



Thomas Francis O'Reilly

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Tommy is survived by his mother, Katherine L O'Reilly, Father, Thomas Francis O'Reilly, and Stepmother Katie O'Reilly. He is also survived by his five siblings Stephen Daniel O'Reilly, Kateri Alise Spizzirri, Rebekah and Allen Lanier, Sean Patrick O'Reilly and stepsister Andrea Martinez. Surviving Grandparents, Margaret Graham and Thomas Francis and Susan O'Reilly. Nephews Daniel O'Reilly and Vincent Spizzirri, and niece Isabella Spizzirri. Additionally, he is survived by his beloved dog, Blue, a loyal and affectionate Blue Nose Pitt.

It is with joyful sorrows that we announce the passing of Tommy; who passed on to the one great source of Love. Tommy was a humble servant of God; he was also proud member of the Quad Squad good vibe tribe, spinal cord survivors. He touched the lives of many with his kindness, generosity, and unwavering spirit. Tommy graduated from Central Cabarrus High School in 2004 and went on to study at Central Piedmont Community College. In 2008, Tommy survived a catastrophic vehicle crash, and his life mission began to light the way. As a quadriplegic he began a new life with a deeper understanding of his purpose. His faith was solid in the Rastafarian and Agnostic teachings, as he dedicated to live a life of love and service. He celebrated each day to its fullest, loved nature and live music, and celebrated life to the fullest. He would often travel internationally to music festivals, helping to lead the way for the disabled to live more fuller lives. He mentored many new spinal cord survivors, as well as those who struggled with other mental health and substance disabilities. Tommy learned his mission, his truth, to live his life... unapologetically.

Viewing Service

A viewing service to celebrate Tommy's life will be held on February 25th at Stanly Funeral Home at 501 N Central Ave, Locust, NC at 1:00 followed by a visitation service for testimonials at 2:00. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Revive Neurorecovery+ Center 3463 US 21 S Suite 112, Fort Mill SC 29715, 704-900-3674 in the name Tommy O'Reilly.



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Rest in peace, Tommy. You will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts.




Events

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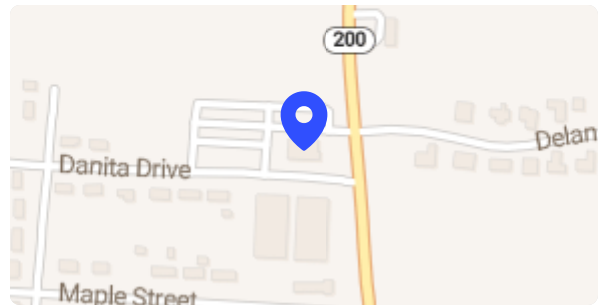
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Celebration of Life

 **Tuesday**, February 25, 2025

 1:00 PM ET

 **Stanly Funeral & Cremation Care - Locust**
501 N. Central Ave., Locust NC 28097





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BK

Beth K lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Dropping off water at the cat shelter, thinking of you! Next month's gonna be tough. Love and miss you.

January 27 at 2:05 PM



C

Caileigh Sherrifr lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

you used to hang out with my mom a lot when i was younger and i was always shy to talk to you guys but i always thought you guys were cool and i loved blue and the other dogs i miss going over there and seeing all of the people including tommy i miss him and love him and i hope hes doing good in heaven i know he dosnt remember me and probably never will but im 15 now and have his fualal card taped to my mirror and hes always been a good memorie in my heart

January 24 at 11:30 PM



LF

Lisa D Furr lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Continued prayers for healing and fond memories.

December 15 at 8:02 AM



RM

Rachel Ellis Mathews posted:

Wow, how time passes so quickly and slowly at the same time. I cannot say I was close to Tommy, but I can say I have fond memories of him. I met Tommy in middle school, and like so many that have posted on social media, he has not changed from being a kind person with anyone he crossed paths with. Tommy is a friend to all, casting no judgement and including everyone. After all these years, he made such an impression on me, with him not even knowing his impact he will be greatly missed. My love goes out to him, his family, and his dear friends. That they may all know what a treasure he is in this world and into the next. Love.

February 24 at 6:54 PM



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Lydia lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Tommy, you were—and always will be—a bright light. From the moment I met you, I felt at ease in your presence, and the way you showed up for your friends was truly unmatched. Nick is heartbroken that he can't be here and already misses you so much. I'll miss seeing your car outside when you'd stop by to visit Nick, and our banter about Costa Rica and wellness retreats. You always wanted to make a difference in the world, and looking at these messages here and on Facebook, it's clear that you did. I'm so grateful I got to know you. It's hard to believe our last message was just four days ago—you had sent me that video of your Life Day celebration back in January. Life is so precious and fleeting. You taught me to be more open to others in their struggles and to spread more love. You had the ultimate social work heart. I hope you can feel all the love surrounding you now. I promise, to the best of my ability, to help your mom bring to life your shared mission and dream. Wishing you a peaceful transition—see you on the other side, my friend.



February 23 at 2:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the O'Reilly family.



February 24 at 9:28 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



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Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the O'Reilly family.



February 24 at 8:45 AM



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BB

Brittany D Burchfield posted:

I can't believe you're gone Tommy Boy... I'm going to miss talking about life, aliens, and all the crazy stuff most people would think was well crazy lol.

February 24 at 7:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the O'Reilly family.



February 24 at 4:34 AM

JT

Jason Tatum posted:

I remember the many times we just sat and talked. Sometimes we would talk to the wee hours in the morning. Tommy, you were always a good friend. You had people's back even when they didn't deserve it. You were a special gift to this earth and many people are sad by your passing. I have to be honest I didn't believe it at first. I just want everyone to know what kind of special person he was. Life will not be the same.

February 24 at 2:40 AM

AB

Ashley Horton Brindle posted:

Why do the good people die young? Tommy O'Reilly was truly a special person who left a lasting impact on everyone he met. His kindness, compassion, and generosity inspired countless people, and his legacy will continue to live on through the many lives he touched. I have so many fond memories of our time together, from our spontaneous adventures to our deep conversations. He had a heart of gold and was always willing to lend a helping hand. To Tommy O'Reilly's family, I offer my sincerest condolences during this incredibly difficult time. May you find comfort in the knowledge that your loved one was cherished by so many and that his memory will continue to inspire and uplift others. 🙏

February 23 at 9:00 PM



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JW

Justin Walker posted:

To Be Concise, Not only the strength and resolve of Tommy is something to be admired, but his humbleness and generosity. His humorous and engaging personality never failed to brighten my day while we were making the best memories of our high school experience. I sincerely hope his family can remain strong during this difficult time, and I am very honored to have Tommy befriended me in a time that we can call "the good ol' days". Much Love My Friend, -Justin

February 23 at 7:55 PM

SL

Syd Lane posted:

I'll never forget dancing with you during Spiritual Foundation, that was such a special moment for me. I love you Tommy. I'll never forget you 🤗💡👉 - your pal, Syd

February 23 at 4:09 PM

KB

Kelsey Bradley posted:

He was always my homeboy from high school and he kept a smile on my face when I was hanging with him. He was easy to vent to and he would always show love. You will be missed Tommy! Love you! - Kelzz

February 23 at 2:55 PM

AE

Adam Elkins posted:

Tommy was my best friend growing up. I have known him since 3rd grade. He was a true friend. We grew up two very different lives, but we would still check on each other from time to time. I am blessed to have had him in my life. I have so many good memories. We grew up in the same neighborhood with a lot of tough kids. Tommy and I got most of the guys in the neighborhood into wrestling. We did pretty good back in the day and the team won conference a few times. He was a good friend and it broke my heart to see him get in that car accident and lose his ability to walk, but Tommy kept living life to the fullest. He was always an ear and someone to talk to if they needed someone. He let my Uncle Jay live with him a while when he had nowhere else to go. I know he will be missed by many. He had a good heart. I will love and miss you brother! Until we meet in heaven. My prayer and thoughts go out to Tommy's Family. Love you guys.

February 23 at 2:54 PM



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Adam Elkins And Family sent a Light Remains Tribute Blanket to the O'Reilly family.

February 23 at 2:39 PM



Adam Elkins And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

February 23 at 2:39 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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