



Steven Thomas Holly

October 29, 1974 - December 2, 2025

Steven Thomas Holly, 51, of East Bend, NC, passed away on December 2, 2025, at the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center, surrounded by the deep love of his family.

Born October 29, 1974, in Plantation, FL, Steve was the son of Thomas Edgar Holly and Kathleen Ann Patrick Holly. He proudly served in the United States Air Force before pursuing his education at the University of New Hampshire and Southern New Hampshire University.

Driven by a lifelong desire to protect, guide, and serve others, Steve devoted the early part of his professional life to law enforcement. He served as both a School Resource Officer and Police Officer in New Hampshire, influencing countless young people and community members during his years of service. He later transitioned into the financial sector as a Financial Advisor and eventually became Vice President of Surveillance Oversight and Monitoring. During his tenure as VP, he earned his MBA—an accomplishment that reflected his determination, discipline, and commitment to continuous growth. Throughout his life, Steve also proudly served as a Mason, an achievement that represented his character, values, and dedication to service.

A passionate martial artist, Steve achieved the rank of Fourth Degree Black Belt, earning the title Master Holly, and found profound purpose in teaching and mentoring. As co-owner of Family Kicks Championship Martial Arts, he helped build a community centered on confidence, discipline, compassion, and personal growth. His students and staff are an extension of his family, and

his lessons, both on and off the mat, continue to ripple through the lives he touched.

Left to cherish his memory, in addition to his parents, are his wife, Crystal Holly; his children, Joseph Holly, Ashley Holly, Jade Holly, and Ruby Holly; as well as extended family, close friends, students, and an entire martial arts community who loved him dearly. He leaves behind not only a family, but a legacy of service, courage, and kindness that will continue to guide and inspire.

The Celebration of Life will take place Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 11:00AM at the Robert F. Miller Center, adjacent to Hayworth-Miller Funeral Home, located at 3315 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Holly family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhme.com.

Laconia Daily Sun Newspaper Obituary: https://www.laconiadailysun.com/community/obituaries/steven-t-holly-51/article_40c337e2-b298-46dc-92f6-5ea258071090.html?utm_source=laconiadailysun.com&utm_campaign=%2Fnewsletters%2Flists%2Fheadlines%2Ftuesday%2F%3F-dc%3D1766485818&utm_medium=email&utm_content=headline

Tribute Wall

AA

“ Adam A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Thomas Holly.

Adam A. - January 11 at 12:40 PM

SH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. We worked together in law enforcement years ago, and he was always one of my favorite people. He was kind and funny and always had a smile on his face. My deepest sympathy to his loved ones.
Sue Hankard
Gilford, NH

Sue Hankard - December 23, 2025 at 03:27 PM

LC

“ I will always remember how outgoing and helpful he was in class and how strong he was he was such a kind hearted person.

Leah Collins - December 16, 2025 at 06:41 PM

IE

“ Irena, Jay and Eva purchased the Sympathy Gourmet Charcuterie Gift Basket for the family of Steven Thomas Holly.



Irena, Jay and Eva - December 15, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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JS

“ He helped my son grow and change into such a confident person. We can never thank him enough for the values he helped instill in our son, and in us, too. What a tremendous human being he was.

Jessie Smith - December 14, 2025 at 10:30 PM

KC

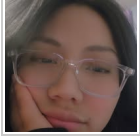
“ I will never forget how Master Holly helped me grow and get stronger in class he had such a big heart and I will never forget the time he presented me with the perseverance award 🙏❤️

Kathy Collins - December 14, 2025 at 09:38 PM

CD

“ The Dupre family will never forget Steve. He was our girls' martial arts teacher for 2 years and helped them achieve things and do skills they never thought they could! He was also a mentor to them out of the dojang. He was always available to them to talk and he helped them to be their best selves! I was in awe of the things the kids could do and the confidence that grew within them thanks to Steve! He was also my friend. I enjoyed our chats when I was waiting on the girls. He will be greatly missed and we will never forget what he did for our family and all of the other Family Kicks families. Our thoughts and prayers are with Crystal, Joe, Ashley, and those sweet baby girls.

Christine Dupre - December 14, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ I was his student for a few weeks. He was a kind and understanding person, and even though my English wasn't perfect, he helped me a lot. Thank God I had the opportunity to meet him... a wonderful person.



Lily Xicay - December 14, 2025 at 05:02 PM

PB

“ Steve was my first mentor. I met Steve in HS and he made me want to be a police officer. He took me under his wing and pushed me to be better.

Steve was a huge part of my early adulthood. Steve will be missed very much. Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends

Phil Best - December 11, 2025 at 07:43 PM

RS

“ I'll never forget the trip the police department took us on from NH all the way to Six Flags in Jersey, our 8th grade field trip. I think you were in your 20's. I will miss you forever 💙

Rachael Strickland - December 11, 2025 at 08:09 AM