



Lonnie A. Tollett Sr.

JUN 7, 1954 - DEC 15, 2015



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Lonnie A. Tollett Sr., age 61, of Elyria, passed away at his home on December 15, 2015.

He was born on June 7, 1954 in Elyria, and has lived there for the past 45 years, moving from North Ridgeville. He worked as a truck driver for the Great Lakes Construction Company, retiring in 2014. Lonnie was a member the Teamsters, Local 436 and the Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church.

Lonnie truly enjoyed his work, and even through his illness longed to get back into the seat of his truck. He enjoyed being outdoors and going fishing, hosting an annual fish fry to share his catch with family and friends. A true family man, nothing made him happier than attending family reunions in Tennessee, and spending time with his wife, sons and grandchildren.

Lonnie is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sandy (nee McKee); sons Lonnie Jr. (Sherri) of Elyria, Tommy (Heidi) of Lorain and Gary F. (Renee') of Sheffield Lake; grandchildren Courtney (Jonny) Olecki, Nathan, Seth, Tyler, Nicholas, Noah, Benjamin and Samuel Tollett; great grandchildren Lukas and Landon Olecki; siblings Linda Cather of Elyria, Gary Tollett of Elyria, Wanda Cutlip of Elyria and Shannon Griffin of Lake Tansi, TN; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son Andrew Tollett; parents David Tollett and Edna (nee Goddard) King; brother Jerry Tollett.

Family will receive friends in the Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Rd. on Friday from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. where Funeral Services will take place on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Marshall Hyer will officiate. Interment will be in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday**, December 18, 2015

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Bogner Family Funeral Home**
36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH
44039



Visitation

 **Friday**, December 18, 2015


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


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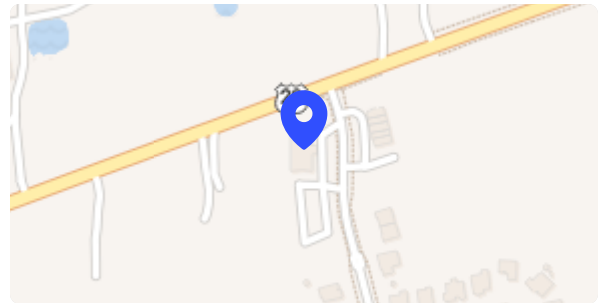


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, December 19, 2015


 10:00 AM ET

 **Bogner Family Funeral Home**
36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH
44039



Interment

 **Saturday**, December 19, 2015

 11:00 AM ET

 **Resthaven Memory Gardens**
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Cemetery Details

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ST

Sandra Tollett posted:

Dear Lonnie today is just three months since you have been gone and it seems like a life time I miss you so much ifeel like my heart hurts so bad I wish some one could take it out of my chest and massage and put it back in my chest when I think of you I feel so overwhelmed with sadness I ask God to please help to make it through the day and just make it minute to minute.I know you fought so hard for nineteen months and I know you would not want me to be sad .because you loved life so much and always wanted everyone else to do the same.i tell muself things will get better and I know in time they truly will I will never stop missing you I know but in time maybe the hurt will get better at night when I go to sleep I whiper good night to you in my prayers and hope you can hear them I pray that you are at peace and not hurting any more Lonnie I could go on forever about things the one thing imiss the most is when something happens with the kids and grandkids I wish I could tell you about it and so tonight when I go to bed I will tell you everything in my prayers I love and miss you more than I could every say all my love sandy

March 15 at 1:21 PM



Nancy Walker posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Lonnie's passing. I used to work with his wife, Sandy, at the bank. He give me the nickname, " Sugar bear ". Anytime he called to talk with Sandy or pop into the bank, he'd say " What's up Sugar bear?". It was so easy for him to put a smile on my face. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sandy, his children, and the entire family!My deepest sympathy,Nancy Grignon

December 21 at 9:03 AM

MA

Mary posted:

I only just learned of Lonnie's passing. I met him a short time ago and he was so super nice. I am very sorry for your sudden loss. Mary @ GMM

December 21 at 5:52 AM



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CO

Connie posted:

The "Center".... The "Rock" of our Family..... That was my Uncle Lonnie! His death has left a void that will NEVER be replaced. His Heart was larger than life itself. His Love for his family was immeasurable. His Humor was infectious. His general demeanor and personality was like a drug..... the more time you spent with him, the more time you wanted to spend time with him. He was a good 'ole country boy that had his fair share of trouble makin' shenanigans. He was a hard worker. He was a true Friend to many..... too many to count. He was the Best Uncle ever. He was a beloved Son, Brother and Cousin. He was a Great Father. He was a Cherished Grandfather and Great Grandfather. He was the Love of my Aunt Sandy's Life, as she was to his. My Uncle Lonnie Was The Trunk of His Family Tree..... Loving, Supporting and Keeping His Family Connected and Growing! My Uncle Lonnie said he was ready, he had his "talk" with God and he was good. I know in my soul he meant that. I know God welcomed him. I know he probably had Jesus laughing as soon as he got there. I know he is with his loved ones that have gone before him..... I can only imagine how happy he is to be with them. He is "home" and isn't in any pain or suffering anymore, but I know his heart breaks with each tear he sees because we are broken here without him. I know he will watch over his family, as he always has, until that day we meet him again. Uncle Lonnie will always be alive in our hearts because of the memories and moments we've shared with him. Rest In Peace, Uncle Lonnie..... you deserve nothing less! I will talk to you in my prayers! I Love You Very Much..... I Will Miss You Beyond Measure.....I will wrap this up with the same "Big Hug" and last words my Uncle Lonnie said to me....."I Love You To Pieces"Connie

December 18 at 5:00 AM

SK

Scott Kaib posted:

It was always a pleasure to have Lonnie on the job and even more so when he would show up with a delivery or piece of equipment. He was always good for a story or to share news and rumors from the other projects. Loved having Lonzo around. He and I made a lot of after hours moves, and he always had time to spare for refreshments. Love you brother! My condolences to Sandy, Lonnie Jr., Tommy, Gary (BooBoo), and all the family. Scott Kaib Great Lakes Construction

December 18 at 4:39 AM

DC

Don Cather posted:

MY UNCLE LONNIE HAS ALWAYS FOUGHT TO THE END IN EVERYTHING IN HIS LIFE HE NEVER QUIT AS FAR AS I CALL IT UNCLE LONNIE ONLY LOST ONE FIGHT IN HIS LIFE AND THATS THIS ONE BUT HE GAVE IT A FIGHT AND GOD KNEW HE WAS THERE AND YOU BETTER BELIEVE THAT THIS FIGHT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN LOVE YOU LONNIE

December 18 at 3:07 AM



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BA

Bob Stanley And Mike Antonyzyn posted:

Over the years, we have heard many great stories of Lonnie Sr. from Lonnie and his crew. We know he was loved and will be missed. Our condolences to the family and friends on your loss. Bob and Mike

December 18 at 2:27 AM



Anonymous sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Tollett family.



December 17 at 6:41 PM

TB

Teresa Bonica posted:

Oh boy to share just one memory about a man with whom every moment spent was a memory. Uncle Lonnie was one of the greatest men to have in your life and to have the honor of calling him uncle will be the best memory for me. He was one bad ass dude with a heart of gold. Some of the best times spent with him was cooking and one year on thanksgiving when I woke up to find both of my parents sick in bed with the flu and being only 16 and having to make a whole thanksgiving dinner on my own and having no clue how to do it, Uncle Lonnie said to Aunt Sandy we have to go over there and help that child make dinner and they came over and spent most of the morning making and teaching me how to make a thanksgiving dinner before even making their own dinner. He kept us laughing the whole time. Thank you Uncle Lonnie for filling my life with lots of memories that I will keep close to my heart. Rest easy & I will see you on the other side one day.

December 17 at 5:42 PM

MH

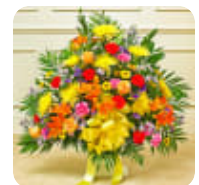
Mary Ann Hutchinson posted:

Sandy and family, So sorry to hear of Lonnie's passing. I pray that you find peace during this difficult time. With sympathy, Mary Ann (Thompson) Hutchinson

December 17 at 1:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket to the Tollett family.



December 17 at 9:19 AM



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JM

John Mckee posted:

Uncle Lonnie left us with so many stories to tell that we would never get to all of them. He left me in tears laughing so many times I couldn't count them. One of the best was probably one where you had to be there but uncle Lonnie, Gary and I were cleaning offices out in Westlake and Gary and I were in the elevator waiting for him. We had the elevator loaded with garbage bags. You had to stand on garbage there was so much. I showed Gary how you can start the elevator then stop it quickly and open the doors up and the elevator was lower than the floor. Right about the time I did this uncle Lonnie came out of one of the offices with more garbage bags. He was sweating all down his face and hobbling down the hallway towards the elevator. I thought he was gonna walk up and stop and say "what are you kids doing" as he would probably notice the elevator was about a foot lower than the floor. But instead he didn't notice as he had sweat in his eyes and walked right in and went face first in all the garbage. He rolled around and couldn't get up while yelling "when I get up from here I'm gonna kick your asses". Gary and I were in tears laughing for an hour. We couldn't even finish working. It is stories like this that will put a smile on my face Everytime I think of uncle Lonnie. Love you uncle Lonnie. We will truly miss you.

December 17 at 8:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Tollett family.



December 17 at 8:35 AM

PT

Pat Miller (Tollett) posted:

Sandy and all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Lonnie lived life big so I am sure he will leave a huge emptiness, but he will always be with each of you in your memories. He has left a tremendous legacy in the family he has left behind. Tommy, I understand you have been a great support in all that has occurred - keep being there for everyone but especially for your mom. My memories of Lonnie are that laughing, teasing smile, big heart and that big bear hug. I'm thinking by now you are wondering who I am - a cousin - Dale has been my most recent contact and will tie me into the family tree for you. You are in my thoughts at this difficult time. Pat Miller (Tollett)

December 17 at 8:21 AM



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MP

Monica Padley posted:

Sending prayers for God's Comfort and Grace to Sandy and her family. Most of my memories of Lonnie are from Jr. High and High School when we were young and dumb. Ha! I always remember Lonnie full of life and laughter. He may have made some mistakes in life but he truly had a good heart. The testimony of his loving family says it all. He left a legacy of love to his wife, children and grandchildren. I was able to see him after 40 some years, at Rick Blaylock's memorial service this past summer. My prayers continue for Sandy and her family as they grieve their loss of husband, dad and grandfather. May the Lord be near and assure you that Lonnie is safe in Heaven full of life and laughter. Blessings, Monica Padley

December 17 at 6:36 AM

BD

Betty Bridges-Drennen posted:

Sandy & family, so sorry to hear of Lonnie's passing. I have so many memories of when we were all young & having kids. Good ones & some bad, it seems like no matter how many years go by or how many miles apart we are, those thoughts always pop into your head. God comfort you & your family through the days ahead.

December 17 at 6:13 AM

BD

Betty Bridges-Drennen lit a candle in honor of Lonnie.



December 17 at 6:09 AM

JG

Jeff Gray posted:

Lonnie was a great man and I had some really good times with him. He was always in a happy mood and he always made me laugh. He will be missed dearly

December 17 at 4:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Tollett family.



December 16 at 7:19 PM



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LF

Love From, Darren & Karen Bremke & Family sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red to the Tollett family.

December 16 at 7:14 PM



FH

Fay Adams-Hardy posted:

Sorry for the loss of another family member. 2015 has been a tough year to get through. Prayers to your family. Fay Adams-Hardy (cousin)

December 16 at 4:21 PM

G7

Gerald Hammond Class Of 72 December 17 at 4:12 AM

From an old class mate. My sincerest condolences.

SS

Sara Stone posted:

Our hearts are truly broken! Lonnie and Sandy practically raised our daughter and son (baby Adam) as he called him. That child never wanted to come home from their house. He always wanted to stay with them as long we would let him. Lonnie and Sandy spoiled the crap out of that boy. Lonnie took him wherever he wanted to go, which most of the time was taco bell! Last time I spoke to Lonnie, I told him I owed him a couple slaps for spoiling that child like he did! We laughed like crazy and talked about all those times they had together. I can't say enough how much he made us laugh. We have such great memories with him. My family will always, always cherish the times we had together. Sad and heartbroken. Sincerely, Kim, Adam, Baby Adam, Sara Stone

December 16 at 4:07 PM



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Tommy Tollett posted:

I have more memories of my dad than I could ever share!! I will forever be grateful for the time we spent together, laughing, crying, working together, playing with my children, and all of the things in between. One of my favorite memories was on a trip to Tennessee. As most of you know my Dad loved Sad country music, if it didn't make you cry or tell a sad story he didn't like it. Anyway, we were listening to a Tammy Wynette CD he had, the song that was playing was "I don't want to play house". I had never heard the song before, and after hearing I started to cry. I can't really say why, but it really resonated with me. My Dad looks over at me and says "Tom, why are you crying?" Of course I was crying too hard to answer. He then says, "Quit crying you big baby" About 10 miles down the road we get off on an exit ramp and my dad pulls on the shoulder. I said "dad, what are you doing?" No reply. I look over and he was crying so hard his glasses were fogged up. I then say "Quit crying you big baby." We start laughing like hell, turn off the sad music, and drove to our Family Reunion! My Dad would always have you believe he was tough! Truth is he was the biggest Teddy Bear I know!! I will always Love Him, never forget him, and Honor him by being the type of man he helped me become!! love you Dad!!

December 16 at 2:33 PM



J.C. Edwards December 17 at 7:02 AM

SORRY FOR YOUR FAMILY'S LOST TOMMY . LONNIE WAS GOOD ONE . SURE HE WILL BE MISSED .



Ron Dennis posted:

Ron Dennis. A very good man is going to heaven. You will be missed.

December 16 at 1:56 PM



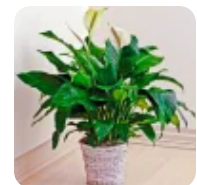
Teri Murphy posted:

I always ran into Lonnie at the Cancer center. He was always sympathetic to me and what I was going through even though he was going through much worse. You will be missed Lonnie. You had a heart of GOLD..

December 16 at 11:26 AM



Denes Concrete, Inc. sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Tollett family.



December 16 at 10:13 AM



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Debra Clevenger lit a candle in honor of Lonnie.

With Sympathy to you and your family. There's an unbroken thread that is woven from love, and it keeps family always together, For nothing's as real as the moments we've shared - They live on in our memories forever. As difficult as this time is, may you find comfort in knowing that your loved one will always be with you....and the memories you shared will forever be a part of your life. Wishing you peace during this difficult time. My deepest sympathy



December 16 at 9:10 AM



Lori Mckee Kobylarz posted:

I just wanted to share one of my favorite stories about my Uncle Lonnie. It is actually one of my Mom's stories that she liked telling. I was just born so Mom and Dad had moved out of an apartment into a duplex and they had no appliances, not even a refrigerator to keep my bottles cold. So as my Mom tells it (in her southern way) "Your good ole Uncle Lonnie went to this "Ritzy" part of town and found an old fridge that someone had sat out on the curb. He hauled it away and cleaned it all up nice and brought it over and sat it by the backdoor with a note attached that said "I found this for you and cleaned it up. It's ready to go. I wasn't sure how to spell refridge so... Here's your Ice Box!! " I chose this story because it displays the truly sweet man Uncle Lonnie was and the great big heart he had that was full of kindness, love, and empathy. I, myself, have many great memories of Uncle Lonnie, most of which involve him in his bib overalls and some sort of homemade moonshine. So I'll keep those to myself and close to my heart. All I can say is that I will always cherish the beautiful memories of the man that always made me laugh and for that reason I will always think of him and smile through the tears!!! I love you Uncle Lonnie!!! Love Sweet Pea

December 16 at 8:49 AM



Keim Concrete sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Tollett family.



December 16 at 7:46 AM



Anonymous sent a White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Tollett family.



December 16 at 6:10 AM



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Love, Leonard Goddard, Jan And Amanda And Family sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Tollett family.

December 16 at 5:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Red, White & Blue Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement to the Tollett family.

December 16 at 5:03 AM



Friends And Family Of U-Haul sent a Peach, Orange & White Mixed Fireside Basket to the Tollett family.

December 16 at 3:59 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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