



Zachary Kyle Thompson

November 5, 1980 - November 20, 2017

Zachary Kyle Thompson, 37, went home to be with his Lord, Savior, and King on Monday, November 20, 2017, at Duke University Medical Center after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Born on November 5, 1980 in Salisbury, NC Zach was the son of the late Debbie Rogers Goodman and Johnny Lee Thompson.

Zach attended East Rowan High School and graduated from East Carolina University. He taught at A.L. Brown High School and most recently South Rowan High School. He was an active member of Stallings Memorial Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, taught Sunday school, and worked with the youth group. Zach had an infectious smile and an adventurous spirit that will be remembered forever.

He was preceded in death by his mother Debbie Rogers Goodman and his grandfathers, Faris Rogers and Jim Johnson.

Remaining to cherish his memory are: his wife Cassie Safrit Thompson of Salisbury, his children Brooks, Parker and Ruby Thompson, his dad Johnny Thompson and stepmother Ellen, stepfather Tim Goodman, sister Christy Thompson Leonard (Eric Morrow) and stepsister Amy Davis Kniaz (Greg), aunt and uncle Cynthia and Steve Hammock, grandparents Carol Johnson,

Vic and Ruby Thompson, niece Lauren Leonard Hurd (Michael), niece Kate and nephews Owen and Konnor and numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the doctors and staff at The Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center and the Neuro ICU at Duke Medical Center and the staff of Carolina Oncology who cared for Zach. Special thanks also to the South Rowan Raider staff and students for their love and support.

A celebration of life service will be conducted on Sunday, November 26, 2017, by Reverend Michael Herring at South Rowan High School at 4 p.m. in the auditorium. Family will receive friends following the service. There will be a private burial service for family.

Memorials may be sent to The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center, DUMC 3624, Durham, NC 27710 or <https://www.gifts.duke.edu/dukehealth/?designation=3912597>.

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

Previous Events

Service

NOV **26**. 4:00 PM (ET)

South Rowan High School
1655 Patterson Street
China Grove, NC 28023

Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Zachary Kyle Thompson*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - November 27, 2017 at 12:47 PM

RP

“ *Praying for Cassie and the entire family today.*



Rachel (Scogin) Petry - November 26, 2017 at 09:24 AM

RH

“ *Johnny we shared a lot of great times with our boys playing ball together. I know for sure you will be there for Zack's family, just like you were there for him. Zack touched a lot of students in his teaching and his community involment. He will not be forgotten by them or by us. Rest In Peace Zack.*

ron horton - November 24, 2017 at 10:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Zachary Kyle Thompson.



November 24, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Zachary Kyle Thompson.



November 24, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ *Johnny and Ellen, to you and the rest of the family we send our deepest sympathies during your time of loss. Jimmy and Helen Kinley*

Jimmy Kinley - November 24, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Zachary Kyle Thompson.



November 23, 2017 at 08:45 AM

UN

“ Zach helped coach my sons t-ball team, what a great coach and guy. Always had a bright smile no matter what. God bless Zach and his family

unknown - November 22, 2017 at 12:54 PM

KE

“ As with so many of us, words can not describe how much Zach and his family mean to us. We love him and his family so very much! I am blessed that I could call him a friend.
Kim Etters

Kim Etters - November 22, 2017 at 10:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Zachary Kyle Thompson.



November 22, 2017 at 10:45 AM

A.

“ When Zach was at ALB, he would take great delight in regaling me with stories and updates of his beloved twins each morning. His love, devotion and pride were so evident. That love and caring carried over to his compassion for his students and fellow staff members, as well. My prayers are with you. In heartfelt sympathy,
Angela Ward, A.L. Brown High School

A.W - November 21, 2017 at 08:55 PM

AA

“ Our family had the great privilege to become acquainted with Zach and Cassie when they coached basketball for the Upward Program. Coach Zach was a wonderful, caring person who taught the boys so much more than basketball. Along with Cassie, he always emphasized Christian values and the importance of good sportsmanship. He and Cassie were dating at the time and their love for one another was a joy to see. It was evident that their wonderful partnership was already beginning to blossom and grow. It was also evident how much Zach loved and respected Cassie and what a good time they had together. Zach exemplified all the values that we hope our son will possess as an adult. We will always cherish the memories of our time with Coach Zach.

With love,
Andrea Anders, Mike Bitzer, and Drew Bitzer

Andrea Anders - November 21, 2017 at 08:22 PM

AB

“ I've known Zach since he was born and I worked with him for several years at Promats. He was a great salesperson and was so easy to work with. His smile just brightened our days! I will truly miss him along with so many, many others. RIP til we meet again, my friend!

Aundry Byerly - November 21, 2017 at 07:20 PM

DW

“ Me and Zach graduated from East Rowan High School in 1999 and we also played football for East Rowan High School and he is a VERY GOOD best friend of mine and I have been praying for him and his whole family since I found out that he had that brain cancer and I will ALWAYS keep him and his whole family in my prayers..So I know that Zach is in Heaven right now and we will all see him again in Heaven one day..R.I.P. Zach..You will NEVER be forgotten..God Bless you and your whole family Zach !



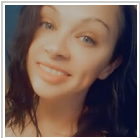
Darin Williams - November 21, 2017 at 07:12 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zachary Kyle Thompson.



November 21, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ Zach was an amazing teacher and brother in Christ, as well as a good friend. Despite what he went through, he always kept the faith, and I admired him so much for that. Zach always made me feel so welcome at church. He had such a warm heart and mind soul, and those who had the privilege to know him were sure blessed. He will always be so very missed.

Jessica Morgan - November 21, 2017 at 04:31 PM

CF

Zach was a great man, teacher, friend and a Christian! He will be missed. God Bless Zach's Family.

Carl Ford - November 22, 2017 at 06:35 AM

SH

Zach was in my Kindergarten class at Granite Quarry but I knew him through Cassie and also went to school with my son Luke.. Zach was a true light that impacted many.... praying Gods peace and comfort angels to surround the family now and in the future...

Sarah Hollifield - November 25, 2017 at 04:37 PM

KF

I did not Zach but I knew Cassie family. Lived across the street for them for years. My children and Cassie's Mom and brothers and sisters were always together. It is so sad for such a young man. The one thing we can be sure of he is resting at the feet of Jesus. Claim that and the Lord will help all of you in this time. The memories will never go away. You will have them forever. Praying for the whole family.

Kay Flynn - November 26, 2017 at 09:33 AM