



Tony Ray Frick

Jan. 13, 1953 - Nov. 6, 2024

Tony Ray Frick, 71, of Mount Ulla, NC, peacefully passed away at his home after a long battle with cancer, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, while surrounded by his family.

Born in Albemarle, NC on January 13, 1953, he was the son of the late Ray and Olee Earnhardt Frick of Old Fort, NC.

Tony graduated from Old Fort High School in 1971 and McDowell Tech in 1973 with a degree in Hospital Plant Maintenance and Engineering. In 1976, he received his Basic Law Enforcement Training Certificate from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute as well as his intermediate and advanced law enforcement training.

He began his career in the hospital maintenance department at Caldwell Memorial Hospital in Lenoir, NC. He then taught at West Caldwell High School and served as the girls' softball coach. After teaching, Tony joined the Reserves Division of the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department in 1976, where he earned a Sergeant position and later a Lieutenant position. He served in the Special Enforcement Division with the NC Forest Service

the US Forest Service.

Tony later started up his own plumbing business (Caldwell Plumbing). He worked as a building inspector for many municipal departments, including Lenoir, Shelby, and Catawba County. Before retirement, his last career was working at Hickory Plumbing

and Heating. During his career as a plumber, he served as the President of the State Plumbers Association and the State Heating Inspectors Association.

Tony was very active in Boy Scout Troop 254 in Lenoir. He was a Scout Leader, Assistant Scout Master, and Scout Master. He obtained many awards and recognitions for his service to the scouts such as Silver Beaver Award and International Scouting Award. One of his many achievements was taking his troop to Germany for the world Camporee.

Tony is survived by his wife, Melissa Plyler of the home; daughter, Leigh Anne Frye (Brian Oliver); son, Kenny Frick (Teresa); daughter, Stephanie Harrison (Joshua); son, James Church (Bonnie); grandchildren, Gwyneth Frye, Levi Frick, Emberly Frick, Aden Edwards, Ayla Edwards, Arik Edwards, Akin Harrison, Amri Harrison, Emily Church, and Troy Church; sister, Dotty F. Kirksey (Jimmy); sister-in-law, Joyce Neale (David Byars), Susie Weaver (Alan Iske), and Patsy Moore (Carl); brother-in-law, Rick Plyler (Delores); numerous nieces, nephews and extended family; and his beloved Yorkies, Sissy and Buddy.

In addition to his parents, Tony was preceded in death by his brother, Terry N. Frick of Robersonville, NC.

The family will receive friends from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 10, 2024 at Centenary Global Methodist Church in Mt. Ulla. A Celebration of Life will follow at 4 p.m. in the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Centenary Methodist Church, 620 Centenary Church Road, Mt. Ulla, NC 28125 or to Via Health Partners, PO Box 470408, Charlotte, NC 28247.

The family would like to personally thank Novant Health Cancer Center Huntersville and Mooresville, especially Dr. Tazi and staff, as well as everyone at Via Health

Partners for their excellent care. You are appreciated much more than you will ever know.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Dotty and family. Tom and I send our sympathy on the loss of your brother. Peace and comfort in the days ahead. Blessings, Nancy and Tom Brown

–Nancy Ferguson Brown



So sorry for your loss! Tony will surely be missed. Praying for you all!

–Josh and Karen Coffey

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Know that we will keep you and your family in our prayers. Mike and Mary Ward

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Melissa, So very very sorry, but know Tony is rejoicing with his Jesus. He sure was a trooper & fought long & hard. We love you Tara & Sharon

–Tara Lowrance

I was so sorry to hear of Tony's death. He was very special to my family . All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

–Malona setzer



–Anonymous

–Charles Woodie

So sorry Dotty for your loss. Have comfort knowing he is now free of the cancer. May God give you peace and comfort

–Ronny Childres

Melissa, I was so sorry to hear about Tony's passing yesterday. I am so thankful that we were able to meet on the transatlantic cruise ship. Know that I am thinking of you and sending you a big hug and a shoulder to cry on. May your family find peace in knowing that Tony is in heaven and is sitting with the Lord. Peace be with you, Connie

–Connie Semmelroth



I'm so sorry for your loss.

–Renee Allison Cauthen

Tony was a warrior. He always had a smile for everyone. He will truly missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace in our Savior's arms. Til we meet again.

–Cathy

Dotty, I am so sorry to read of Tony's passing. It has been a long road for him, and though he is at peace I know how you will miss him. Hugs and sympathy to you and all your family.

—Susan Houck