



Tod Alan Waldrop

February 1, 1962 - June 4, 2025

Tod A. Waldrop, PhD, age 63, of Greer, husband of Rhonda Connor Waldrop, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2025, surrounded by his family after a six month battle with cancer. He was born in Spartanburg County to Wayne E. Waldrop and Merlean T. Waldrop on February 1, 1962.

Tod attended Landrum High School where he played football and graduated in 1980 with honors. He also attended Governor's School at The College of Charleston in the summer of 1979. Following high school, he attended Clemson University. He earned his undergraduate degree in Textile Chemistry. He later returned to Clemson where he earned his doctorate in Textile and Polymer Science. He was a member of MENSA and, according to many, one of the smartest people they knew. He was always proud to be a Clemson Tiger!

Tod was employed with Clariant Corporation for 30 years, having retired in 2023 as a Senior Patent Agent.

Tod is survived by his wife, of 38 years, Rhonda Connor Waldrop; his sweet and devoted Weimaraner, Ruby Kate; his mother, Merlean Click, of Travelers Rest, SC; his brothers Tim Waldrop (JoAnn) of Campobello, SC, and Terry Waldrop (Amanda) of Landrum, SC; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Sandra and Richard Connor, of Greenville, SC; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Robbie and Mack Giles, of Travelers Rest, SC. Also surviving are aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews and many special friends.

He was predeceased by his father, Wayne Waldrop, maternal grandparents, Thadeus Tucker and Francis Emory; paternal grandparents, Theron and Clara Waldrop; and a nephew, Hunter Waldrop

The family would like to express their thanks to all medical staff for their kindness in caring for Tod during his extended hospital stay. A special thanks, also, to Cynthia Trout for her care of Tod following a spinal cord injury 44 years ago. She was so very instrumental for encouraging Tod and helping him to carry forward, not letting his disability define him. He lived his life following his injury letting nothing stop

him

from what he wanted to do. He always found a way. Her friendship lasted through the years.

There will be a gathering of friends in the near future, date to be determined. The family will be taking some time to grieve the loss of this incredible man and honor him appropriately. The family asks that you keep them in prayer during this time.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Unity Baptist Church, 12 Piney Road, Greenville, SC 29611, in memory of Tod Waldrop.

Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Tod Alan Waldrop*



The Howze Mortuary - June 23, 2025 at 04:42 PM

MF

“ *I worked with Tod at Clariant for several years. Our paths would literally cross often as he would come around a corner in his chair. I took to calling him "Speedy". Always had a kind word or chuckle to share when we encountered each other—loved that dry sense of humor. I know he will be missed dearly by those who loved him most. My condolences and prayers. May you be comforted during this difficult time.*

Michelle Fabrize - July 15, 2025 at 12:36 AM

BR

“ *Condolences To Todd's Family And Friends. Todd and I worked together for many years, I processed his expense reports..... Rest In Paradise Todd 🕊️🌹*
Barbara A. Ratliff
Sandoz Chemicals/ Clariant Corporation Retiree



Barbara A. Ratliff - June 16, 2025 at 10:28 PM

VP

My condolences to the family of Todd. He was was one of the kindest people and always greeted me with a smile in our passing. I know he will be greatly missed.

*Veronica Pratt
Clarinet Corp Retiree*

Veronica Pratt - June 18, 2025 at 01:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tod Alan Waldrop.

June 16, 2025 at 05:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Tod Alan Waldrop.



June 16, 2025 at 05:58 AM

NW

“ *I knew Tod from our work together at Clariant Corporation. We are both fellow Clemson Alumni so we had both work and the tigers to talk about when we were together. My condolences to Tod's family and my prayers are with you.*

Nelson Woods - June 14, 2025 at 11:42 PM

SS

“ It is with a heavy heart that I remember Tod who is no longer with us.

I knew Tod for the entire time he worked at Clariant. I always liked his “Tod Humor”, he always made me smile. Tod was always helpful, open for new things and a great “teacher” in US patent law. He always had the global view. I will never forget our Diet Coke and peanut butter cracker breaks. It was always a pleasure to meet him in the US and I was so thankful that he took care of me during these times. We worked hard but we always had the time to laugh.

Tod will always be in my heart.

My thoughts are with you and I wish you and your family a lot of strength in this difficult time. You will be in my prayers.

Sandra Stübe, Frankfurt

Sandra Stübe - June 11, 2025 at 04:28 AM

DF

“ My sympathies to Rhonda and family. Tod was an amazing person. He was always friendly, ready to help people and I enjoyed his sense of humor. He will be missed.

Donna Ferrill - June 06, 2025 at 01:18 PM

LC

“ Rhonda,
I am so sorry for your loss. I can't believe it's been 20 years since Tod came wheeling into my office, saw my handmade card on display, and said OMG don't tell me you have caught that bug like my wife! He then introduced us, and we spent many hours enjoying creating and taking classes with Karen. What a special and wonderful person Tod was. We had many great lunches with Larry and David. Tod was the person I missed most when I left Clariant. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.
Laura Conley



Laura Conley - June 05, 2025 at 07:18 PM

DB

“ Don and Deb Broman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tod Alan Waldrop.

Don and Deb Broman - June 05, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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“ Don and Deb Broman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tod Alan Waldrop.



Don and Deb Broman - June 05, 2025 at 04:37 PM

MW

“ Tod is an amazing man and a great example of not letting life's challenges stop you from what you want. He is going to be missed. Sending love and prayers to both families

Mary Anne Witmer - June 05, 2025 at 04:24 PM