from Dorsey for illegal sales. Mr.Tyus showed that there were other paths in life available to us besides the ones we saw in our environment. Only after I received my diploma did the life lessons he taught us sink in, he taught me the importance of education. Thanks to the efforts of Mr.Tyus I was the first of my family to attend and graduate college and I continue to enjoy the occasional college course. Through my example and encouragement my nieces and nephews have also started attending college. The lives that this great man touched will keep growing the legacy he created. Still I can't believe that we lost a great person, remembering his love of Diana Ross, El Salvador, and his "London Fog" trench coat bring a smile to my face. I can't express enough the loss that I'm feeling at this moment, but as big of a doer as he was he would want us to continue doing. Mr.Tyus thank you, and I will see you in Heaven, may the lord keep you close to him.

November 15 at 1:47 PM



Jose Mejia Aka Oranges posted:

my condolocenses go to your family tyus thank for all the help you gave our platoon, you will always be remember. so sad when i heard the news.

August 31 at 11:46 AM



Erick Olea posted:

The world has lost one of the most intelligent human beings ever! D. Tyus my former teacher the person who taught me everything in IT, and most importantly taught me how to learn and have a deeper understanding to allow me to continue to learn. I owe a lot to this man, and so do many other students. D. Tyus will forever be a legend, and his obituary doesn't do him justice. He was more than A+ certified, he had more certifications than anyone else I ever met. From Microsoft to Cisco, even having passed the CCIE written exam and instead of working for a company he chose to teach students. I am glad that I recently was able to catch up with him, helped him move, and was able to take him to dinner. We talked about bringing him as a technical advisor in my business. I wish he hadn't left this world . May God rest his soul.

July 7 at 3:33 PM



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KH

Katrina Harmon posted:

Brenda & Curtis, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. You and your family are in my prayers.

June 27 at 1:45 PM

MH

Margaret Higgins posted:

Brenda and family, We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. May God strengthen and comfort you all in your time of need.

June 27 at 1:24 PM

SJ

Shiela Jennings posted:

My friend Regina, I was so sorry to hear that your brother Dennis had passed away. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I send my condolences to you and your family. Give Virginia a hug for me! Love you.

June 27 at 8:25 AM

LE

Leonard Estell posted:

To the Tyus family, Dennis was a classmate of mine at E.H.S. He was a very gifted young man, and studied hard. He will be missed. Your Family will be in our prayers.

June 26 at 8:53 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dennis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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