



MPO Tony Rhinehart

January 20, 1962 - March 2, 2023

“A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is still; a place is vacant in our hearts which only God can fill.”

Mr. Tony Rhinehart was born on January 20, 1962, in Columbia, South Carolina and transitioned from this earthly life peacefully at home on March 2, 2023. He was the beloved son of Eve (Eva) Dinkins Rhinehart and the late Adam A. Rhinehart, Jr.

As a young man Tony enjoyed playing football. During his four years at Columbia High School, he lettered three times in varsity football. Tony loved watching football almost as much playing it. He would watch his favorite team player “Tom Brady” as often as he could. He was also fond of exercising, shopping, traveling, music and trivia. Tony was the king of trivia; no one could beat him when he played this game.

Once graduating from high school, Tony continued his education at Midland Technical College where he received numerous certifications on the path to achieving his goal of becoming a law enforcement officer. In the early 1980’s, Tony started his career with Ampro security company and worked diligently until he joined the police department at the University of South Carolina. In 1995, Tony dreams became reality when he joined the City of Columbia Police Department to serve and protect his community and the city that he loved so dearly. Tony later went on to retire after seventeen (17) years of dedicated

service, but only managed to make retirement last for seventeen (17) days. He loved his city so much, that he rejoined the police force and took back his role as a Master Police Officer. He then went on to serve eleven (11) more years, marking a total of twenty-eight (28) years of dedication to the city. As a Master Police Officer, Tony took pride in protecting his community and was a faithful advocate for justice. He received numerous accolades over the years for his outstanding work in the neighborhoods he protected. The integrity, bravery, and continued sense of commitment that Tony possessed will be remembered and cherished forever.

In his spiritual life, Tony joined First Nazareth Baptist Church and remained a member until he departed this life for Heaven's greener pastures.

He leaves behind to cherish and preserve his memory; his spouse, Lynn Burns Rhinehart; his precious daughter, Gabrielle Christian Charlotte Rhinehart of Columbia, SC; his oldest loving daughter, Tonisha Nicole Rhinehart of Cleveland, Tennessee; his loving mother, Eve (Eva) Dinkins Rhinehart of Columbia, SC; one sister, Tami (Vincent) Rhinehart Northington, Sr. of Columbia, SC; his uncles: Gregory (Doris) Lindsey, Sr., Lewis (Jackie) Dinkins, Ernest (Myrtle) Dinkins, Johnny (Bennie Ruth) Harp; his aunts Hilda Dinkins, Lille Rauch and Dorothy Patterson, all of Columbia, SC, and a host of family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223

A Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

First Nazareth Baptist Church
2351 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC, SC

Interment

MAR 9. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Memorial Gardens of Columbia SC 29203
9301 Wilson Blvd
Columbia, SC 29203

Tribute Wall



“ *MPO Tony Rhinehart*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends. May God comfort and strengthen you at this time.*



Alfreda Hook Harris - March 09, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ *My Prayers and condolences to the family Lynn love you lots!! First thing came to Ind was your baby shower!!!lol*

Vogt - March 09, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *sheila stripling lit a candle in memory of Tony Rhinehart*



sheila stripling - March 09, 2023 at 01:31 PM

PS

“ *Pamela Sander lit a candle in memory of Tony Rhinehart*



Pamela Moon Sander - March 09, 2023 at 11:05 AM

JP

“ *Jacqueline Patterson lit a candle in memory of Tony Rhinehart*



Jacqueline V Patterson - March 09, 2023 at 12:34 AM

JP

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Rhinehart family. Tony will truly be missed. Anytime he heard High Street on his radio, you can best believe he was coming to check on me and the family. We love you big guy. Thank you for your dedication to checking on me and your work with the City of Columbia Police Department. We pray that GOD will give Eve and Tammy strength and comfort as they go through this difficult time.*

The Patterson/Smith Families.

Jacqueline V Patterson - March 09, 2023 at 12:32 AM

TR

“ *My sincere prayers and condolences to the Rhinehart family. May God's continued love comfort you through this difficult time.*

Teresa Yarborough Rhodes - March 08, 2023 at 08:05 PM

FA

“ *Farmer lit a candle in memory of Tony Rhinehart*



Farmer - March 08, 2023 at 06:34 PM

CW

“ *My prayers and condolences goes out to the Rhinehart family. So sad to hear about Tony, a life that is gone so soon. Love to his Mother, Evamae, his wife, children and the entire family. Christine O'Neil Winn, Sumter, S.C.*

Christine O'Neil Winn - March 08, 2023 at 04:45 PM

LF

“ *Love always Dorothy Patterson and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of MPO Tony Rhinehart.*



Love always Dorothy Patterson and Family - March 08, 2023 at 03:03 PM

JD

“ *Thank you, Lord, for my nephew and the time he was on this earth. He will be missed but Lord I know that he is in Good Hands where he is Going. Rest Easy Nephew Love You.*



Jacqueline Dinkins - March 08, 2023 at 12:17 PM

QY

“ Words can not express the sorrow that has filled our hearts. I have known Tony since Columbia High. We both took the path of law enforcement. He was a great person with a very big smile. He was always a joy to be around. God Speed my friend.

Quintus Young - March 08, 2023 at 10:45 AM

MA

“May his 'promise of eternal life be a 'comfort to you in the loss of a one sooo dear to us all..I know our 'Heavenly Father is with you during this difficult time...blessings I'm here for you! (2much 2many 2soon)

Ms.Margie Amiker - March 08, 2023 at 10:32 AM

MA

“ Ms.Margie Amiker sent a virtual gift in memory of Tony Rhinehart



Ms.Margie Amiker - March 08, 2023 at 10:27 AM

RH

“ My love, prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Tony Rhinehart; and I know that there are many. His pleasant spirit is now resting with Our Father. We will miss you and your kind smile Rhinehart.



RUBY HAMPTON - March 08, 2023 at 10:10 AM

MO

“ *Michael : retired Court Officer lit a candle in memory of Tony Rhinehart*



Michael Tillman : retired Court Officer - March 07, 2023 at 10:43 PM

RJ

“ *My Brother, My Friend, and My Family Members of the Protective Shield. True Brother In Christ, Caring Man, Gentle Giant, and great laughter whenever we were in each other company. You looked forward to retiring on earth, but GOD had a Greater Plan for you, RIP!*

Ret. Inv. J.L. Charley, jr - March 07, 2023 at 08:36 PM

CB

“ *Chris Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Tony Rhinehart*



Chris Blackmon - March 07, 2023 at 07:51 PM

CB

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Rhinehart. Thanks to you for your service which will be greatly missed. May God continue to bless your family.*

Chris Blackmon - March 07, 2023 at 07:51 PM

WH

“ MPO TONY RHINEHART REST EAST
FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
SERVICE COMPASSION YOUR LIFE AND
BADGE COVERED



Willie Hampton - March 07, 2023 at 07:06 PM

SB

“ Stephanie Bowman lit a candle in memory of
Tony Rhinehart



Stephanie Bowman - March 07, 2023 at 04:23 PM

WH

“ I'm very sorry 🙄 for your lost, Tony will be
miss dearly he was one of the best officer
there was. Tony will see me driving down
Farrow Road pull me over, get my information
and say little Bert slow down family or no
family I'll give you a ticket and tell aunt Bert why but after all said
and done he's a big baby in heart, I can really say he love his job
and was very friendly and kind to everyone who knew him he will be
truly missed. 🙄ya big guy RIP 🙏🦋🙏🙄



wanda elain amiker harris - March 07, 2023 at 12:33 PM

WH

“ wanda amiker harris lit a candle in memory of
Tony Rhinehart



wanda elain amiker harris - March 07, 2023 at 12:16 PM

MD

“ My nephew if only we knew Tuesday February 28 would be the last
time seeing your sweet smile and saying hey Merle with a
wave.North Main will never be same without you on patrol.

Myrtle Dinkins - March 07, 2023 at 12:13 PM