

Tony Rex Morgan

July 23, 1955 - July 24, 2025

Tony Rex Morgan, son of Vernon Heburn “H.E.” Morgan and Betty Louise (Bilyeu) Morgan, was born July 23, 1955, in Arkansas City, Kansas and passed away the evening of Thursday, July 24, 2025, while in the Phelps Health Hospital of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 70. He attended school in Stoutland, Missouri until eighth grade, then transferred over into Richland school district.

He was married to Julia “Judy” Alvada (Roark) Huston and in 1987. God blessed the couple with one son, Rex Alexander Morgan, who they loved dearly.

Tony was a member of First Baptist Church of Crocker, Missouri. When he was able to attend, he enjoyed the fellowship of his friends there.

During his younger life, Tony worked for several different places; one of those were at his brother’s restaurant for about ten years. Tony called himself, “The one-man clean-up crew!” He greatly enjoyed chatting with people and helping anyone who needed his help.

To say Tony was a man of many talents is an understatement. His restless creativity extended far beyond most. He was inquisitive and considered himself to be an inventor, always wondering and exploring about how things

worked, or how he could come up with something even better. His inventive spirit also spilled over into the realm of music, which he loved. Tony was happy when writing a song rooted in lived experiences or just strumming his guitar. Tony, the author, enjoyed writing and could have given Stephen King a run for his money with the wild and vivid imagination he had. However, Tony will be remembered most for his baking. He loved making garlic bread and his most requested, Raisin Cinnamon Swirl Bread. Tony being a generous soul would bless the table of his friends or neighbors with one of his special loaves he'd baked fresh out of the oven, which would not only make him smile...but made his sweet mother, Betty smile too. But for Tony, baking was never just about food; it was about community. He believed every loaf carried with it an invitation to gather, to share stories, and stay connected to friends and neighbors.

For Tony, music and baking were never separate threads but a single tapestry of creativity and connection.

The greatest legacy Tony has left behind may be the kindness he showed to everyone.

He leaves behind his son, Rex Morgan , and one grandson, Gage Joseph Ray Morgan both of Stoutland, MO; his three brothers, Ronald "Ronnie" Morgan of Fremont, MS, Marty R. Morgan of Waynesville, MO, Monty A. Morgan of Waynesville, MO, and one sister, Marleisa Sayles of Kansas City, MO; several nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives, and friends.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon Heburn Morgan, Jr. (4/16/2000) and Betty Louise (Bilyeu) Morgan (11/26/2015); one brother, William "Kenneth" Morgan, Sr. (10/16/2017), and his daughter-in-law, Christine Kelly (Oursbourn) Morgan (5/30/2025).

May we all strive to live with the same creativity, courage, and compassion

that defined Tony's days. "Let the bread rise, let the music play, and let kindness lead the way."

A Memorial Service was held at 12:00 Noon, Thursday, July 31, 2025 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Danny Graves officiating. Recorded songs "Tears In Heaven" - Eric Clapton, "Thank You For Being My Dad" – John Barker, and "Lead Me Home" – Jamie Johnson were played. Tony will be inurned at a later date.

Services were entrusted to Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Tony Rex Morgan and may be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences may be left at www.richlandmemorialchapel.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Tony Rex Morgan*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 12, 2025 at 05:32 PM



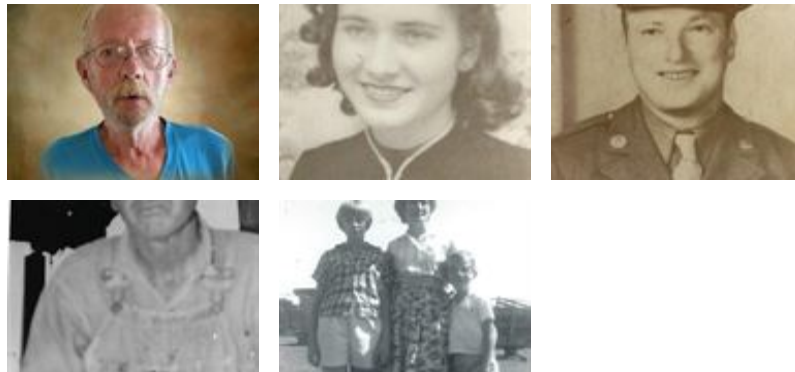
“ *Tony was a good friend that loved playing the guitar and writing songs. I went to grade school with him and we had a lot of fun times that i will never forget. Fly high, Tony!*



David Pemberton Sr. - July 31, 2025 at 12:36 AM



“ *25 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 30, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of Tony Morgan



Shirley Henry - July 29, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ Mr. Tony was a great neighbor to have while living at Richland Apartments. He did everything he could to make you feel welcomed. He will be greatly missed.



Sarah Dye - July 29, 2025 at 07:22 AM