



Ricky Dean Almond

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Ricky Dean “Rick “Almond, 62, of Albemarle passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. His funeral service will be 11 AM on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 in the Stanly Funeral Home Chapel in Albemarle with Pastor Evan Hill officiating, assisted by Rev. David Cochran and Rev. James Pyatt. Burial will follow in Stanly Gardens of Memory. The family will receive friends on Monday evening, February 9, from 6 until 8 PM at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle.

Born July 1, 1963 in Stanly County, NC, Rick was the son of the late Sidney Allen Almond and Mary Jane Hartsell Almond Furr. He was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church and owner of Stray Cat Automotive in Albemarle. A graduate of North Stanly High School, Class of 1981, Rick went on to earn a BA in Music from Pfeiffer University in 1986. Music became Rick’s true form of expression. An amazing saxophonist, Rick made quite a name for himself in music circles, especially in his loved progressive jazz, figuring prominently in such local bands as the Brubakers and Junque Gallery. Over the years Rick also performed with many other bands, including the Entertainers, Stinger, Limousine, Calamity Jane, U.B.U., Pink Floydian Slip and the Tommy Nations Band.

Rick is survived by brother Rod Almond of Rockwell, sister Rhonda A. Hughes of Albemarle, nephew Hunter Hughes, half-brother David Almond, step-mother Ann Almond, and special friend Amy Efird and her husband David Beard.

In lieu of flowers, Rick would want you to buy a jazz album, slip into a comfy chair, and let the music take you away.

Memorials can be made to New London United Methodist Church of New London, NC or Bethany United Methodist Church of Albemarle, NC.



Events

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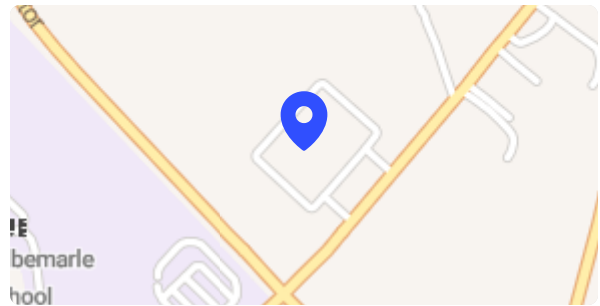
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Visitation

Monday, February 9, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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1835 Badin Rd., Albemarle NC 28001

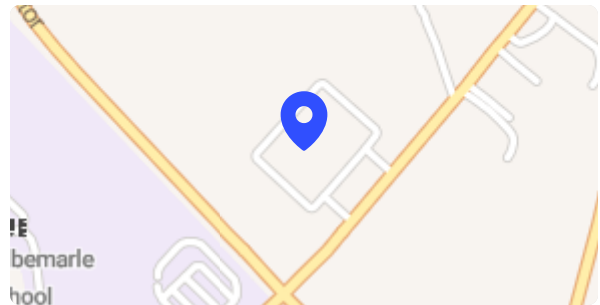


Funeral Service

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

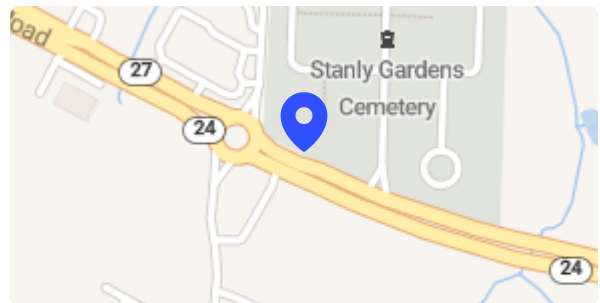
11:00 AM ET

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Cemetery Details

Stanly Gardens of Memory
2001 E Main St., Albemarle NC 28001





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Ada Mayfield posted:

My sincere condolences to the family of Ricky Dean Almond. I praise God for your friendship in remembering my birthday. May the 4th be with me- you use to say on my birthday! I can hear you masterfully playing the Saxophone at Stonecrest. I will miss you my friend. Ada Pearl Mayfield Ada Pearl Mayfield

February 23 at 7:46 PM



Stephen Aldridge shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



February 12 at 12:13 PM



Francis Constantino posted:

I was very blessed to have Rick in my life. He was like a dad to me when I was younger and we never lost touch. He was so thoughtful and always kind.

February 10 at 2:15 PM



Joseph Gminder lit a candle in honor of Ricky.



February 9 at 2:41 PM



Joseph Gminder posted:

Rick was a great friend and consummate musician. I have many fond memories of writing, recording and performing with him in The Brubakers. I will definitely miss his jovial personality and tasteful playing. Rest in Peace my Bru-Brother, Joe Gminder

February 9 at 2:30 PM



Wanda Clark lit a candle in honor of Ricky.

Rick was a great guy



February 7 at 9:44 PM



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Mike Almond lit a candle in honor of Ricky.

Rick was the nicest, most pleasant guy anyone could know. I am so glad I got to see him many times through the decades.

February 7 at 6:46 PM



Debbie Lampert posted:

I have many fond memories of Rick. Although I left Albemarle in 1991 we remained in contact throughout the years. He will always be in my heart.

February 7 at 2:06 AM



Loretta Skeen lit a candle in honor of Ricky.

I graduated with Rick from NSHS in 1981. I use to hang out with his sister Rhonda while in high school. Rick was one of the nicest, most humble guy that I went to school with. Sending my thoughts and prayers for the family 🙏

February 7 at 12:24 AM



Tonya Woodall lit a candle in honor of Ricky.

Rick and I were in the band together at North Stanly. He was the sweetest person. He will be so missed.

February 6 at 11:25 PM



Andre Ferreri lit a candle in honor of Ricky.

I have nothing but fond memories of Rick. He was a kind and gentle man. His out of the box attitude was the thing that made him so special. It was also what made him a great player. I miss the times we had playing together with The Brubakers. Rest in peace brother!Andre Ferreri

February 6 at 4:32 PM





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February 12 at 12:13 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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