



## Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow

January 8, 1985 - June 3, 2016

Eric Matthew Barlow, 31, of Durham, formerly of Cleveland passed away Friday, June 3, 2016 at his home.

Born January 8, 1985 in Statesville, he was the son of Ronald Michael Barlow and Jean Fowler Barlow of Cleveland.

Eric was a 2003 graduate of West Rowan High School, and received his Bachelors degree for UNC-Charlotte and his Master's degree in Sports Management from East Carolina University.

He was an Academic Coordinator for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Eric was a member of Third Creek Presbyterian Church and the Matt Damon Flag Football Team.

Those left to cherish his memory in addition to his parents are his maternal grandmother,

Carolyn Fowler of Wexford, PA; Aunts and Uncles, John Fowler and wife Kathy and their son Ben of Manassas, VA, Jeanne Roche of Acme, PA, Michael Barlow of Allison Park, PA, David Barlow of Castle Rock, WA, Nancy Berlin of Columbus, OH and Sally Ramundo and husband Jose of Wexford,

PA.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 PM Wednesday (June 8) at Third Creek Presbyterian Church with Rev. Donald McCann officiating. The family will receive friends from following the service. There will be a private burial at the Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Humane Society of Rowan, PO Box 295, Salisbury, NC 28145.

# Cemetery Details

## Third Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Cleveland, NC

# Previous Events

## Service- Third Creek Presbyterian Church

JUN 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home

1315 W. Innes St.

Salisbury, NC 28144

(704) 633-2111

<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Didn't know you very well except for the tri sports league. You were the ref for everyone of our games and preseneted us with our championship shirts. You were a great person to be around and always positive. I remember laughing and joking between each play. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**jake** - June 16, 2016 at 08:53 PM

JM

“ Eric it was a pleasure knowing you during the times at Tri Sports. I still believe this, I remember we use to joke around during every game you Ref, and you had your hat backwards and smiling great times, You was truly a cool and nice guy. I will keep those moments with me forever, it's going to be crazy not seeing you out on the field during game days. You will be missed Rest In Peace Eric again thank you for everything you done

*Mrs & Mr Barlow and Family I am sorry for your lost thank you for bringing such a special person like Eric in this world to share with us. - Joshua McMillan*

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**Joshua McMillan** - June 16, 2016 at 02:02 PM

AO

“ Eric was the best flag football referree tri sports ever had, and the most fun guy to joke around with. He's probably the only referree I ever liked in any sport, what an awesome character! -Adam

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**Adam Oakes** - June 15, 2016 at 06:45 PM



“ Mr. & Mrs. Barlow,

*I just wanted to thank you for sharing Eric with us. We worked together at TRI SPORTS and he was a fantastic young man. He was personable, and funny, and you could rely on him for anything. An absolute exemplary human being. He'll be dearly missed and I do hope there's some comfort in knowing he affected so many people and was well-loved.*

*Eric, buddy, I didn't say it enough, but thank you for all you have done for us. We won't forget you.*

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**Dan Lefebvre** - June 15, 2016 at 05:16 PM

AS

“ Eric, we had lots of good times in college going to parties or watching your flag football team demolish every other team on the field, as people would refer to "Eric's team as the hardest to get on and the hardest to beat." Eric you a had a lot of heart and it showed in everything you did, I sure will miss you. May you rest in peace until we meet again!!!



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**Amber Spelman** - June 08, 2016 at 03:17 PM

CO

“ Colleague purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow.



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**Colleague** - June 08, 2016 at 11:01 AM

BB

“ Eric, you were the coolest guy I knew. You brought everyone together and we never had a bad time. Everyone should strive to become like you: a smart, athletic, caring human being. No matter what the topic of conversation was, you would always know something. The only time I seen you pissed off was during something competitive. Other than that, you were always smiling and having fun. I hope you know you have left a permanent indent on my life and I will never forget you, especially the fun times at Ryan's place with Mario Kart. Cookout, volleyball, flag football, P90x, parties, beer pong, The Avengers (twice), and so many more memories.

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**Bob Burns** - June 07, 2016 at 07:46 PM

JS

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jean, Ron, and the family for your loss.

*I met Eric when he was only 5 years old. He and his mom came to Cleveland Elementary School. Jean was doing some artwork for the cafeteria. I remember what a beautiful child he was!*

*Eric was a math student of mine at West Rowan Middle School. He was a bright and well-mannered young man.*

*I've kept up with Eric through his mom. Her face would light up when she spoke about him. She was so proud of him and his accomplishments.*

*Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Jeanette Stewart  
Taylorsville, North Carolina*

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**Jeanette Stewart** - June 07, 2016 at 12:44 PM

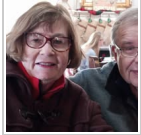


“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow.



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June 06, 2016 at 10:12 PM



“ Jean, you always stood out at the Title I lunches because of your creative projects. Though I have been spending time with grands recently and have not got to go recently, your devotion to family stood out. There are few words to say at such a time to heal, but know your family is being thought of with compassion at such a sad time.

*Denise Foutz*

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**Denise Foutz** - June 06, 2016 at 08:14 PM

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**UNC GA Co-Workers** - June 06, 2016 at 07:59 PM

MR

“ Dear Barlow family,  
Eric worked on my team at UNC General Administration. The whole team is so sorry for your loss. He was a dedicated, loyal colleague and friend. We are still in great shock but want you to know that our hearts go out to you. We will miss Eric very much.

*Sincerely,  
Matthew Rascoff*

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**Matthew Rascoff** - June 06, 2016 at 01:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow.*



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June 06, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow.*



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June 06, 2016 at 08:53 AM



“ *My family sends our sincerest condolences to Eric's family. My girls remember Eric as the "nicest guy ever". Jean, you were always so proud of Eric's accomplishments when we talked and I know you loved him dearly. My heart breaks for you all. May the Lord wrap his arms around you and give you comfort.*  
*Love,*  
*Cathy Payne*

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**Cathy Payne** - June 06, 2016 at 07:59 AM



“ *West Rowan High School - Class of 2003 Alumni purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow.*



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**West Rowan High School - Class of 2003 Alumni** - June 06, 2016 at 05:38 AM

AG

“ Eric was one of the few people who really accepted me for who I was, a true friend during the tough times in Middle and High school. He showed me the Matrix for the first time, helped me with math, let me sit with his friends at lunch when I didn't know anybody else. Won't forget you Barlow.

Andrew Gude - June 05, 2016 at 10:24 PM

ZF

“ Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, we will miss Eric so much. I can't think of a day that's gone by where I didn't talk to him in some way; either to shoot the breeze, discuss current events, or seek his advice. Throughout each stage of my life, he was there for me, and I tried to be there for him. From the kindergarten playground at Cleveland Elementary, where I busted my mouth on some equipment, and he told me to "stick my mouth on the cold metal" so it wouldn't hurt as bad, to standing beside me at my wedding to Hannah, Eric was never far from my life. He was a trusted confidant, and a loyal, true best friend. Hannah and I are forever grateful to have known Eric. May God comfort and bless you both. Zach and Hannah Foster



Zach Foster - June 05, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow.



June 05, 2016 at 04:13 PM

CR

“ *My Dear Jean and Ron,  
Curtis and I are so sorry to hear about Eric. My heart go out to you both. I remember when Eric was born. The many times he came over and played with Kurt. The many good fellowship you and I had together over the years. I miss your friendship and miss you every day. You and Ron were the best of neighbors we every had, when we lived on Cool Spring Rd. My heart is breaking for you today.  
Love you always,  
Curtis and Mary Jane Ribelin*

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**Curtis & Mary Jane Ribelin** - June 05, 2016 at 03:14 PM

TB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**tay best** - June 05, 2016 at 03:03 PM

YG

“ *Your Friends at the Greenville Volleyball Group purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow.*



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**Your Friends at the Greenville Volleyball Group** - June 05, 2016 at 02:21 PM

LB

“ Eric was a fine young man that I knew from my dental office- I watched him grow up over the years and he was so always kind- courteous-and friendly- he will be deeply missed- his parents loved him so much and were very proud of him- It is a sad time for his family and everyone who knew him!

Lee Anne Barnes - June 05, 2016 at 10:30 AM

LB

“ Lee Anne Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow



Lee Anne Barnes - June 04, 2016 at 09:38 PM

LB

*My heart is broken for you Jean and Ron*

LeeAnne Barnes - June 04, 2016 at 10:00 PM

KF

“ Ron and Jean, Our family will greatly miss Eric. We enjoyed watching him grow up and he was always welcome in our home. He was a cherished friend of our son, Zach, and was always a respectful and gentle soul around us. We completely understand your deep love and pride in Eric. Your reunion with him is at an unknown time but it will be wonderful. God bless you all. Ed and Karen Foster

Karen Foster - June 04, 2016 at 07:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Eric Matthew Barlow.* ”



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June 04, 2016 at 06:10 PM