

Most people enjoy **receiving** the nicer things in life. Lane Combs was a person who loved to **give** and make others happy. As a matter of fact Lane, who didn't drink alcohol, got his buzz in life by making others happy.

Lane, along with his two brothers and three sisters, grew up in Southfield.

He played football for Southfield High in his junior and senior years. Lane was a powerhouse on the football field. He was also into wrestling. He graduated from Southfield High School in 1963.

In 1979, he met Emanuel Steward and Thomas Hearn. He instantly became a part of the boxing world, and an important member of the Kronk Boxing Team organization.

He loved to have the boxers and their families out to his home in Brighton to ride dirt bikes, play volley ball, riding on snow mobiles and enjoying barbeques.

Lane was a very good friend to Sam Lafata, Al Low, and Bob Fox. Sam and Lane often promoted boxing shows together. Lane also managed Detroit boxers Arthel "Bam" Lawhorn and Alvin "Too Sweet" Hayes. Lane once sneaked out of his hospital room in Farmington, Michigan to go see a Tommy Hearn fight in Detroit.

Lane had great connections in Las Vegas. He could and would get almost any one a great room or good ticket to any event in Vegas, often without charge.

He was a regular at all Kronk fights, wearing his trademark colorful hats, jewelry and big warm smile.

His many friends in the celebrity world included Bruce Willis, Sugar Ray Leonard, Wayne Newton, Lola Falana and Muhammad Ali.

Lane, who was an excellent pool player.

Lane passed in 2001 from cancer. He left behind his lovely wife Lynne and two sons, Ed and Scott. His death was a big loss for Emanuel and the Kronk team.

