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in high school Nudy Garner, and Musa Dan Folio.

Tony continued his education at Fisk University where he received a BS in health and physical education, May 1979; Chattanooga Police Academy where he received his certification for law enforcement, November 1982; and MTI where he received a diploma in electromechanical design drafting and engineering, September 1991.

While at Fisk University Tony became a 14-Time All American; NCAA III Decathlon Champion 1976, 1977, and 1978, (most wins NCAA III history); received the SAIC Cleve Abbott award a record setting 3 times, Most Outstanding Athlete at Fisk University 1976,1977, and 1978

4 time decathlon champion of Dogwood and Penn relays; Domino Classic (3); Cardinal and Sunkist Relays.

Tony is a World-class decathlete described by his coach at Fisk, John Martin as the “very best decathlete in the United States on his way to the 1980 Olympics”

Although the 1980 games were boycotted Tony didn’t give up on his dream; he moved to Tallahassee, FL after col-

lege to start training for the 1984 games.

Tony eventually moved back to Chattanooga after a year in FL. While in Chattanooga he continued his training under the Chattanooga Track Club before heading to Orange County, CA to continue training. Unfortunately, Tony was injured and unable to compete in 1984.

Tony was inducted into the Fisk University Hall of Fame and the Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame.

Tony was also an excellent bowler and won many championships. He earned (6) 300 rings and (2) 800 rings during his career. He also enjoyed league bowling where he met lifelong friends.

Tony loved golf and competed in long drive competitions. He was the Long Drive of America district champ 337 yards and he earned 6 scramble long drive tournaments, 380 yards best in 2007.

Tony was employed at UT Chattanooga as a police officer. Tony was also employed in California at Pacific Bell, UPS, and Statco Engineering. He also worked part time as a high school track

coach at Tustin High School and a blackjack dealer for casino parties unlimited.

Tony loved his family and home life. He loved playing chess, watching movies (especially) super hero movies. He liked music, good food, having fun, and he was always the perfect host. Tony especially loved sharing his life with his “soulmate”, Ann. Their relationship began the summer of 1973 and ended in his hospital room on Wednesday 3/16/2022 when his heart stopped beating. Ann was there through it all: triumphs, victories, disappointments, joys, and sorrow.

Tony was preceded in death by his father and step-mother; Tommie & Emma Joe Hale; 2 brothers, Matthew Beach and James Hale; and sister Emma Moore.

Tony leaves to cherish precious memories; wife Angela (Ann) Martin Hale; mother Earnestine Sims Terrell; siblings; Roy Hale, Tommie Hale, Jr., Peggy Branford, Zettie Dean, Shirley (Clarence)Thomas, Eula (Alphonzo) Turner, Mary Ray, Darleen Hale, Arleen (Delroza) Hughes, Tonia Hale, Linda Taylor, Jamesetta (Danny) Sexton, Sr. Karen(Carlos) Thompson, and Velma

Terrell. Very special love one; Edna Denise Martin Lansden (Niecy);

Name-sake Toni Hale Douglas; nieces; Tomesia Hale, Trenace Dave, Marqueea Thompson, Tomya Hale, Tori Hale, Angeline Hale, Shareta Hale, Yolanda Wilkerson , Keisha Moorer, Brittany Hale, Latonia Jones, Consuelo Moorer, Shayla Thomas, Zipporah Branford, Mercedes Hawkins, Mattasia Beach and Matteesha Beach; nephews; L’Juan Hale, Randy Hale, Danny Sexton, Jr., Rodragues Thicklin, Tommie Dean Jr., Eric Moorer, Chauncey Thompson, Timothy Sexton, Justin Sexton, Jeremy Sexton, Dartrell Shropshire, Cortez Beach, Gaelen Hughes, Antouan Knox, and Alfred “Mista” Griffin, Jr. and other nieces, nephews.

Special friends Lamonte Patrick, Stewart Homer, Roy Coleman, John Collins, James Williams, Darryl Wilson, Artie Martin, and JJ. A host of other relatives and friends.

Tony was well known for his big smile, hardy laugh, competitive spirit, and love for his family. He touched many lives and left a legacy of success. He will be deeply missed by family and friends.