



David James Locklear

October 20, 1969 - April 29, 2026

David James Locklear, 56, of Troy, passed away on April 29, 2026, at Atrium Health Cabarrus.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026, in the Stanly Funeral Home Chapel in Albemarle. The family will receive friends on Saturday afternoon from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care. Burial will be held at Fort Jackson National Cemetery in Columbia, South Carolina.

David was born October 20, 1969, in Albemarle, North Carolina, to James E. Locklear and Diane Wittman Locklear. He was a former Supervisor in Nuclear Maintenance and was known for his strong work ethic and steady, dependable nature. He was also a decorated combat veteran, having honorably served his country during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, a distinction he carried with quiet pride.

Those who knew David will remember him as a devoted husband, father, and son whose life centered around his family. He was honest, trustworthy, and carried a joyful spirit that made him easy to love. His grandchildren brought him immense pride and happiness, and he treasured every moment spent with them. A proud patriot, David found peace in the quiet beauty of nature, especially along the dirt roads and wooded landscapes of the Uwharrie

National Forest.

He had a deep appreciation for simple pleasures-whether it was a trip to Bojangles for his favorite biscuits or a meal at Jay's Fish House. He enjoyed turkey hunting and had a playful fascination with local Bigfoot lore, always keeping an eye out for a glimpse of the unknown. These small joys reflected a life lived fully and with heart.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Tonya Locklear; his sons, Bryce Locklear of Elgin, South Carolina, and Jared Locklear of Monroe, North Carolina; his brother, Michael Locklear of Camden, South Carolina; his stepchildren, Billy Hallyburton and Kaitlin Hallyburton, both of Troy; and his beloved grandchildren, Blake, Willow, Paxton, and Rayven.

David's life was marked by love, loyalty, and faithful service-to his country and to his family. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

The family requests that memorial be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stanly Funeral & Cremation Care - Albemarle
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Funeral Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stanly Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David James Locklear*



Stanly Funeral Home - May 02 at 02:48 PM

TB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I worked and hunted with David and always enjoyed his joyful spirit. I will miss him.*

Tommy Bowen, Sr.

Tommy Bowen - May 08 at 08:27 PM

BL

“ *Bryce L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David James Locklear.*

Bryce L. - May 03 at 05:07 PM



From Bryce, Jared and Pam

Pamela Layton - May 03 at 05:21 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting David and his family at Jay's Seafood. It was always great seeing them come in together as a family. I enjoyed serving them and spending time talking with them. David will truly be missed. Prayers for each of you as you go through this difficult time.



Becky Blalock - May 02 at 05:29 PM



“ This photo shows when David, his twin brother Michael and his Dad arrived back home after serving in the Middle East in 1992. Grandma was so happy (as we all were) they arrived back safely.

***Yellow ribbons gained popularity during the Gulf War in the early 1990s and often appeared alongside the slogan "Support Our Troops." Yellow ribbons were tied to trees and seen on bumpers with the sentiment to support those sacrificing for our country a hope they would return home safely. The practice continued during the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq after September 11, 2001.*

The yellow ribbon is a living tradition and symbol of military support. It has taken on new meanings through the years. Based on history, you can surmise that its symbolism will continue to evolve.



Mary Plowman - May 01 at 06:35 PM

MP

“ A couple of years ago, my nephew, David, called me via cellphone and ask if I would like to have a trampoline he no longer needed. I said, "I sure would David, thanks for thinking about me first". He said he knew I had several grandchildren who would probably enjoy it.

He brought it to my house the next day 100% dismantled in his truck. Within an hour or so with just a small bit of help from me, he had it up and ready to go.

My grands enjoy it a lot. They quickly thought up a game to play on it which I had never heard of. The called the game "Soaply Trampoline". It involved my Dawn dish detergent and the water hose. You can imagine the rest. Very slippery. They loved it. Whenever they play this game, I make sure I'm close by. It looks fun, but a tad on the unsafe side. So far so good.

Thanks David, you made many kids happy.

Love you!

Aunt Elaine

Mary Plowman - May 01 at 06:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David James Locklear.



May 01 at 10:28 AM

LC

“ Love: Pat and Connie. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of David James Locklear.



Love: Pat and Connie. - April 30 at 11:54 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of David James Locklear.



April 30 at 11:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David James Locklear.



April 30 at 11:30 PM



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April 30 at 10:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David James Locklear.

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“ Blalock & family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of David James Locklear.



Blalock & family - April 30 at 09:33 PM



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Natasha Dennis - April 30 at 09:24 PM

ND

“ *Compassionate, generous, always listening and caring for others. David was a wonderful friend, he always looked forward to coming home from his travels to enjoy great food and hospitality at Jays. I've had the pleasure to serve him the last several years. Boy will he be missed. Along his many travels he always captured beautiful pics of landscapes and sights. He enjoyed the simple beauty of the earth. He believed in our almighty savior and we had many talks about Heaven, and Lord I know he is healed and whole and in your presence today. Thank you Lord for David and for all the lives he's touched like mine. Until we meet again friend. ❤️*

Natasha Dennis - April 30 at 09:12 PM