



Timothy "Tim" Williams

April 2, 2026

Timothy "Tim" Williams, 57, of Cary, North Carolina, passed away on April 2, 2026. Tim was a man of steady character, known for his humility, kindness, and generosity, who cared deeply about his family, his community, and his work. He was a loving and devoted husband to Stefanie and a proud and loving father to his daughters, Ashley and Shannon.

Tim graduated from Grimsley High School in Greensboro in 1987 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University in 1992. He later earned his licensure as a Professional Engineer (P.E.).

He began his career as a co-op with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), later serving in the railroad grade crossing and signal design sections, and eventually in leadership roles within signal design.

Following a distinguished career of service to the state, he retired and continued his professional contributions as a Senior Traffic Engineer at AtkinsRéalis until his passing. His character and commitment to serving others were evident from a young age, from earning the rank of Eagle Scout to his decades of contributions to North Carolina's infrastructure.

Beyond his professional achievements, Tim was a man of quiet presence who

brought delight and laughter to those around him. In recent years, he became an avid pickleball player, enjoying weekly matches with friends and competing in tournaments. He had long embraced an active lifestyle, participating in community volleyball and softball leagues and playing soccer in high school. He also cherished daily walks in the neighborhood with Boeing, whom he called the best dog ever.

Over the past 15 years, Tim and Stefanie shared a love of travel, both within the United States and abroad. They cherished time in nature — hiking and biking — along with city trips and relaxing seaside getaways. Almost every year, they traveled to Germany to visit Stefanie’s family, who loved Tim dearly. They were grateful for the many memories they created and looked forward to fulfilling their dream of purchasing an RV to discover the many wonders of the country together.

Tim is survived by his wife, Stefanie Lang; his daughters, Ashley Williams and Shannon Williams; and his stepchildren, Evan Lang (Caroline) and Kaylin Lang. He is also survived by his mother, Genevieve Williams; his mother-in-law, Barbara Foerster; and his siblings, Shaughan Williams (Kathy), Kevin Williams (Ann), Lisa Turner (Jeff), as well as his brother-in-law, Kai Foerster (Tania). Many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces, and great-nephews will miss him dearly. He is fondly remembered by the sisters of his late wife, Katherine “Katy”: Jennifer Meador (Joseph) and Tricia Andress (Rob).

He was preceded in death by his father, Larry Williams; his father-in-law, Eberhard Foerster; and his first wife, Katherine Williams, along with her parents, Clyde and Jane Wentz.

A funeral service will be held at Apex United Methodist Church, 100 S. Hughes St., Apex, NC 27502, on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., followed

by a visitation. Immediately afterward, a private family graveside service will be held at Apex Cemetery, 207 W. Moore St., Apex, NC 27502.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Tim's honor to the V Foundation for Cancer Research, founded by former NC State coach Jim Valvano. This connection reflects Tim's love for the NC State Wolfpack. Thanks to the foundation's unique endowment, 100% of donations go to cancer research. Contributions may be made online at <http://v.org/> or by mail to The V Foundation, 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513.

Cemetery Details

Apex Cemetery

207 W. Moore St.
Apex, NC 27502

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Apex United Methodist Church
100 S Hughes St.
Apex, NC 27502

Tribute Wall

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“ I am just so sad. Tim was my best friend in college. We shared a ton of classes together and lived in the same dorm, next to each other for a few years. Tim was a groomsman in my wedding 30+ years ago. I find it very hard to believe that he is no longer here. I am sorry that I did not keep up with him over the past 10-15 years and I pray for comfort for his family. Tim was good man and a great friend. I'm confident that I would not have made it through engineering without him as my study partner and my ping pong rival. I have countless memories of our times together playing and working together. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.

Barry Ginn - April 07 at 10:28 PM

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“ We are deeply shocked and heartbroken by Tim's passing. There are no words to express how unfair this loss feels. Both my mother and I will always remember how kind, open, and genuine he was every time we spoke with him. He was truly a selfless person. Thinking of his family and loved ones, and sending strength during this incredibly difficult time. 🕯️

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“ My heart goes out to Ashely and Shannon, along with Stefanie too, I had babysat the girls since they were itty bitty and Tim was the best "girl dad" around. He was amazing with them and just a great guy in general. He leaves a big loss here on Earth. Hugs to Ashley and Shannon and if you ever need ANYTHING, please know that I always have been and always will be here for you.

Jen Morton - April 06 at 12:27 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to Stefanie, Tim's daughters and the rest of his family. He is a tragic loss to them when he had so much more to give and enjoy. Life is very unkind and unfair. My thoughts are with you at this extremely sad time. Sending love and sympathy. Jill Sutton.* ❤️❤️

Jillian Sutton - April 06 at 10:33 AM