



## Mr. Seth Anthony Tinsley

July 11, 1981 - April 13, 2016

Seth Anthony Tinsley, 34, of Salisbury, NC passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

Born July 11, 1981 in Poway, CA, he was the son of Anthony “Tony” Tinsley and Bonnie Rusher Tinsley.

Seth was a graduate of Vance High School and Appalachian State University, Class of 2003. He worked as a dedicated firefighter for the City of Charlotte Fire Department for 11 years; serving at Stations 33 and 18. Seth had a passion for everything outdoors; kayaking, camping, hiking, riding motorcycles and off-roading. He was at home and in his element in ‘the shop’ fabricating vehicles and many other creations alongside his Dad and friends.

Along with his parents, those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Mary Wellford Senn Tinsley, whom he married October 18, 2008; daughters, Clara Tinsley and Rachel Tinsley; sister, Catherine Tuck (Thomas); nephew, Merritt Tuck; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial service will be held 10AM Saturday, April 16, 2016 at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church with Rev. Robert Black officiating. Inurnment will conclude in the church columbarium. The family will speak to friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Rowan Hospice and Palliative Care, Levine Cancer Institute, and Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University for the loving care they provided to Seth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Charlotte Fire Fighters Fund, 500 Dalton Ave., Charlotte, NC 28206 and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 131 W. Council St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

# Cemetery Details

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church Columbarium**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Seth Anthony Tinsley*



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**Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center** - April 16, 2016 at 05:45 AM

JQ

“ *You don't know me, but I have been praying for Seth and his family for some time now. Staton at Summerset Funeral Home share a bit of Seth's story with me when he found out that my sister had passed from brain cancer 3 years ago. Since then, I have prayed daily for Seth and his family and will continue to pray for the family. God Bless you all.*  
*Janice Query*

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**Janice Query** - April 21, 2016 at 12:36 PM

KE

“ *To the family of Seth Tinsley Sorry for your loss, Times like these can be very difficult so pray constantly! Philippians 4:6-7 admonishes us to throw our anxieties on our Heavenly Father Jehovah, he in turn will strengthen you and place peace upon your mind and heart. I hope you all are able to find comfort and heal very soon.*

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**kennedy** - April 17, 2016 at 08:59 AM

KS

“ Deepest sympathy to all. May the Lord give you strength and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.  
God bless.

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**Kathy and Jack Seybold** - April 16, 2016 at 06:11 PM

 Tiffany Effinger

“ Imagine my surprise as an EMT when I first encountered Seth on a 911 call after having known him in college! Over the past 15 years or so, I've had the honor of knowing Seth as a genuinely exquisite person in both his home life and at work. I feel I have had a privilege and advantage of seeing the best of Seth in both social and work environments over a long period of time, and I believe I'm uniquely qualified comment that there is truly none better. My heart aches for Mary and their family, and I honestly believe the world will be a bit less great without him in it.

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**Tiffany Effinger** - April 15, 2016 at 08:56 PM

BO

“ Dear Tony and Bonnie,  
I cannot be there tomorrow, but want you to know my heart breaks for you both. Sending your family some love and I want to come see you when you are ready to see a friend.  
Much love  
Bonnie Hedrick

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**Bonnie** - April 15, 2016 at 06:51 PM

HU

“ Tony and Family: I share our deepest sorrow to finding out about Seth's passing. Deedee and I will keep all of your family in our prayers as you go through these difficult times.  
Hugh McMahon ,Engineer 30- C Retired

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**HughMcMahon** - April 15, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Seth Anthony Tinsley.*



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April 15, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *Mary, even though I wish I could be there tomorrow, please know that my thoughts and prayers will be. I love you!*

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**Julie Raynor** - April 15, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *Bonnie and Tony,*

*I've searched for words to express my sadness but the joy that your Pomerado friends felt when Seth was safely born is the gift of a life well lived. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Barbara Schmalhofer** - April 14, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *My prayers continue for this wonderful family.*

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**Vicky Slusser** - April 14, 2016 at 01:38 PM

CG

“ Dear Bonnie and Tony,  
I am so sorry to learn about Seth. There is nothing harder than what you are going through right now. Please know you are in our prayers and are held in God's hand throughout this difficult time. Blessing to all of you.  
Carol Gillespie

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**Carol Gillespie** - April 14, 2016 at 01:03 PM

YO

“ Mary Tinsley My heart goes out to you and your family. May God give you peace and comfort at this time.

Yolanda Spratt



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**yolanda** - April 14, 2016 at 12:22 PM

LJ

“ Mary, May God continue to wrap you and your girl's in his tender loving care. Love Lena Jordan

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**lena jordan** - April 14, 2016 at 11:55 AM

JC

“ Seth was one of my favorite friends in middle school and high school. He always brighten everyone's day and had a smile on his face. There are too many memories to mention, but all of them are wonderful. May his wife, daughters, and family find peace in this difficult time that he is sitting in God's hands. He was an incredible person. I will always remember him.

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**Jen Scialabba Calhoun** - April 14, 2016 at 11:54 AM

DC

“ *Bonnie and Tony,  
Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your family.  
Don and Cathy Carter*

Don Carter - April 14, 2016 at 11:43 AM



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Jennifer Arnold - April 14, 2016 at 11:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mr. Seth Anthony Tinsley.*



April 14, 2016 at 10:51 AM

BL

“ *Bonnie, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious son.  
Our thoughts and prayers go to you and your family during this  
painful time. I know you have so many beautiful memories and that  
is what you hold in your heart for the days to come. We love you.*

Buck, Stacy, Breeann, and Sierra Lambert - April 14, 2016 at 10:08 AM

 Amy  
Creek

“ *I am still in disbelief. I remember all those summers swimming at Allen Hills Swim Club. Seth was one of our best swimmers on the team. I never heard him say anything bad about anyone. This world certainly lost a special person. Prayers and love for you all. Amy Burnet Creek*

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**Amy Creek** - April 14, 2016 at 09:54 AM

 SP

“ *Bonnie & Tony,*

*We will always remember Seth and the fun we had on the Mission Trips we took. Our hearts break for your family. Please know your entire family and Seth's family are in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ until you see Seth again. We love you.*

*Bud and Sandy Poole*

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**Sandy Poole** - April 14, 2016 at 09:39 AM

 CC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Xoxo*

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**Carol Corken** - April 14, 2016 at 07:54 AM

 CG

“ *Bonnie, comforting words during this time of your loss are always hard to find, but knowing that so many thoughts and prayers are with you and your family hopefully will be of some comfort and bring you peace. Although I did not know Seth personally I have always heard great things about him. Thinking of you.*

*Cathy Graham*

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**Cathy Graham** - April 14, 2016 at 07:52 AM

KP

“ *I am truly sorry to hear of Seth's death. He will be missed by me and many others. Rest in peace my Brother Firefighter. From Retired FF Kim C. Peterson*

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**Kim C Peterson** - April 14, 2016 at 07:48 AM

HB

“ *Bonnie, I'm heartbroken. I know you all are. All I can think about is that day when your beautiful baby boy was born, and how my family only knew him as baby Sethy for the longest time. I know there's a huge void in you heart now. Hopefully the love and support of all those around you that loved Seth will help you through this exquisitely painful time. Sending you all my prayers and lots and lots of love. Helen Beaumont*

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**Helen Besumont** - April 13, 2016 at 10:09 PM

PH

“ *Bonnie, Tony, and Seth' s precious family: my heart breaks for you at the loss of your precious son. There simply are no words.... I am praying for you and your family.*

*Patsy Houston*

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**Patsy and Bobby Houston** - April 13, 2016 at 09:07 PM

BE

“ *Tinsley family,  
As I sit here and remember Seth, I have many wonderful and cherished memories. May you all seek solace in the memories you have shared together and know that many people loved him dearly. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you now and always. Much love.*

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**beth** - April 13, 2016 at 08:10 PM

DM

“ *Donavan, Katharine, and Elizabeth McFalls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Seth Anthony Tinsley.*



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**Donavan, Katharine, and Elizabeth McFalls** - April 13, 2016 at 07:36 PM

TR

“ *We are heartbroken with you. Praying for peace & comfort from the Lord in the days ahead for your family. Much love,  
David & Tommi Rust & family*

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**Tommi Rust** - April 13, 2016 at 07:24 PM

DM

“ *Seth was a great person who was always a pleasure to be with. I shared so many wonderful times with him around the campfire, or in the kayaks on the river. No matter what he faced, he was strong. My heart aches in hearing that he passed and my prayers go out for comfort to his family that loves him so dearly.*

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**Darrell mcpeake** - April 13, 2016 at 07:10 PM



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**Darrell McPeake** - April 13, 2016 at 07:05 PM

JC

“ *I haven't talked to Seth since high school, but Seth was an awesome guy. We met in band at Ransom, and I remember some good times! To Seth's family, I am sincerely sorry for your loss.*

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**John Cabaniss** - April 13, 2016 at 06:50 PM

ME

“ *Melissa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Seth Anthony Tinsley*



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**Melissa** - April 13, 2016 at 06:29 PM

ME

*I am so truly sorry for the loss of Seth. He was a wonderful person and I always loved seeing him bring Clara to preschool. All the family is in my prayers and thoughts. May the Lord wrap you up in His loving arms and keep you. His grace is AMAZING!! Love you all and God bless each one of you!*

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**Melissa Eagle** - April 13, 2016 at 06:36 PM

SS

“ Praying that God will hold you very close right now, Mary. I did not know Seth, but everyone that talks about him, does so with great admiration. You and your girls will be in my prayers constantly, along with all of Seth's family and friends. I love you.

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**Susan Stoner** - April 13, 2016 at 05:45 PM



“ As I sit and think about Seth, I realize he and I share limited amounts of memories. I came into his group of friends later in life. Those mutual friends became my best friends; my family. When I was introduced to Seth, I was welcomed with full acceptance. And though we did not necessarily have many deep conversations, I didn't need words. Seth just showed he loved me through his welcoming demeanor, sarcastic jokes, and abundance of tasty cold brews. I am so thankful to have had "Super Seth" in my life and that he chose to love me because his friends loved me. Seth and the entire Tinsley family are near and dear to my heart. I am praying for you all and thanking God that I got to know such an incredible friend.

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**Jennifer Arnold** - April 13, 2016 at 05:24 PM

TY

“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray for the everlasting Love of our Lord to comfort you and your girls during this time and the whole Tinsley famiy, May God's Love cover you. Tamie Young

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**Tamie O'Brien Young** - April 13, 2016 at 05:08 PM



JF

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Seth. He was such a warm hearted individual. We went to high school together, and I remember he was someone whom everyone liked and were friends with. He will surely be missed.

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**Jennifer Flowers** - April 13, 2016 at 03:50 PM

MR

“ Praying for you guys, had know Seth since elementary school, he was such an awesome guy.

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**Mark Robbins** - April 13, 2016 at 03:33 PM

CS

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Steve and Cece Shull

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**Cece Shull** - April 13, 2016 at 03:05 PM

  
Rebecca  
Moore

“ Mary, I wish my memory was better to recall specific events, but I do remember sitting in your apartment and seeing the young love that just blossomed between the two of you. All my love- Becca (Smith) Moore

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**Rebecca Moore** - April 13, 2016 at 02:56 PM

JG

“ Bonnie, Tony, Catherine, Mary. There is no way for me to express my sorrow for your family. Though Seth no longer suffers, that can be of little comfort to those that have been left behind. With all my heart, I grieve your tremendous, indescribable loss.

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**Jessica Houston Grice** - April 13, 2016 at 02:50 PM

LP

“ Sending prayers for God to wrap his arm's of comfort around you. I was so sad to hear of your loss.

Laura Peltz - April 13, 2016 at 02:48 PM

AG

“ Sending love and prayers to all of Seth's family. He was a beautiful soul.

Ashley Grice

Ashley G - April 13, 2016 at 02:30 PM

CS

“ Bonnie, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family, are in my thoughts and prayers!

Much Love, Cheryl Dulin

Cheryl Smith - April 13, 2016 at 02:21 PM

MB

“ No one is ever ready for this. I'm so sorry Mary. All my love, thoughts and prayers are with you, Clara and Rachel. My God comfort you all in this time. I love you all. ~Mendy

Mendy Brady - April 13, 2016 at 01:58 PM

DL

Mary, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Praying that God will provide you with the peace that you need and the comfort that will carry you through this very difficult time.

Dickie Lamm - April 13, 2016 at 07:16 PM

JJ

“ Will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Seth was blessed to have such a loving family and to have lived a fulfilling life and his family blessed to have him. I hope your many memories will help carry you through this most difficult time. Julie Jerman



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**Julie Jerman** - April 13, 2016 at 01:46 PM

LY

“ So sorry to hear of Seth's passing. Our love and prayers are with you and will continue. May our Father's arms wrap around each of you and give you comfort during this time of loss.

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**lynneles@aol.com** - April 13, 2016 at 01:22 PM

AB

“ May God wrap you in his Grace and Mercy at this difficult time. Thinking of you and sending my love! Audra Bradway

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**Audra Bradway** - April 13, 2016 at 01:09 PM