



Mr. Thomas Irvin "T.I." Honeycutt Jr.

October 7, 1955 - July 4, 2015

Mr. Thomas Irvin "T.I." Honeycutt, Jr., 59, of Salisbury, won his long, courageous battle with cancer and went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 4, 2015. He passed away at home surrounded by his loving family with the support of Rowan Hospice and Palliative Care.

Born in Salisbury on October 7, 1955, he was the son of the late Thomas I. Honeycutt, Sr. & Gertha P. Honeycutt. T.I. graduated from South Rowan High School, Class of 1973. After high school he attended Wingate College before receiving his degree in Criminal Justice at UNC-Charlotte. He later returned to UNC-Charlotte for a degree in Secondary Education with a focus in History.

T.I. began his career working for the City of Salisbury as a Police Officer. He later worked for the State of N.C. as a Probation Parole Officer. In the mid-1990's T.I. decided instead of dealing with criminals he wanted to work with young people to serve as a positive role model in their lives. He began his second career at Salisbury High School as a History Teacher where "Mr. Honeycutt" enjoyed working with his students until his illness forced him from the classroom.

T.I. married the love of his life, Wanda Kay Brown Honeycutt, on October 20, 1979. They were happily married for 35 years and shared many wonderful memories together. She was by his side throughout his illness playing the role

of both wife and nurse. She is left to cherish his memory along with his proudest accomplishments, his four children Chris Honeycutt (Rhea) of Gibsonville, Lauren Vaughan (Robert) of Peoria, IL, Brenden Honeycutt of Salisbury, and Wesley Honeycutt of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

“Poppy’s” pride and joy was his granddaughter, Henley Spencer Vaughan who also survives him along with his brother James Honeycutt (Tami) of Salisbury, very special sister-in-law Dawn Sellers (Wayne), of Kannapolis, brother-in-law Alvin Brown (Anne) of Sierra Vista, AZ, brother-in-law Johnnie Brown (Amy) of Salisbury, father-in-law Pete Brown of Salisbury, and many nieces and nephews. His crazy fur child Beans and grand-dogs Tucker, Frank, and Neo also carry on his memory.

T.I. had a wide range of interests. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Salisbury and the Emanuel Sunday School class. He enjoyed sports, whether running down a field on Friday night officiating high school football, coaching his sons in little league baseball, coaching various sports at Salisbury High School, or later attending Atlanta Braves baseball and N.C. State football games with his “boys.” He loved history and reading about it. He was particularly interested in Civil War history and enjoyed talking to others about this passion. He enjoyed traveling especially when he could do so with his entire family. He loved going to the beach and taking cruises. He also enjoyed spending time at the family’s “Lake Shack” on High Rock Lake. This was a place of relaxation and serenity, a place to get away from the daily struggles of his illness. He sure has upgraded from a shack on the lake to a mansion with streets of gold in Heaven. We look forward to seeing him again!

A heartfelt thank you to all of our family and friends for their love, support, visits, phone calls, and prayers! A very special thank you to Dr. William Black for his care and friendship during this long battle.

In the words of T.I.’s favorite general, Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson, “Let us

cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees.”

A service celebrating T.I.'s life will be held at 4p.m. on Tuesday, July 7 at First Baptist Church of Salisbury with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lance officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials can be made to First Baptist Church of Salisbury, 223 N. Fulton St., Salisbury, NC 28144 and Rowan Hospice & Palliative Care, 720 Grove Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Service

JUL 7. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Sharon Whaley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Irvin "T.I." Honeycutt Jr.



Sharon Whaley - July 08, 2015 at 07:50 PM

SW

“ Wanda, Tony and myself are so sorry to hear about TI passing. Our heartfelt prayers are with you and your family.

Sharon Whaley - July 08, 2015 at 07:47 PM

 Dennis Andrade

“ I went to Rookie School with Tommy in 1978. He was a great guy and a great man. RIP Buddy.

Dennis Andrade - July 08, 2015 at 07:48 AM

DH

“ Wanda, I am so sorry for your loss.

Diane

Diane Hooper - July 07, 2015 at 10:19 AM

AD

“ I just wanted to let you know how much I loved TI and how much I will miss him. He was such a great addition to our staff at SHS and I loved the time we shared there. I also loved the Social Studies get-togethers and the calls he made to me at school over the past four years. His love and concern for others was so impressive. I'll never forget that in the middle of all his troubles this spring, he called me to find out how my mother was doing and how I was handling it. What a loving person. He will be sorely missed. I love the General!!
Adair Doran

Adair Doran - July 06, 2015 at 07:25 PM

GG

“ Ginny Godfrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Irvin "T.I." Honeycutt Jr.



Ginny Godfrey - July 06, 2015 at 05:09 PM

KG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I had the good fortune to work with T.I. at Salisbury High. He was a blessing to his students and to those of us who worked with him. I will remember his wonderful smile, contagious laugh, endless stories and pats on the back on difficult days. May you feel God's arms wrapped around you at this time and in the days ahead. Praying for you.

Karen De Graaf - July 06, 2015 at 04:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Irvin "T.I." Honeycutt Jr..



July 06, 2015 at 01:59 PM



“ Dear Wanda and family. Sending prayers your way during this time.
Sherry Crook Trawick.

Sherry Crook Trawick - July 06, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ Wanda and family,
I am praying for your strength, what a wonderful husband, father and Grandfather, love and peace be with you.
Jill McNeely

Jill McNeely - July 06, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ Wanda and Family,
Just saw this about your husband. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandy Shepherd Pardue - July 06, 2015 at 10:14 AM

LL

“ *Lea Lilie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Thomas Irvin "T.I." Honeycutt Jr..*



Lea Lilie - July 06, 2015 at 09:27 AM

JC

“ *Wanda, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time, I know God will be with you to give you the strength you need in the days ahead as he did me!*

Jo Corriher - July 06, 2015 at 07:58 AM

MR

“ *So sorry for your loss, sending prayers to comfort you in your time of need. I remember him from our school days and being a friend in our neighborhood. He was well liked and very smart. I know in my heart he will be well missed.*

margaret leazer reed - July 06, 2015 at 06:23 AM

 Jason Reddick

“ *Mr. Honeycutt was a great teacher that made sure by the time you left his class you were familiar with the battle of 1812. LOL, he was very supportive of his students in every way possible. He will truly be missed.*

Jason Reddick - July 06, 2015 at 02:55 AM

KE

“ *Kim Etters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Irvin "T.I." Honeycutt Jr.*



kim etters - July 05, 2015 at 08:52 PM

VI

“ *T. I was the sweetest guy. He always had a kind word and helping hand. I hate that we lost him and prayers go out to Wanda and his kids at this time. I am thankful he is no longer suffering and know that he is safe in heaven. God Bless you TI*

Vickey - July 05, 2015 at 07:22 PM

VI

“ *Vickey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Irvin "T.I." Honeycutt Jr.*



Vickey - July 05, 2015 at 07:14 PM



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Shane Smith - July 05, 2015 at 06:53 PM

EJ

“ Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. T. I. was certainly a Great Guy.
Eric Jones

Eric Jones - July 05, 2015 at 05:10 PM

DM

“ He was a great teacher and a great person I remember when he was my drivers ed teacher I blew up the tire by hitting the sidewalk and almost driving us off a hill. I expected him to be very angry at me and tell me i was terrible but instead we laughed it off and he changed the tire while he showed me how. He did shake his head but i was grateful of his patience and understanding like i said he was a great teacher :)

Dayana Molina - July 05, 2015 at 04:03 PM



“ I worked with T.I. for many years at Salisbury High. He always found a way to make me smile. I am so sorry for your loss. He is already greatly missed.

Maureen Mensing - July 05, 2015 at 03:52 PM

TR

“ Sally my heart sank when I learned of his passing....May God envelope you during this time....Fond memories of Thomas linger as I reflect on our school days...Thomas had a sprcial way of making us laugh....He always treated me with such repect...Surely he will be missed...we loved him...but God loved him best...Remember....Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal...
Yours in HIS service,
Tangy Hubbard Roseborough

Tangy H. Roseborough - July 05, 2015 at 02:55 PM