



William 'Jody' Joseph Roper

March 16, 1971 - March 24, 2018

William "Jody" Joseph Roper III To die in the prime of your life seems unfair. To die with no regrets and loved by so many is to be blessed. Beloved husband, father, and friend, William Joseph Roper III, known to all by Jody, passed away March 24, 2018 at his home. His two-year battle with esophageal cancer ended with his wife, Belinda Wyatt Roper, by his side. He considered his boys, Wyatt and Seth, his greatest accomplishments in his life. Jody was born in March 1971 to Joe Roper and Drea Ziencik. Raised in Charlotte, he moved his family to Mooresville in 2004 to be closer to his first business, Carolina Trailer Hitch. He sold the store to pursue other ventures but returned to what he loved in January 2016 when he opened, Performance Hitch and Truck Accessory. Larger than life, everyone loved Jody. Known to never meet a stranger, his friends came from all walks of life. He was loyal, standing up for his friends and his beliefs. If you were stopped on the side of the road, he would never pass by without asking if you needed help. If something was broken, he probably had the tool needed and would come and fix whatever it was. Known to be a jokester, you never knew what would come out of his mouth. Jody could tell the most believable lies that always ended in a laugh. Many people have been touched by his existence and the stories of him will keep his memory alive in the years to come. He was truly one of a kind. His absence creates a void to all whose path he crossed. Jody was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Bill Roper; maternal grandfather, Gene Noles; step brother, Cecil "Trey" L. McCants, III and step

brother, Brian Ziencik. He is survived by his paternal grandmother, Nancy Roper; grandmother, Margaret "Kitty" Crane; step mother, Deborah Roper; step father, James Ziencik; brother, Michael Roper; brother (cousin) Noah Roper; step sister, Mandy Mitchell; and step brother, Morgan McCants. A gathering to celebrate Jody's life will be held at 1:00pm on Wednesday, March 28 at Rocky Mount United Methodist Church where he was a member. Reverend and friend, Jamie Hamrick, will officiate the ceremony. Burial will follow at the church cemetery in the spot Jody chose to rest. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening, March 27 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at Rocky Mount as well. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Jingle for Jody, a charity created prior to his death to fulfill Jody's desire and personal tradition to help families during the holiday season. Included as part of these gifts is assistance to cover required fees in schools to promote an educational environment of equality. Jingle for Jody, 112-A Argus Lane #121, Mooresville, NC 28117 Cavin Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Roper Family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *William 'Jody' Joseph Roper*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *William 'Jody' Joseph Roper*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *William 'Jody' Joseph Roper*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Drea, sorry to hear about Joey . He was a special person. I noticed he fought the battle with esophageal cancer. Oddly enough I was diagnosed with the same in 2017. Gary Douglas. Joey God Father.*

gary douglas - November 28, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear the news of Jody's passing. He was a great customer and friend to me! May God bless the Roper family with comfort and the knowledge that his sprit is in a better place.*

Shawn Reeder - March 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Phil and I were so glad to have met Jody. I just loved our times in Bowling and then seeing his support for Lakeshore Schools and LYAA. Words can never express our sadness but we are thinking of your family. Our memories are filled with smiles from Jody.

DEbra Sahley - March 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CQ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jody was a very kind and caring gentleman. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. We appreciate his willingness to help wherever he could. Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your boys. May God bless and strengthen you all in the days to come.

Clyde & Janice Quick - March 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, I didn't know Jody, but had heard very good things about him. They always say, "You Never Lose Someone When You Know Where They Are". And know Belinda ,you will see him again in Heaven! Mike and I will be praying for you and your family during this time ! Love ya, Mike and Teresa Barnette

Teresa Barnette - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ While I did not know Jody, I came across his obituary and wanted to give my condolences to his Family & Friends.

Natalie Sullivan - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Drea my thoughts and prayers are with you. Only God know why he needed Jody now. It was fun watching him growing in to a young man, his and Belinda's wedding, and the proud Daddy he became to Wyatt and Seth. He was a great son and I know your heart will ache forever, but you know he fought a good fight and now he is in heaven. MY prayers and heart will be with you and all the family now and forever. Love you and praying. Dinah

March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to you all Belinda. Much love for you all from your friends in Virginia.

Scott Mullins - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! My heart aches for all of you, my Son Bo passed away at the young age of twelve in 2000 and my Husband Brad joined our Son in Heaven in 2013. This Grief journey is not an easy road to travel, but it is made easier with the love and support of family and friends. Gods Grace will see you through your grief journey! I pray you feel Gods arms around you to comfort you, and I pray you find comfort in the memories you have made. May you know that you are never alone, lean on those around you and know that Jody will be with you always in your heart, and His light will never fade. May God Bless All with His Love and Grace today and always!

Debbie Wright - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Belinda, Wyatt and Seth, Guys, I am so sorry! I just met Jody two years ago during football. The one thing I treasured most from that time was that I got to know Jody and be around him. I know this hurts immensely and we cannot comprehend why things like this occur. I do know, though, that he he is no longer suffering and he is happy and that you guys WILL see him again. God bless you all.*

March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss, we are sending hugs and prayers your way!*

Mike and Misty Hershberger - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart hurts for this family. May God give you comfort and love as you grieve over husband and father. May the memories of his love and laughter bring a smile to your hearts. So so sorry. I am David M Holtzclaw's daughter.*

Phyllis Holtzclaw Thrasher - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Drea and Jimmy. So very sorry for your loss. My heart. Aches for you and your family. May our Lord wrap his arms around Jody and give him everlasting peace and love.*

March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jody: I haven't seen him in 5 or 6 years, but he was always a really nice guy. I swore I'd never have a spray-in bedliner, but I left Jody's shop with a new Rhino liner, and a hitch: he just had a way with words. Nice Guy with a Bright Spirit: my condolences to his entire Family.

Marcus Troutman - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ May God bless each of you as you remember this life well lived! Hope your memories will give you peace in the days ahead!

Betty & Dean Strickland - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ What an awesome guy who was loved by so very many people. That contagious smile! Prayers continue for the days ahead for Belinda, Seth & Wyatt. He is now pain free! Love to all!!!

Brian & Jill Nesbit - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Jody, you will be missed by all those whos lives you have touched! You have been an awesome friend to me over the years. Your friendship and kindness has helped me see the good in all things Even when it was hard to understand! I am a better person for knowing you and am blessed for the life adventures shared with you. You always showed me that no matter what that the glass was truly more than 1/2 full if you looked close enough! Everything you touched turned to gold...with the exception of one...my friend, you are no Cowboy! Though you gave it your best! Lol! You go ride Bo high on that mountain! And tell him I miss him so and we all will miss you! You will be missed and never forgotten! Bless you, my thoughts are with your beautiful family! God Speed Jod!

March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Belinda, Wyatt and Seth, You all are in my prayers for the lose of Jody. He was such a likable person. Never met a stranger. Loved to hear his laughter. He is now healed and sitting with Our Lord with that big smile of his. Jody will be missed. Love to you all at this time of sorrow.

Dianne Griffin - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ God gained an amazing Angel. He truly was an awesome young man! Always smiling, and joking. God Bless the Family at this time.

John and Shayne Rutherford - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ First and foremost I love you I love you because no matter what I knew you were always there I knew if I really needed you all I had to do was call. I know you would always protect me, look over me and watch out for me, sometimes a little more than I wanted but there was no one I looked up to more than you. Even though we we're not as close as I wanted I know you were only a phone call away and that was good enough for me and now you're gone and I don't know how to feel about this whole situation I know God had a reason that I will never understand but I can except that, I just know I'm going to miss you I'm gonna miss you a lot I love you big brother I'm glad you don't hurt anymore and I think God that I know you're with him and I'll see you soon.

Michael Roper - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ With much love and sympathy, just know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Drea, I'll keep you in my heart, as losing Jody has to be hard for a Mother. Do know that your nurse friends will always remember you. Love to you all, Judy Tucker (Kitty's sister)

Judy Tucker - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I really don't know where to start to tell you how wonderful my big brother was I know a lot of people probably think we weren't real close, and a lot of ways we weren't but I know all I ever had to do was call and he was there he was a mentor a protector a leader and a friend. He was my hero I looked up to my brother and I just wanted to be like he was. He was a great husband father and all around man who follow Christ and let his family the same way There are no words or actions to show you Belinda and the boys how much I love you and hurt for your loss I know God just received one of the greatest dangers he'll ever have though and even though I don't understand why you took such a great person so soon I know you had a great reason. I just know I'm really going to miss you Jody I love you and I don't know how to feel or I don't know how to make the way I feel go away but I take comfort know when you're in heaven and I will get to see you again you touch so many people change so many lives but you changed me more than you'll ever know I love you big brother I miss you And I promise I will do my best to do what I know will make you proud I will see you soon love always

Michael Roper - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Thoughts and prayers to Belinda, Wyatt and Seth. He will be missed by all the lives he's touched and the friends he's made.

Andria Reel - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Sending love and prayers.*

Trish Pierson - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ *Belinda, Wyatt and Seth- I am so sorry for your loss. Jody was a wonderful person and he will be greatly missed. William thought of him as a brother. Sending my deepest condolences to you. I pray god gives you ,strength, peace and comfort during this difficult time. Will continue to pray for you and the boys.*

Katrina Quick - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Our hearts are heavy today. Jody was one of a kind and will truly be missed and never forgotten. Our deepest sympathy with great love...*

Elliott, Nikki & Jack Gibson - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM