



## Anthony Louis Springman

August 14, 1953 - August 15, 2024

### In Loving Memory of Tony Springman

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Anthony Louis Springman. Tony's legacy is marked by his passion for teaching, his commitment to the community, and his unwavering dedication to his family.

Born August 14, 1953, in Alton, IL, to Paul William and Barbara (Newcomb) Springman, who predecease him, Tony died August 15, 2024, one day after his 71st birthday. He graduated from Marquette High School in Alton and then Vanderbilt University in Nashville where he remained until he returned to Alton after retirement. He is home.

Tony's 45-year career began with his years at University School of Nashville, St. Henry's, and Christ the King, culminating in his transformative tenure at Harpeth Hall. He was a beloved teacher and coach who always fostered critical thinking and empathy. He inspired countless students with his knowledge of history and current events and with his sense of humor.

While his contributions to education were significant, Tony's influence reached far beyond the campus. He was deeply committed to service, both at his church and in his community. Most recently he served on the vestry at the Episcopal Parish of Alton and was instrumental in welcoming Father Garron Daniels, guiding the church into a new chapter of leadership. His dedication to CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) in Franklin, TN, demonstrated his profound desire to advocate for children in need, ensuring they had a voice in the criminal justice system.

Faithful and achingly honest, he loved an audience and telling good stories. Tony's charm and wit were as integral to his character as was his love for Cardinals baseball and his dogs. He brought joy and laughter to those around him. After his diagnosis of leukemia in March of 2023, he certainly felt the love and appreciation of friends, family, and countless former colleagues and students.

First and foremost, Tony was a man of family. Nothing gave him more delight than having his children and grandchildren in the house, but then nothing gave him more sadness than their leaving.

He is survived by wife Lisa, children Emily, Rachel (Darrell), Austin (Allegra), Nathan (Emma), grandchildren Ethan, Logan, Mason, and Brielle, siblings Paul, Dan, and Kate, along with numerous cherished cousins, nieces, and nephews.

As we bid farewell to Tony, we celebrate a life rich in love, laughter, and service. His impact on his family, his church, and the countless lives he touched will endure as a testament to the remarkable person he was.

The funeral mass will take place Saturday, August 24, 10 am, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alton, with a luncheon celebration immediately following. That afternoon from 4:30-6:30, the family will also host a Toast to Tony at Tony's in Alton. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tony's memory can be made to the Episcopal Parish of Alton, a place that was close to his heart and where he devoted much of his time and energy, or to a charity of your choice. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Paul Episcopal Church  
10 E 3rd St  
Alton, IL 62002-6201  
(618) 465-9149

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *It's Mr. Springman's wit and smile that I remember first, and underneath, his ever present caring and supportive nature. He believed in his students whole heartedly and made sure we all knew it every day.*

Sarah Anne Bargatze - August 26, 2024 at 12:00 PM

EB

“ *I was the school counselor at Christ the King in Nashville. Tony was concerned about the students learning and he wanted them to receive emotional support. He cared about all facets of their lives. I am grateful for his leadership and his friendship.*



Eileen Beehan - August 22, 2024 at 08:30 AM

VW

“ *Mr. Springman genuinely, whole-heartedly, and passionately cared - in a way that I undoubtedly took for granted as a student at Harpeth Hall but that I now, as an adult with girls of my own, appreciate on the deepest level. When I was struggling, he wrote me notes of encouragement. When I had lessons that needed learning, he framed them in such a way that I could receive them. He was a gem. I am so thankful to have known him. May he be welcomed with all the throngs of heaven.*

Varina (Buntin) Willse - August 21, 2024 at 09:45 PM

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“ Harpeth Hall Class of 2012 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Anthony Louis Springman.



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**Harpeth Hall Class of 2012** - August 21, 2024 at 04:59 PM

JW

“ Tony was a wonderful teacher and coach. He and I connected several times in our careers. Great family. Rest in peace.

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**John Waters** - August 20, 2024 at 06:31 PM

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“ Sue Simpson Nolan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony Louis Springman.

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**Sue Simpson Nolan** - August 20, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony Louis Springman.



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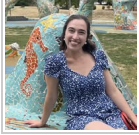
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“ Lisa and family, we send our deepest sympathy to you. Tony's life made a difference for so many. Our love and prayers,  
David and Nancy Elson

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**The Elsons** - August 20, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ *Mr. Springman was one of my favorite teachers at Harpeth Hall. I loved his sense of humor and the respect he afforded each of us. He wrote my recommendation letter for college. I remember when I told him I wanted to be a public school teacher, he replied simply, "Oh! A saint!" Just one of the many reasons I went on to become one. Sending my love and gratitude to his family.*

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**Anna Russell Thornton** - August 20, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ *Henry and Stephanie Lopez purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Anthony Louis Springman.*



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**Henry and Stephanie Lopez** - August 20, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Tony and I did our student teaching at the same time in the Fall of 1974. I could tell then he would go on and accomplish great things, as evidenced by his obituary. My sympathies to his faintly.*

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**Susan Beasley** - August 20, 2024 at 12:57 PM



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**Susan Beasley** - August 20, 2024 at 12:59 PM



*Lisa, my heart breaks for you. Sending you prayers and love, Lacy Nelson*

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**Lacy Nelson** - August 22, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Richard and Khin Green planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony Louis Springman.*

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**Richard and Khin Green** - August 20, 2024 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony Louis Springman.*



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