



Richard William Toot

June 29, 1948 - July 8, 2025

Richard “Rick” William Toot, 77, of Mint Hill, NC, died Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, at the Levine and Dickson Hospice Center at Aldersgate.

Rick was born in Bayonne, NJ, on June 29, 1948, the son of William and Marie Toot. He grew up in South Plainfield, NJ. Rick attended South Plainfield High School and was a running back on the football team. The team was undefeated state champions his senior year. After high school Rick attended Colgate University, where he played football, and graduated from Lees-McRae College.

During his life Rick lived in Detroit and Grand Rapids MI, Rochester NY, St Thomas VI, and the Charlotte NC area, where he has lived the past 26 years.

Rick worked in consumer and commercial sales throughout his career, started a promotion company in Rochester, NY, and had a barter company in St. Thomas. This profession fit his personality since Rick loved talking and meeting people and was even known to talk to people in elevators.

Rick was involved in many organizations during his life. In his younger years he was a member of the Rochester Huggers Ski Club. As a member of the Matthews-Mint Hill Republican Club he led the police sub lunch program. Rick enjoyed displaying his classic cars at various cruise-in events as part of the

Harrisburg Cruisers. He recently joined the Buick Reatta Club. For seven years he was an active board member of Mint Lake Village HOA as a maintenance committee member.

Rick also had many hobbies and interests. He was a member of Anytime Fitness and enjoyed working out daily. He was part of a Friday breakfast club where he enjoyed fellowship with men in his community. He enjoyed going to the rifle range. Rick was a problem solver and was always willing to help the people in his life. He enjoyed researching to find solutions. Rick enjoyed watching old westerns, specifically John Wayne movies, the History Channel and Fox News. He was an avid football fan who rooted for the Raiders but was a Buffalo Bills fan at heart. Rick was happiest travelling with his wife Max. They enjoyed visiting friends and family, exploring new wineries, and eating good meals.

Rick is survived by:

Wife - Maxine (Max)

Son - Greg (Beth) Hartner of Howell, MI

Step-Daughters - Dawn (Paul) DiPirro of Charlotte, NC and Kimberly (Bruce) Palma of Indian Trail, NC

Brother - Tom (Judy) Toot of Rome, PA

Sister - Cindi (Jeff) Jackson of Dundee, NY

Grandchildren - Marriana and Alexander DiPirro and Jeremy Palma

Nephews - Jeff Toot and Greg, Pete, Tim, and Matt DeHann

Rick was preceded in death by his beloved dog, Stuart.

Rick's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the honor of caring for him and for them. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025, at the Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home, 4715 Margaret

Wallace Road, Matthews, NC 28105. Friends may call upon the family at the funeral home from 6:30 to 7:30 with the service to follow in the funeral home chapel at 7:30.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of his caring for others, Rick's family gratefully appreciates donations in his name to your favorite charity.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

TC

“ Rick was one of my best buddies. He hosted great parties where we always had tons of fun. he certainly lived life to the fullest. He will be sorely missed. Tony Czarnecki.

Tony Czarnecki - August 21, 2025 at 11:47 AM

DS

“ David S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard William Toot.

David S. - July 28, 2025 at 01:19 PM

DS

“ I have known Rick for more than 50 years going back to our days in the Huggers Ski Club in Rochester, NY when we were roommates for 3 years at a two family house I bought on Park Ave. He was always the first one to offer to help with any task, particularly in moving heavy things. We skied together and shared drinks and stories together. More recently Rick & Max took the high-speed ferry from Fort Myers Beach to Key West for two days. Sue & I drove down to Key West (from Key Largo) to spend the afternoon with Rick & Max along the Key West waterfront. I'm really glad now that we did as that was the last time we saw Rick (and Max). Rick, you will be missed in so many ways bit were always a good friend to me. Dave Schwaner



David Schwaner - July 28, 2025 at 01:18 PM

GH

“ *Great Man and Guy. Will greatly miss his enthusiasm for our shared support and work through the Mint Hill/Matthews Republican Club.
God rest his magnanimous spirit and soul.
George Holliday, Mint Hill*



George Holliday - July 25, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard William Toot.*



July 22, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Wiliam Toot.*

July 22, 2025 at 07:24 PM

HS

“ *My Husband and I loved sitting by us at the Matthews-Mint Hill Republican Club Meetings. He never met a stranger. He was a wonderful man. Our sincere sympathy to you. Don and Helen Scheufler*

Helen Scheufler - July 20, 2025 at 10:26 AM

SH

“ My prayers are lifted for Mr. Toot's family. I came to know Mr. Toot several years ago when I worked for the Mint Hill Police Department. I retired in 2023. I remember talking with Mr. Toot at many events over the years. I remember him attending the Citizen's Police Academy in 2021. He was just always seem to have a love for people and the community as a whole. He will be missed.

Scott Hall

Scott Hall - July 18, 2025 at 09:33 PM

DP

“ Maxine and family, we appreciate your keeping us updated about Rick's hospitalization. We are so sorry to have lost him-your beloved family, a dear friend to many people, and a true Patriot for this country and our towns. Johnny and I met Rick at the Mint Hill Cruise Ins. I then invited him to our shag club (not interested,) and to our Mint Hill Matthews Republican Club (very interested!) He has been a devoted volunteer during all elections. We will always love and miss you, Rick.

"God's Word assures us that to be absent from this earthly temporary body is to be present eternally with the Lord. Let us find God's light in the darkness of our sorrow, to find His Glory in our valley. Christ wept, sorrowed, suffered that we might rejoice. If we weep at night, give us Joy in the morning. There is no Joy like the Joy of Heaven. Christ gave His life so that we could have eternal life. As for me-let me live as if each moment were my last, that my life be joy, my death glory. If my life should end today, let this be my best day."

The Valley of Vision

Debby Presson - July 16, 2025 at 02:11 PM

JO

“ *He will certainly be missed. Was always helpful and kind to me. I considered him a friend.*

Jennye Taylor Johnson, OFS - July 15, 2025 at 09:21 PM

ME

“ *My prayers and love to you Maxine and your family. Rick had the ability to research solutions to needs in our neighborhood. We will miss him and his help. God's blessings over you. Love, Meredith Earp*

Meredith Earp - July 15, 2025 at 09:02 PM