



Tim Rankin

July 26, 1971 - December 6, 2024

Timothy Bruce Rankin, 53, of Greenville, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on December 6th surrounded by those who loved him most. Diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma in August of last year, he fought every single day with the most positive outlook, and those by his side during this battle always drew inspiration from him.

Tim is survived by his wife, Jessie, his three children, William Shives, Avery MacLean, and Maggie Wenz Rankin; his parents, Bruce and Karen Rankin; a grandson, William Grey Rankin; sister, Karinda Barrett (Mike); brother and sister-in-law, Blake and Channing Rice; two nieces; two nephews; and a wonderful extended family. He is also survived by the many friends that he considered family.

To know Tim is to love Tim. Never a door he walked through did he meet a stranger; you were going to be his friend. Everywhere he went he knew someone. His smile lit up a room. He loved BIG and he loved HARD! To watch him with each one of his children was truly something special. He continues to be their hero, best friend, and now, guardian angel. His spirit and the best of him will continue to shine through Shives, Avery, and Maggie. By the grace of God, each of those children inherited his sense of humor and love of a good time. There will never be a dull moment to darken the doorstep of the Rankin household.

A graduate of Lander University, (where Tim would tell you he should be a brain surgeon for how long it took him to graduate), Tim was beloved in every

job and career he had. If you were around back in the mid-90s - early 2000s, Tim most likely served you a drink at some place either in Greenville or Greenwood. He was loved by all the firefighters he worked with through his years with North Greenville Fitness and as proof, nothing ever burned down in his presence. He took the entire Greenville Swamp Rabbit crew under his wing while serving as Director of Business Development. Over the last two years, and despite battling his illness, Tim found his forever job in residential real estate. A people person through and through, he was made for the job and quickly made his mark on the industry. Despite all his corporate success, his greatest job was being a father--It was his absolute favorite part of life, and he was darn good at it. Regularly, other parents confided in him their parenting struggles, and often walked away with a new perspective and solid advice.

Tim loved Gamecock football, and the Atlanta Braves. A perfect weekend was an afternoon stroll through Publix, a Braves game on a Friday night while firing up his grill, College Gameday and football on Saturday, a little CBS Sunday Morning followed by a good Sunday spent with those he loved the most. If you knew Tim, you knew that he and Jessie were going to be packing bags and going somewhere at any given moment or on any given weekend; they loved traveling together. Tim loved visiting New York City, where he and Jessie were married. He loved Litchfield Beach. He loved nothing more than sitting on the beach and getting up every hour to make someone a sandwich, bring a drink, grab a football; he was the ultimate pleaser, and he did it with sincerity and pleasure. He truly had a gift for making you comfortable anywhere you might find yourself with him.

Though his time here on earth was too short, Tim's relationship with God prevailed and his faith guided his life. He went to his heavenly home and was no doubt welcomed with open arms. While Tim enjoys the spoils of heaven, he would want all of us to carry on enjoying life. Be sure to think of him every time the Braves hit a home run, you hear a funny joke, or you are having an easy Sunday morning.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, conducted by Pastor Gordon Turnbull. Visitation will be held from 1:30- 2:45 p.m. prior to the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations made in Tim's honor to Houston Haven, PO Box 102, Bellaire, TX 77402. Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

John Knox Presbyterian Church
35 Shannon Drive
Greenville, SC

Memorial Service

DEC 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

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35 Shannon Drive
Greenville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry Jessie, I will have you in my prayers.

Brenda Woods - December 10, 2024 at 07:56 PM

JB

“ Jessie, I am so sorry to hear about Tim. You and your family are in my prayers.

Janet Breaman - December 10, 2024 at 01:04 PM

AD

“ Me and Mr. Rankin's son shives we're best friends back in elementary school and I always remember going over there and playing in the tree house they had and watching football, Mr. Rankin was always very kind to me, and was always just a genuinely cool guy, a cool reminder of him for me is I remember the first time I ever went over there he made chicken alfredo which I had never had before that day, and I was a picky eater but he was able to convince me to try it and ever since then chicken alfredo has been my favorite meal crazy enough lol, but thank you for being a great human being Mr. Rankin. Rest in peace ❤️

Austin Dodge - December 10, 2024 at 02:34 AM

TL

“ Team Lauren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tim Rankin.

Team Lauren - December 09, 2024 at 08:33 PM

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“ *Team Lauren purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Tim Rankin.*



Team Lauren - December 09, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ *A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tim Rankin.*

December 09, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tim Rankin.*



December 09, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tim Rankin.*



December 07, 2024 at 02:24 PM

TF

“ *The Coldwell Banker Caine Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tim Rankin.*

The Coldwell Banker Caine Family - December 07, 2024 at 11:52 AM

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“ *The Coldwell Banker Caine Family purchased the [Enchanted Cottage](#) for the family of Tim Rankin.*



The Coldwell Banker Caine Family - December 07, 2024 at 11:52 AM

KG

“ I’ve known Tim quite a long time. We first met when him, Mary Brockman, Shives and Avery moved in next door in Fairway View. Our children immediately got along and grew up together. We hung out together, helped each other when needed, and so on. I will absolutely never forget the night they introduced us to Scott and Mary Beth Craig right after their house fire in Pebble Creek. That was one of the many nights Tim and MB opened their home to anyone and everyone. We laughed, we cried, we drank and ate, and the bond that so many Pebble Creek families has forever grown through the years. I have watched Shives and Avery grow into beautiful adults, both inside and out and they get that both from Tim and MB. Fast forward to more recent times when Avery played church basketball with our daughter Riley, and I would see the entire family, including MB, Harrison, grandparents, etc. there at times to cheer them on. That’s when I met Jessie and Tim’s family began to grow even bigger. I have never seen a more supportive and loving family through good times and bad. I don’t see them as often as I would like anymore because our lives have gone in different directions but when we do, it is almost as though nothing has changed. Shives will bring our drinks or food at Topsy Taco (that’s been a while, not sure if he’s even still there), I’ll run into MB’s mom in Ingles, Harrison and MB at BSMC or just see their beautiful pictures online. I have never seen them where they didn’t have a smile on their face and something nice to say. We even had dinner last night with some of our best friends from Pebble Creek and were reminiscing and my friend, Angela Brecci, asked me if I had seen Shives in a while. She said she ran into him not long ago in the Ingles parking lot and after not seeing him in probably over 10 years, he spoke with a huge smile and asked how she was doing. Now who does that sound like? I could go on and on with the memories, as I’m sure so many others can as well. Tim, you are now the guardian angel for so many and you have earned your wings. Fly high until we meet again one day. We will mourn and miss you dearly but we will be ok. Prayers and hugs for Shives, Avery, Maggie, William, Jessie, your parents, MB and Harrison and their family, your siblings and their families, and the countless others

you have known, loved and touched throughout your life. I'm sure you're having a huge celebration in Heaven and watching over us all. Save us a seat at that glorious table until we see each other again.

Katherine Gordon - December 07, 2024 at 07:59 AM

MB

“ *Dearest Bruce, Karen, Karinda, and all of Tim's precious family, This has got to be the most difficult journey in your life. I'm so very sorry and sad. Thinking back to those days in Bent Creek, Tim was an important part of many fond memories that started the day we became next door neighbors. Loved you then and always will.*

Margaret Bowman - December 06, 2024 at 09:42 PM

RD

“ *Jessie and Family, Please know that you all are in my heartfelt prayers regarding the loss of Tim. I pray that the Lord holds you all close during these difficult days ahead. God Bless With Love, Ronnie Dilworth*

Ronald Dilworth - December 06, 2024 at 08:37 PM

JH

“ *I didn't know Tim but knew his Dad and Mom. Sorry for the loss of Tim. I know he will be missed. Gone to soon, God only wanted the best.*



Jo Ann Howell - December 06, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ *Ronnie Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Tim Rankin*



Ronnie Dilworth - December 06, 2024 at 08:26 PM