



Timothy Dean McRorie

August 6, 1957 - April 28, 2025

Sometimes, if you're lucky enough, you'll have the honor of knowing someone whose light shines brighter than most. Timothy Dean McRorie was that light for many people.

Tim passed away peacefully on Monday, April 28, 2025, at his home in Mooresville, NC. Born on August 6, 1957, in Charlotte, NC, he was preceded in death by his parents, Reece and Gloria McRorie, and his brother Sean, yet his proud legacy will live on through his surviving family members: his loving wife of 42 years, Paula; his adoring daughter Molly (Chris) Cook of Belmont, NC; his son Drew (Danielle) and grandchildren Hudson, Jett, Hendrix, and Jimi of Fort Mill, SC; his brothers Brian of Charlotte, NC, Danny of Spartanburg, SC, and Stephan (Karen) and their sons Trevor and Aaron, all of Newton, NC; his beloved dog Cincy, who was always by Tim's side and the grateful recipient of his endless spoiling; and all of the faithful friends Tim collected and kept over the years since childhood.

As a devoted husband, loving father, supportive brother, and loyal friend, Tim embodied the very best of what it means to live a life of purpose and graciousness. He had an innate ability to put everyone around him at ease, always upbeat, positive, and full of mirth. He was an expert sailor and boat rigger, faithful Dead Head and Tarheel fan, and loved Cosmic American music. He enjoyed sharing his wealth of knowledge by helping and teaching

others, yet remained humble in his wisdom, a rare combination that defined him.

Throughout his life, Tim found joy in everything he did and in the people who surrounded him. He counted himself fortunate to make a living doing what he loved most, working on boats. His early career took him to various marinas around Lake Norman, eventually starting his own rigging business, Carolina Rigging Company, which put him in contact with people all over the East Coast. He went on to manage the boatyard at All Seasons Marina for 18 years, becoming an irreplaceable cornerstone of the lake community. Tim's profound expertise in all things nautical, especially sailboats, and the connections he built over the years earned him immeasurable respect in the business. On Lake Norman he was one of a kind, and his presence will be sorely missed.

Despite facing health challenges since 2017, Tim's dedication never wavered. Even when confronted with unbeatable cancer odds, Tim stood bravely with determination and optimism, never complaining, and always putting others before himself. He continued working at the boatyard even as his physical strength began to wane, demonstrating immense grace and resilience throughout his long-fought battle. Tim's kindness, generosity, and deep gratitude for every moment became his enduring legacy, showing all who knew him what it truly means to be a good person.

The McRorie family wishes to extend their sincere appreciation and love to Levine Cancer Institute's Drs. Brown, Riggs, and staff for their exceptional care, and to Tim's close friend and business partner George Moser, the Oscar to Tim's Felix, for his unwavering support.

To honor Tim's memory, please join us for a Celebration of Life on Saturday, May 10, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Brawley's Beverage, 4620 Park Road,

Charlotte, NC. The family invites you to bring photos, memories, and stories to share. Memorial contributions may be made through donations to Tim's favorite radio station, WNCW, at <https://support.wncw.org/thankyougifts>.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the McRorie family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Brawley's Beverage
4620 Park Rd
Charlotte, NC 28209
(704) 521-1300

Tribute Wall

SB

“ We are going to miss our oldest and dearest friend so much. Jay went to grammar school with Tim. Christmas parties, weddings, family gatherings, and lots of boating, Tim and Paula always came when invited. We are just heartbroken.

Selah Bunzey - May 11, 2025 at 04:13 PM

LP

“ Lee and Mark Price purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Timothy Dean McRorie.



Lee and Mark Price - May 10, 2025 at 01:05 PM

TM

“ I met Tim in the early 90's when I was working at Sparcraft and was always a pleasure to talking with Tim as we both had the same thing in Common doing rigging for sailboats and making our customers happy. Tim's smile always was there with everybody.
Tim my friend may the wind be at your back as you sail through Heaven.
Tommy & Sherry Mercer

Thomas Mercer - May 10, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Timothy Dean McRorie.*



May 09, 2025 at 05:51 AM



“ *Bruce Golder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Dean McRorie.*

Bruce Golder - May 08, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *Bruce Golder purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Timothy Dean McRorie.*



Bruce Golder - May 08, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *Craig L. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Timothy Dean McRorie.*



Craig L. - May 06, 2025 at 03:33 PM

MS

“ I was inspired by Tim from the first time I saw him some 27 years ago. Without knowing who he was, I remember watching envoysly as he effortlessly powered a new sailboat away from the dock of the Beneteau dealer, raised the main and took off for an initial shake-down cruise. Little did I know that one day I would stand watching as his young son, Drew, hoisted Tim up the mast of our sailboat to repair the rigging. Nor that one day, illness and a shared love of sailing would lead to so many fun sailing adventures and a close friendship with Tim and Paula. Through all the illness and tough times, Tim pushed forward with a gentle but resolute spirit. He knew when to cry and when to laugh. He kept his sense of humor under life's most difficult times. On my last visit, Tim reminded me of our last sail, "the best," where a group of friends flew along in screaming fun wind, Tim at the helm. How he could manage to hang in so long, fighting weather helm, with weakened legs, I will never know. Each time I tried to spell him for a short break, he'd shake his head and say no, I'm good. You sure we're Tim. I'll never take that boat out again without missing you and feeling your inspiration. My heart goes out to you Paula, Molly, Drew and all the family.

Marjorie Schrebler - May 03, 2025 at 05:21 PM

MN

“ Tim was one of the kindest people I have even been lucky enough to know! With all the time that he spent battling his cancer he never asked Why me? He handled it with strength and patience. He has such a wonderful wife with Paula and a lovely family. We are thinking of all of you!

Meg Newton - May 02, 2025 at 03:14 PM

PF

“ Tim was a wonderful human being & brother-in-law. He was the best husband to my sister Paula & loving father to Drew & Molly. He was a good & decent man. It was a privilege to know him. He will be missed by all that knew him. He left this world too soon. My wish is that he's playing drums with Jerry Garcia somewhere in the great unknown. Rest well Timothy. You certainly earned it. Love always

Patty Foit - May 02, 2025 at 02:09 PM

PP

“ Tim was a wonderful Brother In Law to me. I will always remember what a kind, caring man he was. Miss and love you forever, Brother Tim ❤️

Peggy Piatt - May 02, 2025 at 01:55 PM

TA

“ Tim and Dionne Ainslie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Dean McRorie.

Tim and Dionne Ainslie - May 02, 2025 at 06:54 AM

TA

“ Tim and Dionne Ainslie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Timothy Dean McRorie.



Tim and Dionne Ainslie - May 02, 2025 at 06:54 AM

MS

“ *Mary Brooks (and Dave in spirit!!) purchased the Sympathy Meat & Cheese Gift Crate for the family of Timothy Dean McRorie.*



Mary Brooks (and Dave in spirit!!) - May 01, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Timothy Dean McRorie.*



April 30, 2025 at 07:45 AM