



Rick Anderson

February 6, 1967 - August 24, 2025

Rick Anderson departed this world on Aug. 24, 2025 He was 58.

Rick was born on Feb. 6, 1967, a cold snowy day in Wilkes County, to Anganetta Dover. His mother said she prayed for a son who would love people and who people would love back for a godly persona and caring spirit. To her delight, God granted that request. He is preceded by his grandparents, Vera & Roby Johnson, his stepfather, Wayne Edwin Dover, and his partner, Scott McCombs.

Throughout his life, Rick never met a stranger. He made everyone feel good about themselves. With witty charm, Rick could pull a smile from a frown and get a laugh out of anybody.

Over 30 years at Sidewalk Deli, his second home, Rick turned patrons into family. He did not just learn people's go-to orders. He wanted to know about people, about their families and about their lives. He always asked how you were doing because he truly wanted to know.

If Rick loved something more than his work at Sidewalk, it was his faithful sidekick, Rex, a Yorkie he was frequently spotted around town with. Walking Rex through Bell Tower Green was not a chore for Rick but a blessing. He would regularly remark what a gem it was to have a park like that in downtown

Salisbury, but to Rick, the entire town was a gem. He loved Salisbury and Salisbury loved him back.

He made a life here, from his days at Catawba College, where he embodied the small-town spirit, to hosting foreign delegates from Salisbury's sister city with his partner Scott McCombs.

A faithful servant of the Lord, Rick sought to bring others to Christ even from a young age. His hand would shoot up during Bible study, eager to ask or answer questions about Jesus.

When folks think of Rick, they will always remember his smile and his unmistakable laugh. If Rick were still alive, he'd say that is exactly how he wanted to be remembered. Well, that, as well as the most fashionable person you ever knew.

Rick may have left his earthly body behind, but he is in the arms of his savior now watching over the town he loved. However, he is not completely gone. He leaves behind a legacy of love, and as a little reminder, he sent his friend of 40 years, Jason Williams a note this week. A chance encounter on a plane bound for Baltimore put Jason next to a man, who upon learning that he was from Salisbury, remarked about a deli there he loved and its owner that he loved even more.

That was just Rick though. He never met a stranger.

A celebration of life will be held for Rick at the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on the campus of Catawba College, September 2 at 2 p.m. Reception to follow at the Crystal Lounge. Guests are encouraged to wear bright colors.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Anderson family. Online

condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Omwake Dearborn Chapel
2300 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Reception to follow service

SEP 2.

Crystal Lounge

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Katherine and Tripp Clement purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rick Anderson.



Katherine and Tripp Clement - August 28, 2025 at 11:50 PM

KC

“ Katherine and Tripp Clement planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Anderson.

Katherine and Tripp Clement - August 28, 2025 at 11:50 PM

MW

“ Downtown Salisbury lost an incredible business this summer and S. Main St. is just not the same without the Sidewalk Deli. Many residents and visitors looked at the Deli as a meeting place and always appreciated the warm welcome they received from Rick. Even though the Deli has closed, the friendliness we all received there will remain a treasured memory, and our love for Rick will continue. His warmth was genuine, his smile and laugh were contagious, his love of Salisbury was immense and will always be a part of this community. Anganetta, we are so deeply sorry for your loss. Rick was a wonderful person and a loving son who always spoke affectionately of his "Mamma." May he Rest in Peace.

Mary and Andy Walker - August 28, 2025 at 11:29 AM

KF

“ *Anganetta, I am heartbroken to hear of Rick's passing. May God wrap his arms around you and give you comfort and peace as only he can. I so enjoyed spending time with you at the deli talking about our dogs. If I can help you in any way, please reach out to me. Sending love and prayers!*



Kendra Fulbright - August 28, 2025 at 09:12 AM

LH

So sorry to hear about Rick but may his memory of his kindness be remembered forever. Salisbury will never be the same without Sidewalk Deli because so many people gathered to enjoy delicious food & fellowship. May God wrap his arms around his family & give them peace & comfort.

Linda Holshouser - September 01, 2025 at 01:24 PM

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Anganetta, we are so sorry for your loss. Rick was a friend, a neighbor. We have so many wonderful memories both from living next door and from the Deli. He will be missed!

Edward Norvell - September 04, 2025 at 11:17 AM