



Timothy Leonard Rushing

January 28, 1970 - October 13, 2025

Timothy “Tim” Rushing or to many, “T-Rock”, “Tiny Tim” or T-Rush”, was known for his fearless spirit, infectious laughter, and boundless love for life, was born on January 28, 1970 to Virginia Rushing and the late Leon Rushing. He gained his wings on October 13, 2025 at the age of 55. Tim spent most of his life in the Shannon Park neighborhood on the East Side of Charlotte. From an early age, Tim excelled in every sport he played- football, basketball, track and even his own self-made acrobatics classes. He proudly claimed the title of being the best handspring flipper around, and few could not challenge him without hearing about how he was better and how he was going to show them why he was the best. Confident, competitive, and courageous, Tim never backed down from a challenge and believed wholeheartedly that he could outplay- and out flip-everyone. Tim’s thrill-seeking nature carried over into every part of his life. Whether he was doing donuts in his Escort GT, spinning tires in his Candy Apple Red Convertible Mustang, or popping wheelies on his Motorcycle. Tim lived on the edge-not out of recklessness but out of a desire to feel the full intensity of life. To Tim, it was exhilarating, freeing, and simply who he was. A proud graduate of West Charlotte High School, Tim went on to serve his country in the United States Army. He served honorably in the Persian Gulf War during Operation Desert Storm. His time in the military instilled in him a deep sense of loyalty, courage, and compassion – values he carried with him throughout his life and shared freely with those around him. Tim was best known for his radiant smile, his larger-than-life personality, and

his ability to light up any room he walked into. Whether he was dancing, telling stories, cracking jokes, taking your money in a tunk or spade card game, he brought people together with joy and laughter. His presence was magnetic, and his family remembers him fondly as “the life of the party” and the man with the big pearly whites that had a big heart. Above all, Tim loved his family and friends deeply. He cherished his life, his family, memorable times and making others smile. His legacy is one of bold living, heartfelt laughter and unwavering love. Tim is survived by his wife: Tonia Rushing, children, Marquis Rushing, Tiona Rushing, Timoni Rushing, Jahlil Graham, Timberly Rushing, mother, Virginia Rushing, siblings; TeWanda Collins (Fabian), Reginald Rushing, sister and brother in-laws, Yolanda Davis (Pernice), Kareem Smith (Latoya), Elton Smith, Jr., grandchildren: Madison Rushing, Janiyah Walker, Brayden Rushing and Ziggy Blakney-Rushing. A special Aunt: Shara “Neese” Burns and A special cousin, Shamise “Chelle” Earl and countless other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and extended family who will forever remember his vibrant spirit and generous soul.

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC.
2310 Statesville Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28206
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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Sincere condolences are with the family during your sudden loss. May God comfort and Strengthen each of you during this difficult time.

With deepest sympathy

The Young and Mccollie families

Julia Mccollie - October 22, 2025 at 04:54 PM

GM

“ I first met Tim in 1980 in Doral Apartments. I remember all the back flips he did. We also graduated from WC the same year and served at Ft Bragg NC the same time. Prayers sent up to the family. He will be missed

Gwane Martin - October 18, 2025 at 03:29 PM

QN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Queen Nash - October 18, 2025 at 03:21 PM

JJ

“ James and Mercedes Jetton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Leonard Rushing.

James and Mercedes Jetton - October 17, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy Leonard Rushing.*



October 17, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to the entire Rushing Family. Tim affectionately known as T Rock and my brother in law was a beacon of light and always had a smile on his face. He was known for his protective status of his family and loved ones. He wore many hats but the hat that resonated with us was Brother. Tim you will be missed dearly. You will never be forgotten. We will hold all our memories in our hearts. We love you Brother in law/Big Brother! Tralias and Pernice*



Tralias Davis - October 17, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Timothy Leonard Rushing.*



October 17, 2025 at 10:08 AM

MN

“ Tim Rushing was one of Michael Nash's (my son) best friends. Looking through my photo album, I see so many memories of him, Mike, Charles, Jabo, and Lamar. My heart aches for his family. It feels like I've lost another son. With that big, beautiful smile, Rest In Heaven. We love and miss you, but God needed you more.

Mrs. Queen Nash - October 17, 2025 at 09:48 AM

EA

“ I met tim in 1980 in Doral apartments. We were close childhood friends. He will be missed. My prayers are with his mother sister brother and children. RIH Tim ❤️🙏

Erika Ashford - October 16, 2025 at 10:50 AM

DW

“ My sincere condolences to the Rushing family. So sorry for your lost 😞 I pray God will strengthen you as you go through this sorrow. Sending prayers 🙏. Tim will be missed. He was one of my dear and best friend.



Denise Williams - October 16, 2025 at 09:37 AM

LR

“ Tim always knew how to make everyone laugh. His humor and light will never be forgotten. He brought so much joy to every room he entered. I’m going to miss hearing you and Kareem Talk junk to each other knowing Neither one of y’all wasn’t gonna do anything lol. Rest, peacefully brother-in-law 🙏



LaToya Richardson-Smith - October 16, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ I’m so glad we started having our Cochrane Reunions. We made great memories talking about old times. Once we got older... I moved away, but I thank God we started back communicating. I’ll cherish our conversations forever. Rest Easy Bro. Love Ya T-Rock



Eric Hill - October 15, 2025 at 11:26 PM

SB

“ My prayers 🙏 to the Rushing family you have my deepest sympathy for your love one that's gone on home , Timothy will be truly missed, he was one of a kind a great father , a loving son, and an amazing nephew , he loved everyone with unconditional love, my nephew was an amazing Man fun to be around , and always keep you laughing, even on a bad day. he was always the life of any gathering that he attended, he would always put a smile on your face no matter what the situation was, he was awesome, with a beautiful heart, and very polite ❤️ I truly miss him it will not be the same , but God knows he's in a better place now, so rest now nephew 😭🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 Rushing Family I love you all. Love Shara Burns (AKA) Aunt Neicy



Shara Burns - October 15, 2025 at 09:28 PM