



## Tony Lee Kramer

May 1, 1974 - April 17, 2020

Princeton - Tony Lee Kramer, 45, of Princeton, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, April 17, 2020.

Born on May 1, 1974, to Roger and Mary (Foster) Kramer, Tony had a happy childhood. He was an avid member of the 4H Club and loved anything outdoors. A 1992 graduate from Princeton High School, he was a member of the Sportsman Club and participated in football and wrestling. He married the love of his life, Becky (Hanna) Kramer, in 1998. In 2000, their greatest achievement, Michael, was born. Their little family was complete. Tony and Becky were blessed with 21 years of marriage.

Tony's life work was rooted in service. He started off as an orderly at Perry Memorial Hospital, worked for the family business at Kramer's Garage Doors, and, in 1993, became involved in the Princeton Fire Department where he later became an EMT and paramedic. He retired from the fire department in 2019 where he served 26 years. Most recently, he followed his passion and became an EMT educator for OSF Northern Illinois EMS.

His service extended to the community as well. Tony was a member of the Princeton Jaycees and the Moose Lodge. He was also a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

His hobbies included deer and pheasant hunting as well as fishing, especially his trips to Kentucky Lake. During the little spare time he did have, Tony loved riding his Harley with his cherished friends; some of his favorite spots included Hawg Rock, any and every Harley shop he encountered, and his local favorites like The Kompany, Skoonerz, and Psycho Silo. He was infamous for his themed Halloween costumes; his most memorable was as Elvis. His real passion in life, however, was attending Michael's events as a proud Dad. If Michael was singing or playing the saxophone, Tony was happy. As a family, he, Becky, and Michael spent a lot of time traveling to Disney World and checking out new places (anywhere Becky could take pictures, that is).

Tony touched more lives than any of us could imagine. His instant laugh and smile will be missed by his family, friends, and the city of Princeton as a whole.

Tony is survived by his wife, Becky (Hanna) Kramer and son, Michael Kramer; parents, Roger and Mary (Foster) Kramer; siblings, Mindy and Kenneth (Tricia Pinter) Kramer and nephews, Samuel and Henry; his mother-in-law, Lorraine Hanna, sister-in-law, Lynette Hanna, brother-in-law, Gary (Rita) Hanna; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and, their three obnoxious dogs: Baxter, Skeeter, and Reigo.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Bill and Marian Foster; paternal grandparents, John and Betty Kramer; his uncle, Merlin Foster; and his father-in-law, William "Deet" Hanna.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests to please direct memorials to Michael's college fund.

A drive-thru visitation on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (please bring you

own pen if you would like to fill out a memorial envelope).

Online live streaming services will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. officiated by Reverend Derek Boggs. You may join us via private Facebook group, be sure to join the group before 6:00 p.m. on Thursday at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments Memorial Service Group. (link) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Norbergmemorialhomememorialservicegroup/>

Honorary pallbearers, all loved deeply by Tony, include the following: Marc Cain, Caleb Dickens, Craig Dickens, Steve Grundman, Joe Hansen, Paul Kramer, Ben Kramer, and Bill Naffziger.

Online condolences as well as memorials may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com) click on the "Pay online" tab in the upper right corner.

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

# Previous Events

## Drive Thru Visitation

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356  
(815) 875-2425  
norberg@norbergfh.com  
<https://www.norbergfh.com/>

## Livestreaming Service

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ I remember Tony at the South Princeton 4-H club meetings. He was always so cheerful and inclusive. I'm sorry for your loss.

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**Emily Matheu** - April 25, 2020 at 01:54 AM

DS

“ Michael,  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! I am so sorry for your loss.  
Diana Schmuck

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**Dana Schmuck** - April 23, 2020 at 07:17 PM

TH

“ Please know we are thinking of the Kramer family during this time. Our thoughts are prayers are with you all. Tony will definitely be missed by everyone who knew him.

*Rob and Tracy Hammitt*

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**Tracy Hammitt** - April 23, 2020 at 04:09 PM

SB

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Tony was a bright light to many and spread joy with his laughter. Thankful for his friendship.

*Sue and George Byers*

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**Sue Byers** - April 23, 2020 at 11:25 AM

AS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Such a great man! He will be missed by many.*  
*Adam & Holly Shipp*



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**Adam Shipp** - April 23, 2020 at 10:43 AM

DF

*So sorry for your familys loss. May God bless you all and give you His comfort.* 🙏✝️

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**Doug and Kathy Sopher and family** - April 23, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Tony Lee Kramer.*



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April 23, 2020 at 09:06 AM

DL

“ *There are no words that we can express that we can say that will tell you how sorry we are for your loss. Tony was a good man and will be missed.*

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**Darla and Joe Lilley** - April 23, 2020 at 08:15 AM

SZ

“ Tony was a great man. He was loved by many including me. I always loved seeing him and I also love his family. He was also a hero and a great dad. Rip man You will be missed and you will be missed by so many. I love you Kramer family. Sending prayers

Sincerely,

Simon Zehr

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Simon Zehr - April 22, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Tony Lee Kramer.



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April 22, 2020 at 07:04 PM

DD

“ Dr Doran and Gina Doran purchased the Beautiful I Heart Bouquet for the family of Tony Lee Kramer.



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Dr Doran and Gina Doran - April 22, 2020 at 06:15 PM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Becky and Michael during this time. Tony will be missed by so many.

The Hoffeditz Family

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The Hoffeditz Family - April 22, 2020 at 01:41 PM

BM

“ *Becky - Please know you and your family are in my prayers...  
I'm so sorry.*

*Barb Maubach  
Bloomington, IL*

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**barb maubch** - April 22, 2020 at 10:18 AM

JB

“ *Tony will be missed tremendously. I was a year older then Tony and actually I was helping Tony put a garage door up in a old barn North of Princeton. The garage door was already there and when we went to move the boxes a mouse made a nest in the bottom box. She took off running but her babies were still there. He being a hunter was going to well you know but I stopped him and took all the babies one by one and return them to their mommy mouse. He just laughed! Tony you are and will remain the kindest person I know and from my family we will all miss you. Love and hugs to all.  
From Judy and Jodi Berryman*

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**Jodi Berryman** - April 22, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Tony Lee Kramer.*



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April 22, 2020 at 12:08 AM

NG

“ We have been blessed to know Tony since he was a small child. He was a good friend to my son. I was lucky to work with him at Perry when he was a young orderly and an emt. What a fine man, and what a lucky community to have had him. My heart goes out to his family and to our community for his loss.

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**Nancy and Pete Garyner** - April 21, 2020 at 01:03 PM

JD

“ Always enjoyed working with, Tony. He was a hard worker and always willing to help. Since his time at Perry, he went on to accomplish much. Such a giving & loving soul. He will not be forgotten. His legacy will live on through you and the many who loved him. My heart & soul ache for your loss. May god lovingly hold you all in the palm of his hand and carry you through this time & May your memories sustain you. God Speed, Tony. You will all be in my thoughts & prayers.

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**janet Day** - April 21, 2020 at 03:32 AM

SP

“ My condolences to his family and friends. Such a wonderful kind soul. He will be missed by many.

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**Sally Pelszynski** - April 20, 2020 at 11:31 PM

SD

“ He was an asset to the medical community of Bureau County. He was a great paramedic and fireman. I will always remember his great smile and kind manners. God will have a great medic in Heaven Prayers for the family, I know he will be missed horribly.

*In Sorrow,  
Sherry DeSalle, retired RN and Nurse Practitioner.*

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**Sherry DeSalle** - April 20, 2020 at 09:09 PM

JH

“ I remember as a child playing with Tony and Mindy when they came to their grandparents next door to my house we had so much fun on the tire swing. Tony always had a smile on his face and always a delight to talk to. My condolence to Becky and his family.

jill nickelsen hopper - April 20, 2020 at 08:18 PM

ML

“ To the Kramer family we can't imagine the pain you are experiencing during these tragic times. Tony was a wonderful young man. As an emt he cared for our family twice, and on a personal note as a nurse I had the pleasure of working with him in a professional capacity. I can tell you he was always caring and compassionate. He was an outstanding young man. We would like to offer your family our deepest condolences.  
Tommy and Mary Lee

Mary Lee - April 20, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tony Lee Kramer.



April 20, 2020 at 05:18 PM

JA

“ Tony thanks for all the good times and memories, Thanks for your life long service to our community. I was proud to call you my friend! To the entire Kramer Family I am sorry for your loss. -Jason Anderson

Jason Anderson - April 20, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Tony Lee Kramer.*



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April 20, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *Tony will be deeply missed by all that knew him. My condolences to all*

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**Dave Oaks** - April 20, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *I am saddened by the loss of such a good man; he will be missed.*

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**Roger Lowe** - April 20, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *My prayers going up for my family during this time of heartache. Tony was an amazing guy!!! We had so many great childhood memories....God has received another angel...Rest in love cousin...you will be sadly missed.*

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**Shonna Smith** - April 20, 2020 at 03:09 PM