



## Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr.

November 11, 1965 - May 25, 2024

Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig, Jr., 58, of Salisbury, passed away on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Buddy was born November 11, 1965 in Rowan County, NC to the late Frances Safrit and Robert Jacob Heilig. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and served on The USS Lipscomb submarine.

Buddy and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Dale Call and David Call.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 24 years, Anna Medlin Heilig; sons, Garrett Jacob Heilig of Apollo Beach, FL and Corey Adam Murphy of Salisbury, NC; and sisters Teresa Linker of Salisbury, NC and Reba Saine of Salisbury, NC.

Buddy enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle with his son Corey and friends and did so to the pearly gates. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his son Garrett and friends. He was an excellent cook and loved to help with charity events as the cook and feed family and friends. He loved Cooper, the family labradoodle, and looked forward to spending time with him daily. He frequented The Carriage Room and Sandy Ridge where he would hang out with friends and laugh often. Buddy never met a stranger; he was a friend to all. His heart was made of gold. He loved to help charities and those in need with donations. Most of all, he was the best husband, father, brother, uncle and friend anyone could have been blessed with.

The family will receive friends Thursday (May 30) from 6-8 PM at Summersett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Friday (May 31) at 11 AM with the Rev. Dr. Mark E. Ryman officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military honors by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard and United States Navy.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family at 402 Oak Brook Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Online condolences may be left at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Heilig family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery

205 St. Paul's Church Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28146

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**MAY 31.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
205 St. Pauls Church Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28146

# Tribute Wall

PT

“ He was one of the best could be, will miss his as long I live ❤️

Peggy Thomas - July 26, 2024 at 05:06 PM

RC

“ Ron Ciolfi and staff at Finn Corporation purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..



Ron Ciolfi and staff at Finn Corporation - June 12, 2024 at 11:21 AM

RC

“ Ron Ciolfi and staff at Finn Corporation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..

Ron Ciolfi and staff at Finn Corporation - June 12, 2024 at 11:21 AM

RL

“ Robert Leaird lit a candle in memory of Robert "Buddy" Heilig



Robert Leaird - June 01, 2024 at 03:55 PM

JS

“ Dear Anna, family and friends of Buddy,  
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Buddy’s passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Glenard P Lipscomb SSN-685.  
To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.  
Anna and family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).  
Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,  
National Chaplain, USSVI.  
[www.jimsandman.com](http://www.jimsandman.com)

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**Jim Sandman** - June 01, 2024 at 09:04 AM

AH

Thank you very much. He was so proud of his service and could tell some stories about his sub! He was planning on looking up some of the guys this summer to visit as he saw the reunion recently on Facebook and missed it. His dad was in the Navy and I never had the pleasure of meeting him. He did some wonderful things as well. Their legacies will always be cherished by me and the family and especially his son Garrett. I now have a new journey with our son but I will always hold onto the memories and display his flag from the funeral with pride. He was my sailor...he was my everything. Anna Heilig

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**Anna Heilig** - June 03, 2024 at 12:54 PM

DG

“ Doug & Christy Mills / Mills' Grading purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..



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**Doug & Christy Mills / Mills' Grading** - May 30, 2024 at 12:14 PM

DG

“ Doug & Christy Mills / Mills' Grading planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..

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**Doug & Christy Mills / Mills' Grading** - May 30, 2024 at 12:14 PM

FF

“ From John Llanio and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..



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**From John Llanio and family** - May 30, 2024 at 11:51 AM

MP

“ Michael P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..

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**Michael P.** - May 29, 2024 at 09:42 PM

MT

“ Gone but never to be forgotten. Michael Tidwell and family.

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**Michael Tidwell** - May 29, 2024 at 06:22 PM

TW

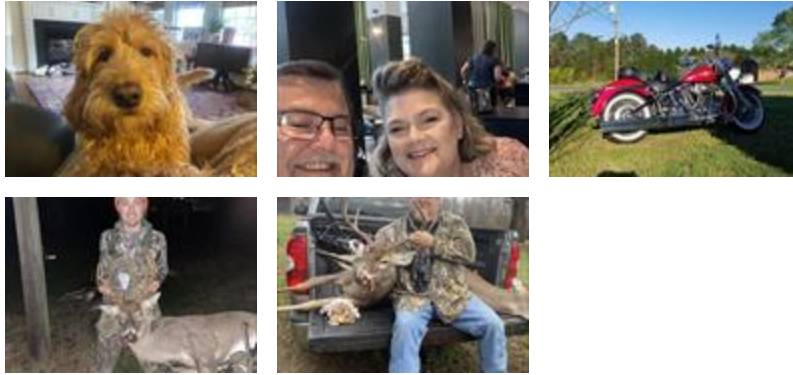
“ Tyler Wilson lit a candle in memory of Robert "Buddy" Heilig



Tyler Wilson - May 29, 2024 at 04:47 PM

AH

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



anna heilig - May 29, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..



May 29, 2024 at 12:23 PM

PD

“ From: Paul & Lynn Dillard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..

Paul & Lynn Dillard - May 29, 2024 at 12:23 PM

AD

“ Alex Kramer & Mark Favetti (John Deere) purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..



Alex Kramer & Mark Favetti (John Deere) - May 29, 2024 at 09:42 AM

FC

“ From Triten Industrial Contractors purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..



From Triten Industrial Contractors - May 29, 2024 at 05:26 AM

ES

“ Eddie and Jean Safrit purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Buddy" Jacob Heilig Jr..



Eddie and Jean Safrit - May 28, 2024 at 08:06 PM

AS

“ *April Simmons lit a candle in memory of  
Robert "Buddy" Heilig*



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**April Simmons** - May 28, 2024 at 03:18 PM