



## James "Tony" A. Hillman

April 14, 1967 - May 6, 2026

James "Tony" Anthony Hillman, age 59, of Wagoner, Oklahoma, passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2026. He was born on April 14, 1967, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to James Eugene Hillman and Mildred Louise Hanna. Tony attended public schools and graduated from McClellan High School.

Tony met his best friends, Donald and Aaron, when they crossed paths riding side by sides. Later, Rusty joined their adventures. Tony drove late model racecars built by his dad, traveling to several states and racing at Thunderbird Speedway in Muskogee, never knowing at the time that his future wife, Donett, was in the stands.

Tony and Donett met on October 1 at Hagan's Offroad Park in Disney, Oklahoma. He invited her to come for the day or spend the entire weekend, sending her a video of riding the trails. She replied, "I'll be there in an hour," and from that moment, she never left his side. They were married on October 4, 2024, in Alexander, Arkansas, celebrating their honeymoon at a racetrack and their first anniversary at Crawford County Speedway in Van Buren, Arkansas, as well as visits to Humbolt Speedway and 81 Speedway. This year, they planned to spend their anniversary at Eldora Speedway in New Weston, Ohio.

In December 2024, Tony and Donett adopted their pups, Jax and Candy, who

quickly went from rags to riches, glamping in the RV. Just last weekend, the family enjoyed a trip to the lake in their new RV, where both pups spent the day outside, lounging on pillows made by their grandmother, Louise.

Tony and Donett looked forward to attending their third trip to the Dome in St. Louis for Dirt in December. They had so many plans together, with the goal of traveling in their RV to as many dirt tracks as possible. Tony was always telling Donett, "Find us a track to go to."

Tony will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Eugene Hillman.

Tony is survived by his wife, Donett of the home; his mother, Millie Myers of Shannon Hills, Arkansas; his sisters, Amber "Tiny" Hillman of Jacksonville, Arkansas, Sherri Jackson of Shannon Hills, Arkansas, Debbie Moody of Midland, Texas; his children, twins, Shannon Hillman and Mark Hillman, and Kimberly Hillman all of Greenbrier, Arkansas; multiple grandchildren; best friends and camping family, Donald and Leadawn Ray of Stroud, Oklahoma, Aaron and Brook Waldsmith of Claremore, Oklahoma, and Rusty and Sheila Ardrey of Perkins, Oklahoma.

A family conducted memorial service will be at 10AM, Thursday, May 14, 2026 at Boston Avenue Baptist Church with Pastor Donnie Echols officiating.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jacque Westlake purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James "Tony" A. Hillman.*



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**Jacque Westlake** - May 13 at 12:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James "Tony" A. Hillman.*



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May 11 at 10:43 AM

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“ *Tony was know in the family as the cookie monster. He would sneak a cookie every now and then. He like to joke an play tricks on you. Taking him swimming at 4 was a terror, he would say momma look an dissappear to long for a 4 yr old. He was a good swimmer. 1 mth from my hip surgery to the day and he was gone. We did talk alot about visiting and him taking on a trail ride. Son: I love you, you will always be in my heart.*

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**Millie Myers** - May 10 at 11:43 AM

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“ *Brian Mann lit a candle in memory of James "Tony" A. Hillman*



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**Brian mann** - May 09 at 09:02 AM

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“ *Me and tony grew up together in shannon hills arkansas me and tony used to go to MR Hondas house and race are bikes around his yard we play backyard football some times tiny his sister would play with us we would go squirrel hunting we would go to I 30 speedway on Saturday night to watch the races but one of the times I stayed the night with him we decided to sneak out to go down to DD's house we left the door unlocked so we could get back in but when we went back to tony house the door was locked so we had to knock on the door to get back in and boy was his mom mad at us later in the years he moved back to his dad's house and he did not live far from the skating rink i remember the all night skating we would decide to leave so we would skate to his dad's house later in the years we lost track of each other but when he got married his mom gave me his phone number and I got back in touch with him I was supposed go to his wedding but I was sick now I regret not going tony I will miss you RIP*

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**Brian mann** - May 08 at 08:01 PM