



## Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm

April 29, 1971 - May 18, 2025

Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm, 54, of Mt Ulla, NC passed away peacefully, Sunday, May 18, 2025 at the Novant Health Glenn Kiser Hospice House. Anthony was born April 29, 1971 in Rowan County, NC to the late Robert and his mother Glenda Stephens Wilhelm of Salisbury, NC. He was a graduate of West Rowan High School Class of 1989, attended NC State University and earned his Bachelor's Degree from University of North Carolina Charlotte. Tony worked in IT for BV Hedrick. He was spent many years as a first responder, serving as an EMT and firefighter. Tony loved watching the Kannapolis CannonBallers. He enjoyed being outdoors, working the family farm, hiking and fishing. Tony was an avid musician, enjoying listening to music and playing the bass guitar. Trips to the mountains and the beach with his family were favorite times as well as recent visits with extended family and friends.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his brother, Terry Wilhelm in 2020.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 30 years, Cristina Graham Wilhelm; daughter, Madeline Leigh Wilhelm (fiancé, Zachary Hale) of Mt Ulla, NC; son, Jack Graham Wilhelm of Mt. Ulla, NC; brother, Todd Wilhelm (Mary) of Rockwell, NC; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM Wednesday (May 21) at Summersett Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 1PM Thursday (May 22) at Back Creek

Presbyterian Church, officiated by Rev. William Thrailkill.

Memorials may be made to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Wilhelm family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Back Creek Presbyterian Church  
2145 Back Creek Church Road  
Mt. Ulla, NC 28125

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tony stole my phone while we were blocking traffic for a tractor ride in West Rowan. Here are a few selfies he took of himself. Always the light in the room and always made the dark turn bright. Will miss him more than words can express.



Christina Honeycutt - May 22, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.



May 21, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.

May 21, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.



May 21, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.*



May 21, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ *Bek, Rach, Kait, Chrish, All, Morg purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.*



**Bek, Rach, Kait, Chrish, All, Morg** - May 21, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ *While I never had the opportunity to know Tony, I was lucky enough to get to hear just how special his daughter thought he was. What a special bond they shared. Every time Madeline spoke of her Dad, she couldn't help but smile.*

**Paula Mead** - May 20, 2025 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.*



May 20, 2025 at 12:41 PM

LL

“ Leslie L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.

Leslie L. - May 20, 2025 at 09:09 AM

MA

“ I've had the pleasure of working directly with Tony for the past 7.5 years. He would often joke that he "was not a role model" but in reality he was a great mentor and helped me grow both professionally and as a person. He was very loyal and his integrity was second to none. He always considered my family's schedule and needs above his own when it came to work/life balance. Thank you Tony for everything, and I be looking for you in heaven one day to catch up. - Marty



Marty - May 20, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.



May 19, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.

May 19, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ Clark Graham and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.



Clark Graham and family - May 19, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ Clark Graham and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.

Clark Graham and family - May 19, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ I've had the privilege to work with Tony at BV Hedrick. Tony definitely made an impact on us all. Sending prayers of comfort, understanding and healing to you all! He will be truly missed!

Deanna Kiker - May 19, 2025 at 08:47 PM



“ Donald Drye and Sharon Thomas purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.



Donald Drye and Sharon Thomas - May 19, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LW

“ Because of our last names, Tony and I were usually seated right next to each other in class and at special events. He was just an all-around good person, generous, caring and kind. Many years later, when I was working at Our State Magazine, I needed a “quintessential farm” setting for a photo shoot and Tony quickly and graciously offered up his family’s spot, which was perfect for what we needed. I know he will be missed by so many people and his family is in my thoughts.

Laurie Weaver - May 19, 2025 at 06:07 PM

MB

Tony and Cristina’s love continues to shine a beautiful light on everyone in their circle. He was an inspiration to everyone and will be well remembered always.

Madeleine Biondolillo - May 21, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.



May 19, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.

May 19, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.*



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May 19, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Sean Wilhelm.*



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May 19, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ *I'm going to miss Tony's sense of humor and his kind soul. Literally one of the smartest people I've ever met. He had a heart of gold and was always thinking of others first.*

*We are better humans for having him in our lives.*

*No more pain for you, my friend. I bet St. Peter has some computer issue that needs your attention, but look down on us occasionally because we're sure gonna miss you.*

*Much love and prayers Christie, Madeline and Jack.*

*Jennifer Russell*

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**Jennifer Russell** - May 19, 2025 at 03:46 PM