



## David Thomas Curlee

October 18, 2024

David Thomas Curlee, 55, of Salisbury, passed away October 18, 2024. David was born in October 1969 to Joseph C. Curlee and the late Jane C. Shuping in Charlotte, NC. David graduated from Northwestern High School where he was the kicker for their football team in 1987. David attended Gardner Webb College and Western Carolina University where he pursued an interest in Criminal Justice. After college, David completed Basic Law Enforcement Training and obtained employment with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department as a Sheriff's Deputy and then later at the Rock Hill (SC) Police Department where he served until his retirement.

Those who knew David knew him as a kind and gentle soul, with a sense of humor who was always ready to help someone in need and to support friends and family. David's interests were dominated by his faith, fishing, trips to the beach where he loved body surfing, Clemson Football, his dogs, and most of all spending time with family.

David is predeceased by his grandparents William Thomas Shuping and Cora Lee Shuping of Salisbury, NC and his mother Jane C Shuping also of Salisbury, NC.

David is survived by his father Joseph C. Curlee and wife Helen; siblings Andy Curlee (Janine) of Concord, Cathy Biamont (Brad) of Wilmington, Christi Smith of Jamestown, and Jenny Ryerson (Eric) of Kannapolis. David is also survived by nieces Gabriella Edgell (Jake) of Hallsboro, Kaylee Ryerson of Kannapolis, and nephews Nicholas Granda of Wilmington, Corbett Biamont of

Birmingham, William and Grayson Ryerson of Kannapolis.

David will be forever missed and always loved.

The family will receive friends 1-2 p.m. Monday (October 28) at Summersett Funeral Home,

A graveside service will follow at Rowan Memorial Park with Rev. Daniel Joyner Miller officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 W Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 636-8751

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Janice and Wayne Roberts purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of David Thomas Curlee.*



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**Janice and Wayne Roberts** - October 25, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Thomas Curlee.

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October 25, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of David Thomas Curlee.*



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October 25, 2024 at 02:19 PM

JR

“David, my older brother. Protective yet gentle. We had so many laughs together. From you grabbing the laundry basket mom placed on the hot stove that caught fire and throwing it in the yard and watching as it melted down several feet of snow, to telling me not to lean so far over the top bunk bed to change the tv channel even though I didn't listen and I fell headfirst, to promising not to kick my finger/hand as I held your football while you practiced kicking it on the football field, to you picking me up at my middle school dance just to start dancing in front of my friends getting encircled by them and I was mortified, to tripping over the same darn speed bump on my street that I had installed (that I also ended up tripping over).

We have a lot of good memories. Ones I'll never forget. We spent years trying to get you to move closer and you finally did about 7 months ago. Those were a great 7 months. Having you over for haircuts, dinners, stop ins, football games, going to the pool, and just being able to see you more often was the best.

Those that new you, really knew you, your character, your love, your heart, your worth.... those people were truly the lucky ones. Me, Eric, William, Grayson, Kaylee, Andy, Janine... We are the lucky ones, and I thank God each day that we had with you.

We've got Sasha. She has fit in nicely with our babies. You must have had a hand in this because Ellie is our chocolate monster, and I was nervous about this transition but there have been no problems at all. Sasha misses you though. I also know you were with William last night at his game. I could feel it when there was 1.8 seconds left in the game. Thank you.

Tell mom, pawpaw, granny, Karen, Granna, Sue, Thurston, Aunt Helen, Granny Annie, Aunt Hazel, Great Grandma Shuping, and all of our puppy doggies in heaven we said hello and we miss them. Until we meet again one day.

I love you,

*Your baby sister,  
Jenny*



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**Jenny Ryerson** - October 25, 2024 at 11:50 AM

ER

“ *What can I say? Those that knew and loved David already know who David was. He was a kind and gentle soul. The kind of person who would give you his last dollar, the shirt off his back, or lend a hand even if he didn't really have time to do so. He cared deeply for his immediate family and mourned for those he's previously lost due to age, illness, or fractures. Sasha was a joy and highlight for Dave, as were his previous dogs. Football, let me tell you, competed for the top spot in his passions, especially watching family succeed on that field.*

*I am absolutely certain, that he is smiling down from on high. I am equally certain that I will miss him, his smile, his sense of humor, and even our political talks. Dave, you left us far too soon. You were an amazing person, a friend, and an even better family member. I am proud to have known you and will forever cherish my time with you.*

*Rest easy Dave, knowing you will forever be loved, honored, and respected by us. Say hello to Mawmaw, Pawpaw, and Granny for me. Till we meet again.*

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**Eric Ryerson** - October 25, 2024 at 10:43 AM

SF

“ Smith, Edgell and Granda Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Thomas Curlee.

Smith, Edgell and Granda Family - October 25, 2024 at 07:40 AM

SF

“ Smith, Edgell and Granda Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of David Thomas Curlee.



Smith, Edgell and Granda Family - October 25, 2024 at 07:40 AM

AC

“ David was a kind soul and brother who would go out of his way to help others in times of need in any way he could. He was always there for his family and made us laugh at the most unexpected times. He will be missed immeasurably.

Andy Curlee - October 24, 2024 at 08:21 PM

JC

“ Joe Curlee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Thomas Curlee.

Joe Curlee - October 24, 2024 at 06:57 PM

JC

“ *Joe Curlee purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Thomas Curlee.*



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**Joe Curlee** - October 24, 2024 at 06:57 PM