



Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.

June 2, 1967 - June 2, 2017

Walter Thomas McCormick, Jr., passed away Friday, June 2nd, 2017, on his 50th birthday. "Duke" is a beloved son, father, fiance, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend who is loved and adored by so many. Wally (Duke) is predeceased by his father; Walter Thomas McCormick, Sr., (Wally), grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends. "Duke" is survived by his mother; Donna Jean McCormick, sons; Devan McCormick, Dustan McCormick and Dylan Williams. Sisters; Kimberly Walsh (Jeff), Tammy Williams (Phil), Brother Douglas McCormick (Kim) and fiancé Cynthia Conner. Five Nephews; Randy (Conor) Holden, Hunter, and Phillip. Five Nieces; Keri, Amber, Dannielle (Laurel) and Jacquelyn. Uncles; aunts, cousins and dear friends. "Duke" is legendary, same as his father and same as some of his favorite musicians that have passed on. Legends never die! Rock On Brother! You Are Greatly and Endlessly Loved!

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 9. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TA

“ Good Morning Brother.... About to put the headphones on and listen to some of your fav jams. On the way to your service Fri. mom and I rode with Keri and Raph and they asked us if we'd like to listen to some of your fav metal and we were like of course. We listened to many diff bands & songs and we cranked up the Pantera especially. :-) I love you so much Duke. I still have shortness of breath and shake my head in disbelief every day but my faith and love as my guide will see me thru to where ever I'm headed next. We're always with each other brother, always! Tam

Tammy - June 13, 2017 at 05:35 AM

VS

“ My deepest Sympathy for my Great Nephew "Duke's" Mom, Sisters, Brother, sons, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, Cynthia, and many dear friends. He will live in our hearts forever.



Virginia Streber - June 08, 2017 at 03:45 PM

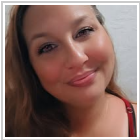
VS

“ *This is so unbelievable Duke. There is so much I am going to miss about you so where do I begin. One thing for sure I will miss you and Doug always making me guess who was who and I was never right and you both enjoyed edging me on. I will miss your replies to things I posted about or to your Uncle John, and always making me feel better when I was down. I will miss your sweet, caring and loving messages. Hug all that have passed before you for me, especially your dad and Uncle John. I will always love and miss you. Thank you for your love and respect for me. It meant so much all these years to me.*

RIP my dear Great Nephew. I love you to the Moon and back. till we meet again on the other side of that moon.



Virginia Streber - June 08, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ *Jessica Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*



Jessica Elizabeth - June 08, 2017 at 12:48 PM

LS

“ *Linda & Gordy Snider lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*



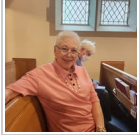
Linda & Gordy Snider - June 08, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr..*



June 07, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ TO MY IRISH FRIEND FROM YOU'RE SCOTTISH CHEROKEE FRIEND;

NOT ONLY WERE WE FRIENDS BUT WE WORKED PARTIED AND HAD SOME AWESOME TIMES TOGETHER, WE NEVER GOT INTO A FIGHT OR EVEN AN ARGUMENT, I REMEMBER BUYING THE EXACT SAME STEREOS TO SORT OFPUNISH OUR PARENTS, MY MOM WOULD CASH OUR CHECKS AND WE WOULD BUY HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS OF ALBUMS, I LENT YOU MY TURQUOISE CONVERSE AND THOUGHT I WILL NEVER GET THEM BACK AND I WAS GLAD YOU GOT THEM BECAUSE LATER I GOT YOUR RACHEL'S SHIRT, WE WOULD HANG OUT AND I WOULD TRY TO TEACH YOU GUITAR BUT YOU SAID YOUR INSTRUMENT WAS THE DRUMS, NEIL PEART THE BEST, YOU AND VINCE AND WELL EVERYBODY WAS RUSH NEIL RUSH AND AND I THOUGHT THESE ARE GOOD TIMES, NOTHING SHOULD BE VALUED MORE HIGHLY THAN THE VALUE OF EACH DAY, AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE FROM HIGH SCHOOL WROTE THAT IN MY YEARBOOK HER NAME IS AMY WHITE. GOD BLESS YOU AMY. DUKE WAS ALWAYS AT MY SHOWS NO MATTER WHAT. I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON MY LITTLE BROTHER FOR SUPPORT, I GET THAT FROM MY FAVORITE BANDMATE OF ALL TIME DANNY ROYER AND I MUST INCLUDE FRANK GIVEN ALSO. ALL AND I MEAN ALL OF MY DRUMMERS

LET DUKE PLAY THEIR KITS . EVERYONE LIKED HIM,
AWESOME PARENTS.
I LOVED DUKE'S FAMILY. THEY MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS
WANTED,
THIS IS SOMETHING I WAS NOT USED TO SO THIS WAS MY
ESCAPE.
I REMEMBER GOING ON DATES WALLY AND PAISLEY AND
CHERYL AND I
BEING BEER SNOBS ONLY DRINKING CARLSBERG LITTLE
KINGS OR GRIZZLY.
WE USED TO WEAR HIGH TOP NIKES TIGHT BLACK JEANS
CONCERT
SHIRTS WITH THE SLEEVES CUT OFF AND LEATHER
MOTORCYCLE JACKETS
IN EIGHTY FIVE DEGREE WEATHER AT NIGHT. THE
COMMITMENT TO
METAL WAS THAT DEEP. SO I MUST SAY THAT THERE WAS
NEVER A DULL
MOMENT WITH YOU .I BELIEVE YOU MADE EVERYONE
AROUND YOU A
LITTLE MORE BRIGHTER HAPPIER AND SOMEHOW BETTER
FOR KNOWING
YOU. THEY SAY THAT ONLY ONCE OR MAYBE TWICE IN YOUR
LIFE ONE
OR POSSIBLY TWO PEOPLE MAKE A SIGNIFIGANT IMPACT ON
YOUR LIFE
WELL DUKE MY FRIEND YOU CHANGED MY LIFE FOREVER
FOR THE
BETTER. MAY YOUR JOURNEY GO UNHINDERED/ MAY THE
ROAD RISE UP TO
GREET YOU/ MAY THE WIND BE AT YOUR BACK/ MAY GOD'S
HAND'S
WELCOME YOU INTO HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM. WE WILL ALL
MISS YOU DUKE.

YOUR FRIEND TO THE END

Mark Gregory Wilson

Diana McFadden - June 07, 2017 at 09:26 PM

EI

“*Duke has always been nothing but supportive of the local music scene here in Central Florida. I've known Cynthia for a few years and when she first introduced Duke to me, it was an immediate friendship. We hit it off "like peas and carrots" (Forrest Gump movie reference) We were both drummers and dorked out every single time we were together, especially when it came to both of our favorite drummers, Tommy Aldridge. Actually, one of the best compliments about my playing came from Duke. We said to me once, "Bro! You are so fun to watch, so cool. You sound like Tommy" I've never forgotten that and I never will. Besides music, he was a very sweet man. He looked intimidating and mean, but was exactly opposite. Always, at least to me, spoke highly of his friends and never had anything negative to say. He loved Cynthia more than she probably realizes. I have done my share of reading people and looking at signs. His eyes spoke volumes when he stared at Cynthia. I could continue, but I will not and just want to finish on this note. Duke was loved and respected by so many of us. I too will miss his silly smile and big bear hugs. I love you Duke. See you on the other brother*



Emmett Hart III - June 07, 2017 at 09:24 PM

AL

Love you always cuz. This is still too much to believe. I am happy to say I know how much love you had for everyone in your life. Rest.

April Leach - June 08, 2017 at 10:58 PM

Nicole O'Brien

“ Nicole O'Brien sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.



Nicole O'Brien - June 07, 2017 at 08:44 PM

BM

“ Babs McNulty sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.



Babs McNulty - June 07, 2017 at 08:40 PM

BM

Fly high brother RIP Duke

Babs McNulty - June 07, 2017 at 08:41 PM

BM

“ Babs McNulty lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.



Babs McNulty - June 07, 2017 at 08:39 PM

BM

R.I.P. Duke we miss you

Babs McNulty - June 07, 2017 at 08:41 PM

TR

“ *Tricia lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*



Tricia - June 07, 2017 at 08:34 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr..*



June 07, 2017 at 08:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr..*



June 07, 2017 at 07:08 PM

AS

“ *Ashley lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*



Ashley - June 07, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *Ruth Showalter lit a candle in memory of
Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*

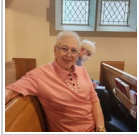


Ruth Showalter - June 07, 2017 at 07:00 PM



*Loved laughing with you and Cynthia. I know you liked Metal and we
laughed so hard one evening as we were singing pop songs as
Metal...and a Johnny Cash song...loved your sense of humor and your
laugh. You will be missed by many. Rest in peace, my friend.*

Ruth Showalter - June 07, 2017 at 07:06 PM



“ I can't even begin to tell you how I feel. We never met, but I am Mark Wilson's wife, Diana, Mark loved you so much, your friendship meant the world to him, and he has so many wonderful memories of you two when you hung out!!!! We both have been so distraught since you passed. So overwhelmed!!!! How can you love and care about someone you never met. I love you and miss you like you have always been a part of my life!!!! Fly high Wally!!!! Your family will always be in our thoughts and prayers, and wish we could attend your service. Please know we are there spiritually. Cyndi we are so sorry for the hurt you must feel. Will call you now and again. Have become fond of Wally boys, and hope some day we can meet. We both have lost our fathers and know what you are going through. Continue to make your Dad proud of you!!!! He loved you so much!!!! I am sure Mark will want to write some memories.....til we meet again on the other side, Wally, can't wait to see you!!!!



Diana McFadden Wilson

Diana McFadden - June 07, 2017 at 06:44 PM

Katt
Parker

“ Katt Parker lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.



Katt Parker - June 07, 2017 at 06:41 PM

KA

“ *Karen lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*



karen - June 07, 2017 at 06:28 PM

Jennifer
Reis

“ *Jennifer Reis lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*



Jennifer Reis - June 07, 2017 at 06:05 PM

KM

“ *Kimberly Maruko lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*

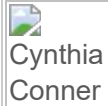


Kimberly Maruko - June 07, 2017 at 05:55 PM

KM

Thanks to your mother and father and my mom, all of my cousins and I spent a lot of time together when we were kids, I remember those times at your house like they were yesterday, Fly high my cousin, kiss my mom and your dad for me, a thousand days on earth is one day in heaven, so we will see each other again soon💕Love Kim

Kimberly Maruko - June 07, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ baby, I don't even know how to begin this memory because I have so many. I love you so much and I will never ever ever forget the good times we had ...the four unforgettable years, every single waking moment together and I will miss you for the rest of my life. I love you so much...No more pain,baby...

Cynthia Conner - June 07, 2017 at 05:47 PM



“ duke,,, i always knew you as wally, through high school.. i remember times going to your house after school and u, me and your pops would kikk bakk with a beer or 3.. we have this life but we dont know it yet and as we begin to know what life means someone we know is ripped away from us.. i havent seen you in 25 or 30 yrs when we both wore a younger mans clothes... things began to happen and more things happen and that is our life..we believe in these angels and saints ,, before we realize what is going on ,, we die in a state of grace..... after this we just become a memory... and a memory is a way of holding on to the things we love.....in our younger yrs we would have been saying,,,alright already sounds like a moviie,can we go get a beer already R.I.P. duke or wally ,, i miss ya my brutha ... till and if we meet on the other side. johnny howard

johnny howard - June 07, 2017 at 05:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr..



June 07, 2017 at 04:21 PM

GH

“ *Gloria Holland lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*



Gloria Holland - June 07, 2017 at 03:08 PM

GH

RIP Duke, you will always be in my thoughts and my heart. You always had that smile that lit up a room just like your dad. Its just so hard to explain what im feeling cause it still dosent seem real. Love you my duke

Gloria Holland - June 07, 2017 at 03:17 PM



Sending love. Uncle Mike and I will miss you Duke. Our hearts are very heavy right now. Look over you Mom, Doug, Tammy, Kim and all the kids...it's hard for them. Kiss my Big Wally for me!!

Berthamary Ward-Mccormick - June 08, 2017 at 04:32 PM

SS

“ *Sharon Snider lit a candle in memory of Walter Thomas McCormick Jr.*



Sharon Snider - June 07, 2017 at 02:54 PM

SS

I will miss you Duke.. we had some good laughs, I always loved to listen to your laugh. I love you Duke

Sharon Snider - June 07, 2017 at 04:30 PM

TM

“ Brother, I dk how to just share A memory... maybe as time goes on I can share certain ones but my whole entire life has been "our memories" so what do I do?? What am I suppose to say?? I don't even know if I'm breathing right, walking right, what I do know is that I'm not thinking straight... I am overwhelmed with the loss of my big brother, my care taker, my protector and my safe place, my best friend. I can't stop remembering the next most significant man in my life after dad passed which is you. One of the worst times in all our lives awhile after dad passed and I was lost... Most of us were scattered between here and N.Y., and I wasn't sure of anything... how I was going to take care of your nephews, how we were gonna eat, how we were gonna stay sheltered???? And just like that, I called my big brother and not only did you say it was gonna be ok, but that you'd steal some food every damn day if ya had to, but you came to rescue w out even batting an eye for a second and you sheltered us, fed us, the whole nine but you were not talking out your ass. You meant every single word of what you said but the thing is about you and I is that you said those things, you meant it whole heart-idly & fearlessly, but all the unspoken-ness between you and I too. We can be together at any given time or not, and the POWER OF OUR LOVE (THE RIDE OR DIE TO THE END KIND) don't and didn't even need those words that you said to me that day. I knew it already, all of it, that you would do ANYTHING for me, for us! There are a lifetime of things to share. OmG the best friends things we did just hangin out normal from sometimes day to day, day to week(s) whatever & whenever... the laughs w the simplest shit, the cries, even the silence was comfortable, special, and content with my brother. I love you Duke... I already KNOW beyond a shadow of a doubt that you've been flying around me and ALREADY YOU DUKE, HAVE LET ME KNOW IT'S GONNA BE OK, THAT IT IS OK, THANK YOU BROTHER, MY HEART SPEAKS TO YOU CONSTANTLY HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU. THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING BACK!!!! Also, I will talk to you soon. FOREVER & ALWAYS, WE STAY WITH EACH OTHER!! Tam

Tammy McCormick - June 07, 2017 at 02:30 PM

DM

This is so hard for me to wrap my head around, but even though we have not seen each other for so many year's, I will never forget the times you spent the night's over at my house and you & Kraig became very close. You two did alot of thing's together and always got along so well. I am so sorry your life ended way to soon, and I know how your family is grieving right now and I would do anything to be able to take the pain away. Knowing that is impossible, I will pray for them all always!!! I will always love and miss Duke. "Fly High Free Bird" and be at peace~~ As always, your friend Deb~~

Debbie Manna - June 08, 2017 at 06:22 PM