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Wade Aubrey Tucker, 66, of Midland, NC, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, June 20, 2024. He is survived by his beloved wife, Wendy Tucker; stepdaughters, Debra Merwin and Tarra Bartholomew; mother-in-law, Pat Moscato; brother-in-law, James Sanderson; brother, Greg Tucker, and his wife, Sheryl; niece, Meredith; and nephew, Darrell. Wade is also greatly mourned by his close friends that he considered family, including Stephanie Jones and his surrogate son, John Thomas, his wife, Charlotte, and their sons, Jackson and Levi. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Coseyetta Tucker, and his sister, Christine Stevens.

Born on April 7, 1958, in King, NC, Wade lived a life full of passion, dedication, and talent. After graduating high school, he spent seven years before college playing lead guitar for “The Renegade Band,” sharing his love of music and forming a lifelong friendship and musical bond with his bandmate Randy (Raymond) Coleman. Wade later found his true calling in architecture, dedicating over three decades to the field he cherished. Recently, he continued his musical pursuits as a founding member of the band “Running Dirty,” which he had planned to enjoy playing with during his upcoming retirement. Wade was an Associate Principal for LS3P before his untimely passing. Sadly, all of his extensive knowledge, experience, and skills have left with him, but he left his indelible mark on much of the Charlotte skyline and the decades of countless projects at places like the Charlotte Airport, Billy Graham Library, and Samaritan’s Purse facilities.

Wade and Wendy, married in 1999, shared a remarkable journey of over 33 years together. Their bond was truly special, built on a foundation of mutual interests and a deep love for each other. They enjoyed ballroom dancing, karaoke, family game nights, movie nights, and traveling, creating countless memories along the way. Throughout their lives, Wade and Wendy valued the friendships they formed. Whether it was their trips to South Carolina to visit dear friends Lance and Julie Palmer or maintaining strong connections with long-time friends like Arlin, Faye, David, and Vada, who all share the last name Tucker but are not related—a fact Wade found hilarious—they always prioritized their relationships. Even as life brought changes that made frequent visits



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difficult, time between contact never lessened their support for one another, especially during tough times.

Wade had a particular fondness for Las Vegas, finding it fascinating and always discovering new things to see and do on each trip, creating many memorable experiences with family and friends. He also had a great love of aviation and was a licensed pilot for 30 years. He owned an airplane with his longtime friend and fellow pilot, David Tucker, and they enjoyed many adventures in the sky together over the years. Wade's faith was central to his life, and he was actively involved in church, serving in many roles through the years, including Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and musician. Known to many for his lively spirit, sarcasm, wit, and sense of humor, Wade was one of those rare dependable people who always followed up and did what he said he would do. To those close to him though, he was the one they could always count on, who, without asking, always dropped everything to show up and be there for them. He was extremely loyal and very protective. Husband, musician, songwriter, artist, high-rise builder, brother, pilot, and truly great friend—you have left a big hole in many lives. You were very loved and will be missed immensely.

A memorial service for Wade Tucker will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at First Baptist Church of Locust. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, with funeral services following at 11:00 AM. Wade will be laid to rest at First Baptist Church of Locust after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 159, Locust, NC 28097.



Events

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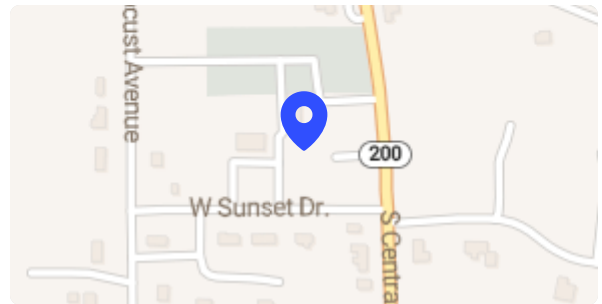
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, June 25, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **First Baptist Church of Locust**
320 S Central Ave, Locust NC 28097

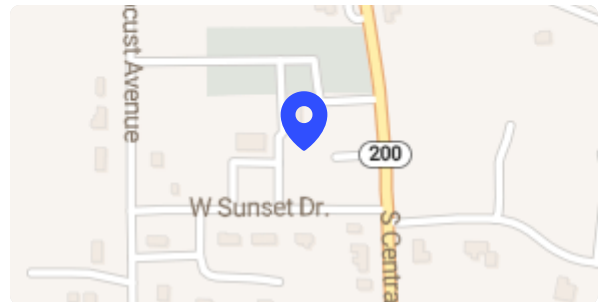


Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, June 25, 2024

 11:00 AM ET

 **First Baptist Church of Locust**
320 S Central Ave, Locust NC 28097



Burial

 **Tuesday**, June 25, 2024

 **First Baptist Church Cemetery**
Locust NC



Tribute Wall

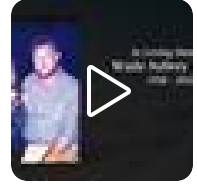
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Stanly Funeral Home shared a **Video**.

June 24 at 11:46 AM



Scott Kurz, Brett Phillips, Mel June planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wade.

June 27 at 7:24 AM



Scott Kurz, Brett Phillips, Mel June sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Tucker family.

June 27 at 7:24 AM



Beverly Taylor posted:

Dear Greg and Tucker Family, So sorry to hear of Wade's passing. Please know you are in our prayers. Love, John, Beverly and Analise

June 26 at 8:31 AM



Mike Bennett posted:

Wade was one the first friends I ever had. We grew up in the same neighborhood . When you seen one you seen the other one. We where called the three muskateers(Wade, Hank and me) We went fishing ever day in spring and summer and camped out about every week in our back yards. Primed tobacco together. He will be sorely missed. Heaven has gained a special Angel. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

June 25 at 5:02 AM



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Cindy Wright posted:

Wade and I worked together our first jobs right out of high school. We were like brother and sister we picked and cut up he used to steal my supper and eat it, so I just started fixing 2 plates. Our paths crossed several time as we got older, I got to know his parents and siblings. He was a talented person and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

June 24 at 9:18 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Tucker family.



June 24 at 8:28 AM



Mary T. sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Tucker family.



June 24 at 7:56 AM



Love Margie And John planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wade.



June 24 at 4:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Tucker family.



June 24 at 4:29 AM



Crb Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wade.



June 24 at 4:25 AM



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CF

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LF

Love Chuck And Helen Frazier sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Tucker family.

June 24 at 4:21 AM



MB

Mike Butler posted:

Sending prayers to the family for the loss of Wade! I will remember him for his friendliness and his talents.

June 24 at 2:41 AM

DB

Dana C. Beck posted:

How do you share the impact of a man's life in a paragraph? I met Wade about 3 1/2 years ago. We played together both in the Running Dirty band as well as another project with another guitar player and bass player. But the thing that really stood out was his kindness, his love for God and His word, and his ability to make people feel like they were the most important person in the world. Wade and I had talked a little over a month ago and discussed the possibility of playing together again which I was very much looking forward to. Wade was a master guitarist and had an undeniable passion for music and performing live. He was a driving force with every band and musical project he was involved with. Wade left such an impression on so many lives including me. Whenever we talked on the phone our conversations would last at least an hour or longer! I will miss my great band mate, my dear friend, and a man I called my brother. In our last conversation we laughed and shared thoughts and ideas for a future project. I love you my brother and will miss you very, very, much.

June 23 at 7:23 PM

JK

John Kunkel posted:

I only knew Wade for a brief time, however we shared that brief time through our musical journey. It was an honor to have had the opportunity to play bass for him in his Running Dirty band. You will be missed my friend.

June 23 at 6:12 PM



Media

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June 24 at 11:46 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wade by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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