



Randy Autry Tyler

July 30, 1951 - February 28, 2026

Randy Autry Tyler (age 74) passed away on February 28, 2026, in Jackson, TN, after a lengthy illness.

Randy was born in Lexington, TN, on July 30, 1951, to the late Nadell and John (Pug) Tyler. He spent most of his life in Lexington, but also lived briefly in various places across the country because of his father's work as a pipe-liner. In addition to his parents, two of his siblings preceded him in death: Tommy (Jolene) Myracle, who appointed him as the drummer of their family band, and Sherry (Reed) Blankenship.

Randy had a variety of interests throughout his life. He greatly enjoyed playing football in high school, but his passion for music was a significant part of his life's work. He began playing the drums at the age of 11 and had the good fortune to perform in several bands. He had a deep love for his fellow musicians, whom he considered his band of brothers.

After graduating from high school, Randy attended both Memphis State University and UT Martin before serving two years in the U.S. Army. Following his military service, he performed in various bands throughout West Tennessee. In 1974, Randy and his wife, Annette, moved to Nashville, and soon after, he hit the road with Little David Wilkins in his band, The Good Night Special. In 1980, Randy left Little David's group to pursue a solo career and signed a two-year recording contract with RCA as part of a duo called Tyler David. While with RCA, he recorded two songs.

By 1985, Randy had returned to West Tennessee, where he played drums

and sang in a band he founded, named The Most Valuable Players. The band established their own publishing company and record label, performing throughout West Tennessee and Mississippi. Later, Randy played with the Hot Country Band for many years. In addition to his music career, he worked as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

Randy was married to the love of his life, Annette, for over 52 years. They had two children, who were his pride and joy: Rachel Walker (married to Rob) and Blake Tyler (married to Taylor). Randy was also blessed with five granddaughters, whom he considered life's greatest blessings: Hannah, Abbie, Mary Kate Walker, Olivia, and Jane Tyler.

Randy leaves behind a brother, Johnny Tyler (Joanne), and five nieces and nephews: Jen Tyler, Sandy Miracle, Kenny Miracle, Molly Lindsey, Chris Burke, and Mandi Dodson.

Randy was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Lexington. He played the drums in the praise band and took great pride in being a deacon, which allowed him to serve in various ministries within the church. He genuinely wanted everyone to experience his love for Jesus Christ. In 2007, he began performing in a gospel trio called 4Ever His, alongside his brothers in Christ, Steve Dodds and Kenny Scott. They sang together for many years and developed a special bond.

In the last years of his life, Randy dedicated himself to helping others. He and Annette volunteered at the Hygiene Station through the Henderson County Homeless Coalition. Although his life was fulfilling, he has now found healing and is at peace in his eternal home with his Savior. Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 3 at 1PM at the First Baptist Church with burial to follow in the Lexington Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday at Reed's Chapel Monday 4PM-9PM and Tuesday at the First Baptist Church 11AM until time of service. The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Henderson County Homeless Coalition P.O. Box 723 Lexington, TN. 38351.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss!!! Praying for the family.



Donna Dickey - March 03 at 02:03 PM

CS

“ So sorry for the family's loss. He will be missed.
Please know I would have been there if possible.
Much Love,
Cathy Garner Sisson



cathy sisson - March 03 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ I'm so sorry Annette. Praying for you and your family.



Jamie Burke - March 03 at 12:18 PM

DW

“ Randy Tyler was one of the finest People i've ever known and i loved him like a brother from the time he was a Child.Randy played drum's & Sang in my touring band "The Goodnight Special" for 8 wonderful years with never a short word between us.Randy was a fine singer and a wonderful Drummer,but more importantly Randy was a fine Christian Man and loved our Lord with all his heart & soul,I know this because he told me so on our long Phone conversations.My wife Margaret & I are so sad that Randy has gone Father Down The Road but so Proud to have loved him while he was with us.I Pray for Annette & his beautiful Children & Grand Children,May God be with each of you through this saddest of times.God Bless Us ALL.I still love you Randy like a blood Brother.R.I.P. my dear friend.Sadly,Little David Wilkins

David Wilkins - March 03 at 03:27 AM

RD

“ Prayers to all his family,,Randy was a very nice guy and always had a smile on his face.last time I saw him was at kirkland cancer center and when I said he name he just turned and smiled really big.he was just that kind of guy..R.I.P. and say hello to Sherry for me.

Ronnie Dyer - March 02 at 10:10 PM

JW

Knowing Randy and playing keyboards with MVP was a special time for me. We really had fun but didn't take lightly the seriousness of our music. We had a great band and put out a lot of music for a 4 piece group for over 5 years. Randy was a perfectionist on getting his drums to sound just right. Going to RCA in Nashville to record our first single of four sides on our own label Touch 2 Records. If you look closely at the label you will find two little footprints which were the prints of his new baby boy Blake's feet. His greatest loves were God, Family, and his music. He adored Annette, Rachel and Blake during the time I was with him totalling 11 years. I will see you soon my brother in Christ where there will be never ending joy, painfree. Love you Big R.

Jimmy Williams - March 03 at 03:51 PM

RD

“ *Ronnie Dyer lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler*



Ronnie Dyer - March 02 at 10:07 PM

RG

“ *Ricky Gooch lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler*



Ricky Gooch - March 02 at 10:06 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randy Autry Tyler.*



March 02 at 02:59 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Randy Autry Tyler.*

March 02 at 02:59 PM

JT

“ I had the opportunity to play with Randy at First Baptist when I began playing guitar with the praise band
And just being around him was a great encouragement for my playing. Randy was a great guy!



Jim Thomas - March 02 at 11:08 AM

PT

“ Pamela Threadgill Trella lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler



Pamela Threadgill Trella - March 02 at 11:05 AM

DE

“ Don Eklund lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler



Don Eklund - March 02 at 09:32 AM

KM

“ Praying for your family.



Kim Martin - March 02 at 08:08 AM

LP

“ *Leslie Patton Powers lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler*



Leslie Patton Powers - March 02 at 04:54 AM



“ *Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler*



Cotton Rhodes - March 02 at 12:10 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler*



Barbara Willis - March 01 at 11:59 PM

BW

So sorry for your loss , Prayers for you and your family.

Barbara Willis - March 02 at 12:01 AM

GS

“ *No words just prayers!*

Glenda Sumler - March 01 at 09:46 PM

JM

“ Annette, very sorry for your loss. Randy made a special point to come talk to me directly after my mom’s funeral. His words and kind gesture resonated with me since he knew what we were going through.

Jeremy McDaniel - March 01 at 09:25 PM

JC

“ Randy was a talented man and his music was as much a part of him as his hands and feet but my favorite memories of him are the ones made on a mission trip to Guatemala a few years ago. Randy loved Jesus and found joy in sharing that love with others which he did through his music here and in Guatemala. The kiddos we ministered to there ate him up like candy and many were influenced to draw closer to Jesus just because of his influence. Although he didn’t get a bunch of return trips like some he continued to minister in other ways over the years and because he did he’s helping to fill up heaven. I hope God has to annex property and expand. May God grant peace and comfort to Annette and his children and grandchildren.

joy crowe - March 01 at 07:26 PM

YC

“ Randy was a kind person. Enjoyed working with him for many years. Prayers for all.



Yoga Carroll - March 01 at 07:14 PM

JS

“ Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler



Jerry Stegall - March 01 at 06:28 PM

SM

“ Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler



Sandra Maness - March 01 at 06:20 PM

CK

“ Charlotte And Kenneth Kizer lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler



Charlotte and Kenneth Kizer - March 01 at 06:07 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Randy Autry Tyler



Rhonda Sanders - March 01 at 05:56 PM



“ *Sherry Moore lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler*



Sherry Moore - March 01 at 05:31 PM



“ *RON GIBSON lit a candle in memory of Randy Autry Tyler*



RON GIBSON - March 01 at 05:31 PM



Randy and Annette are among my dearest friends. May precious memories bring peace now and always. God bless Randy, Annette and your family.

RON GIBSON - March 01 at 05:41 PM



Randy was a great and kind friend <he was one of the good guys . will be missed forever .

jimmy white - March 03 at 02:52 PM