



## US PO3 Tyris Franklin "T.J." Leslie Jr.

January 29, 1989 - February 6, 2017

United States PO3 Tyris Franklin Leslie, Jr., affectionately known as "T.J.", age 28, passed away February 6, 2017.

Born in Rowan County on January 29, 1989, he was a son of the late Tyris Franklin Leslie, Sr. and Kimberly Holt Denning, who survives.

T.J. was a graduate of West Rowan High School and attended Mitchell Community College. He was currently serving in the United States Navy.

In addition to his father, he was also preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Betty K. Holt and paternal grandparents, Harold O. Leslie and Dudley B. Leslie.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mother and step-father, Kimberly and James Denning; two sisters, Kristin C. Leslie and fiancé, Christopher Hinchee and Pearl E. Leslie; maternal grandfather, G. Elvin Holt; nephew, Joseph E. Hinchee; step-nieces, Elizabeth and Chelsea Hinchee; aunt and uncle, Kathy and Grover Holt and aunt, Sheela Holt; and numerous cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends at Summersett Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

The Celebration of Life Service will be held at Cleveland First Baptist Church on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cleveland First Baptist Church 200 Maple Street Cleveland, NC 27013.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

Summersett Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Leslie family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of US PO3 Tyris Franklin "T.J." Leslie Jr.*



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**Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center** - February 20, 2017 at 02:40 PM



“ *TJ was one of the most genuinely kind people I have ever known. High school is a hard time for many people, but TJ made it so much more bearable for me. He never judged anyone, and was always willing to listen and lend a helping hand. Even though we have not seen each other since graduation, I feel like there is a void in the world now. Rest in peace, dear friend. Thank you for helping to make the world brighter, even if only for a short time.*

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**Elizabeth Sinnott** - February 23, 2017 at 06:19 PM

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“ *Kim, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so very sorry for your loss.*  
*Cynthia Smith and family*

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**Cynthia Smith** - February 21, 2017 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Our prayers and thoughts go out to the entire family for T.J. We did not know of him personally but knew of him through our dear friend Elvin Holt from church. Again, Richard and I will keep the whole family in our prayers. God Bless all of You.*

*Catherine & Richard Tobin*

*PO Box 10*

*Woodleaf, NC 28054*

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**Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tobin** - February 21, 2017 at 12:47 PM