



Timothy Will Southard

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Timothy (Tim/Timbo) Will Southard died on September 10, 2023 in Fredericksburg, Virginia at the age of 70—but he would assure you he’s not sleeping, he’s just resting his eyes.

Born September 22, 1952 to Jean Scott Southard and Rupert B. Southard Jr., Tim was the third of six children.

A major point of pride for Tim regarding his childhood is an extensive series of elementary school report cards insisting that “Timmy” should talk less and apply himself more. Probably one of the smartest people in the room but just as likely the worst student, Tim simply didn’t have time for studying as a kid. Despite a real love of poetry, he would much rather be outside doing... well, anything else. This likely contributed to his place on the track & field team as a pole vaulter in high school, but does nothing to explain how he (briefly) played his way to being 1st chair tuba—despite not being able to completely read music.

After graduating from Fairfax High School he enlisted as a quartermaster in the US Navy with the intention of going to Vietnam. Instead, he ended up stuck on a beach in Pensacola, bored out of his mind. He swiftly grew sick of the whole thing, realizing he could just as easily sit on a beach without having to follow quite so many orders.

Distaste for school notwithstanding, Tim’s love of the environment eventually sent him to college for Forestry Management. This led to more than 30 years in the Environmental Division at Fort A.P. Hill (now Fort Walker) as a forester, then land manager, and, finally, natural resources specialist.

Tim hated boneless wings (it’s a chicken nugget), the phrase “and also”, socks, a poorly loaded dishwasher, and know-it-alls. Most importantly, he hated the Bradford Pear tree that plagued his front yard for almost 20 years.



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Otherwise, he was a pretty laid back guy. Unfailingly kind, he'd give you the shirt off his back even if he didn't have a spare at home. He was happiest with his feet in the sand at the Outer Banks, smoking an incredible brisket or "spatchcocked" chicken in his backyard, playing his guitar or mandolin, watching cooking shows/anything on the Discovery channel, or putzing around the house.

Tim is survived by his wife, Marguerite Nolan Southard, daughter Caitlin Southard-Harris (Jeremy), step-daughter Jennifer Bullock (Jon), granddaughter Wren Southard-Harris, grandson Ryan Bullock, brother Joseph Southard (Tara), nieces Brooke Southard and Rebecca Frye (Preston), nephews Rob Barnes (Katherine), Matt Barnes (Alison), Jacob Barnes (Ali), and Johannes Klitsch, in-laws Mary Lynn & Mike Harwell, Ann Nolan, and Bob Barnes, as well as many other family members and friends that he loved very much.

He is predeceased by his parents as well as his siblings John, Kathleen, Matthew, and Ann.

A casual celebration of life will be held at the Lee's Hill South - Community Center on October 21st between 12pm and 3pm. It is requested that no black attire be worn—not even for Cait, whose wildly depressing wardrobe was something her dad never let her hear the end of. Bonus points if you come in flip flops or crocs, because Tim believed real shoes were no better than prisons for feet.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Tim's name to an environmentally minded charity like The Chesapeake Bay Foundation or The Nature Conservancy.



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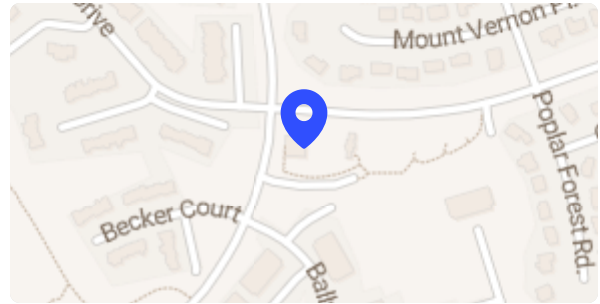
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, October 21, 2023

 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Lee's Hill South - Community Center**
9901 Old Dominion Parkway, Fredericksburg VA
22408



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Linda Wax lit a candle in honor of Timothy.



October 21 at 9:11 PM



Lynn Davidson posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss, Meg. I know you'll miss Tim forever. I love you, Lynn

September 18 at 4:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Southard family.



September 17 at 3:09 PM



Dave Lambert posted:

So many memories from our childhood are rushing in. We taught ourselves fly fishing while camping together on the North fork of the Shenandoah River. Building a cabin in the woods. Marching in band. Riding around in his '58 station wagon that he bought for one dollar. Playing football in the backyard and in the horse field. Playing left-handed waffle ball because the fence was too close. Mrs. Southard kicking us all out of the basement at 11pm. Tim was a great friend and I was blessed to know him. I know someday we'll meet again but it's hard to imagine a world where he's not out there somewhere. We'll be keeping Meg and the family in our prayers.

September 17 at 2:02 PM



Meg Southard September 17 at 3:02 PM

Thank you David. He always told a story about you, when he saw a comment on Facebook



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Tim Schmieg lit a candle in honor of Timothy.



September 16 at 10:46 AM

MS Meg Southard September 17 at 2:59 PM
Thank you so very much!

TS Tim Schmieg September 16 at 10:48 AM
To another Tim, Meg my prayers always.



Sheila Rivera posted:

Tim was one of my favorite people when I worked at A.P. Hill. He put up with me constantly bringing some small animal that needed care and reintroduction to nature, and endless questions about all things wildlife. His kindness and empathy saw me through many rough patches on the Hill. He is gone from us much too young, but his affect and effect on those he leaves behind will go on forever. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during your time of grief.

September 15 at 9:01 AM

MS Meg Southard September 17 at 3:00 PM
Thank you!



M. Jenkins posted:

I can still see that big brass tuba sticking up above the rest of the band, proudly marching down the hall on Fridays at old Fairfax High School. And I knew dependable Tim was underneath of it. Mick Jenkins

September 14 at 1:53 PM

MS Meg Southard September 17 at 3:00 PM
♥♥



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Ash Metzger posted:

I'll never forget how Tim made me feel when we first moved in. He welcomed me and my sisters as if we were his own and made me feel like even though we moved away from our family we still had family close by. I loved running up the hill and knocking on his back door to fill the bird feeders while he would talk about the birds and trees. He always opened the door with a big smile and a warm hug no matter what he was doing before we got there. I love you Timbo ♥

September 14 at 3:48 AM



Meg Southard September 17 at 3:01 PM

Thank you Ashley. I love you



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Timothy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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