



Senator Anthony E. Rand

September 1, 1939 - May 1, 2020

RALEIGH – Former state senator Tony Rand, who served over 10 combined terms in the North Carolina Senate, has died at age 80 from throat cancer. Rand was an attorney and lived in Fayetteville. He represented Bladen and Cumberland counties in the General Assembly and from 2001 through 2009, he served as the chamber’s majority leader.

He was first appointed to the senate in 1981 and was the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor in 1988, losing to Republican Jim Gardner. In 1995 Rand returned to the senate where he served until his resignation in 2009.

Following his senate tenure, Rand was appointed chairman of the Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission in 2009 by Gov. Bev Perdue where he served until 2014. He was also appointed chairman of the N.C. Lottery Commission by Gov. Roy Cooper from August 2018 until late 2019, when he resigned for health reasons.

Rand was instrumental in the controversial passage of the state lottery in 2005. He was well-known as a powerful Democrat in the state. Gov. Cooper said of Rand “My good friend was the muscle who moved good ideas into great laws. Behind his brilliant wit and encyclopedic knowledge of North Carolina was a man who deeply loved his family, his state and his Tar Heels. Kristin and I send our love and deepest sympathy to his family and friends, especially his wife Karen and his sons Ripley and Craven.”

Rand, a Wake County native, was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the UNC Chapel Hill school of law.

<https://nsjonline.com/article/2020/05/tony-rand-dies-at-age-80/>

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I never met senator Rand. Actually I was looking up my son with same name Tony Rand. As I began to read, I saw an obituary on the Senator. As I continue reading I notice resembles in their names. Anthony Eden Rand and my sons name is Sean Antonious Eugene Rand. Please except my deepest condolences despite his passing in 2020. Jannette Rand

Jannette Rand - June 21, 2022 at 05:34 PM

LR

“ LULU ROZIER sent a virtual gift in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



LULU ROZIER - October 24, 2020 at 05:33 PM

CC

“ Chuck Capps lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



chuck capps - June 21, 2020 at 07:55 PM

AP

“ To Josephine: Sorry to hear about the loss of your brother, Jo. I found out through your Facebook page. From his obituary I learned what a wonderful person he was. I've tried to get in touch with you over the last several years. Check your Facebook page or look me up on Facebook. I'm thinking of you at this time. April Garnier Poitras, your Coker College roommate

April G. Poitras - May 22, 2020 at 11:53 PM

UR

“ Ursula lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Ursula - May 14, 2020 at 11:06 AM

JF

“ Upon hearing of the Homegoing of Senator Anthony Rand, I begin to reminisce of the attitude of gratitude that he shared many years ago with my brother, the late James "Slack" Strother when it came to the purchasing of equipment and equipping the minority youth with the appropriate ball team uniforms. Family, we extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to you that the Strong Hand of the Lord will give you comfort now and forever and your generosity will always be remembered and appreciated.

Jackie Strother and Family

Jackie Strother and Family - May 08, 2020 at 06:20 PM

DB

“ Dr. Kelvin Baggett lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Dr. Kelvin Baggett - May 07, 2020 at 10:25 PM

WB

“ Wendell And Brenda Baggett lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Wendell and Brenda Baggett - May 07, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MA

“ Senator Rand was an amazing human being who exhibited his energy to foster humanitarian endeavors to serve the citizenry of our state . His strongest interest was in the political arena. My late husband, Andy McCall, were long time friends. They would often confer on political concerns to make pertinent decisions. Now the two allies can do their discussions in that angelic cabin in the sky. Make

Maxine Andrews-McCall - May 07, 2020 at 03:27 AM

DJ

“ *Della Jones lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand*



Della Jones - May 06, 2020 at 04:42 PM

RD

“ *Renee Dunn lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand*



Renee Dunn - May 06, 2020 at 10:42 AM

EH

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of this devoted public servant. I recall how supportive he was of the Special Arts in our School Festival every year. To be of service to the lesser ones is no small deed. He was tireless in his efforts to help disabled children. As the Bible reminds us at Luke 9:48 "...for the one who conducts himself as a lesser one is great,"*

Elister Harris - May 06, 2020 at 09:43 AM

BG

“ *A wonderful friend for more than two decades. He became my big brother, go to source for anything North Carolina. Free flowing discussions occupied many hours in his legislative And Fayetteville offices where he became my North Star for how to treat our fellow man. Always had time to ask about Family and everyone he knew in my neck of the woods. Great memories and humanitarian example of "The Best Work of Life" "do Good". RIP Peace and Love to Karen and the boys.*

*Bobby GUYTON
Elizabethtown, NC*

Bobby Guyton - May 05, 2020 at 10:45 PM

VS

“ *Judge Rand, I'm keeping you and your family in my prayers. Your father's obituary was a beautiful tribute to him, and I'll gladly honor his legacy by voting against Donald Trump!*

Vicki E Smith - May 05, 2020 at 11:32 AM

AB

“ Craven,
On behalf of your National Zoo family here in Washington, DC, we send our deepest condolences to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ashlie

Ashlie Baker - May 05, 2020 at 10:54 AM

MB

“ On behalf of the members and staff of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission, I send our heartfelt condolences. In 2005, the Real Estate Commission dedicated its Raleigh office building in Senator Rand's honor. We mourn his loss and are grateful for his help and service to the State throughout his life.

Sincerely,

Miriam J. Baer
Executive Director
North Carolina Real Estate Commission

Miriam Baer - May 04, 2020 at 05:52 PM

EJ

“ Tony was a true public servant and a friend to many including Connie and me and our sons. His contributions to NC and our community were enormous! Prayers to you, Karen and our love to you and your family. God bless and keep you in His care. Connie & Ernie

Ernie Johnson - May 04, 2020 at 04:57 PM

AM

“ Ann Mathis lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Ann Mathis - May 04, 2020 at 02:34 PM

LT

“ Hello Family. My name is Lee Tart. I am from Dunn and served on the board of New Century Bank and Select Bank and Trust. We had fun at last years annual shareholders meeting. I sat beside him. He asked me to. I have a memory that I have carried with me since 2005. I had gotten into trouble and I called him. As we were hanging up he said "Lee,,,boy kneel at the foot of the cross and spend some time there".
Profound! RIP my friend.

Lee Tart - May 04, 2020 at 02:15 PM

SW

“ My deepest sympathy is extended out to the family of Senator Anthony Rand during this unfortunate time. May the love and mercy of our Lord be bestowed upon you and help ease the pain of your loss.

Sheriff Burnis Wilkins - May 04, 2020 at 09:38 AM

TM

“ While I can't say I knew Tony well, our paths crossed frequently while he was Senate Majority leader. I got to know him a bit better during my quixotic run Congress in 2016. He was very generous with his time, money and encouragement and he kept me laughing despite the problems with his voice at the time.

Few people understood how to operate the levers of powers better than Tony. When he was at his prime, he was a wonder to behold. He had an innate understanding of political possibilities and limitations. He kept the state moving forward when the political process was too slow for some people in his caucus and too fast for others. Few people have had an impact on the state or Cumberland County like Tony.

Thomas Mills

Thomas M Mills - May 03, 2020 at 03:27 PM

RK

“ Ricki Kelly lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Ricki Kelly - May 03, 2020 at 02:25 PM

LA

“ Karen, what a wonderful and caring human being Tony was. Politics was fun back in the Tony days of the NCLEG. I will never forget how helpful , sweet and kind he always was to me, no matter the issue or cause. And I will never forget his laugh. The angels are smiling in Heaven as they know he’s coming to organize things up there. He will be missed. With affection, Linda Ashendorf, Charlotte

Linda Ashendorf - May 03, 2020 at 01:18 PM

RO

“ I am so sorry for your loss with Tony's passing. I trusted and revered Tony beyond measure. Some of my most special memories as an adult are the product of knowing Tony. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Roger - May 03, 2020 at 11:29 AM

QJ

“ You will be missed, and thank you for being these best boss @FTCC/WDC

Quinsentina (Tina) James - May 03, 2020 at 09:59 AM

AT

“ To Karen and the crew. May God give you comfort and peace. Cherish the memories. What a friend to my Dad (EBTurner), Tony was, and to me too. I'll never forget his kindness to me when our Dad and Mom died.
Andrea Turner

Andrea Turner - May 03, 2020 at 09:45 AM

KS

“ Katie Smith lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Katie Smith - May 03, 2020 at 07:24 AM

TA

“ I was a young police officer in the seventies when I meet Attorney Rand,I would like to say we developed a friendship.On more than one occasion I would seek advice from Tony,asking him for a referral on private family matters , "Tony I don't think they can afford you,but maybe you could recomend someone",his responce was "I didn't give you a price, I will take it,whatever they come up with". Tony was a big fish in the pond but he took time with the litter fish,he earned respect,didn't see race or color.

Tyrone Allen - May 03, 2020 at 01:59 AM

CJ

“ Tony was a great man....never forget when he helped me on a business issue..in early 2000s....also the things he did for Cumberland and surrounding countys....Prayers to the Rand..family....he surely be missed and not forgotten...

Charles W Jacskon - May 02, 2020 at 08:39 PM

JR

“ Jones Roofing lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Jones roofing - May 02, 2020 at 01:48 PM

GD

“ I thought the world of Tony Rand, he was a Gentleman, & a honest and sincere Person. I had a funny memory of Tony today, the 1ST DAY I went to work for Carolina Lithotripsy, Bill Jordan was on top steps & Tony Rand on bottom floor & they were having a DISCUSSION (I will just call it that) over the rails. I listen to them and thought what kind of place have I found to work at!!!!. Later as I got to know Tony, I found out was a warm and sincere honest person he was. Worked in that office with Tony for many years and we moved to different locations with Caroline & Tony. Tony will be missed by many people. Prayers for Karen & his sons,. Rest in Peace my friend, will see u in Heaven!!!

Gail Daves - May 02, 2020 at 01:36 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Bailey lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand*



Lisa Bailey - May 02, 2020 at 12:45 PM

DR

“ *To dear Karen and family -- How much I've enjoyed getting to know you both -- waving as you would drive by my house on Wonderland Trail and being with you on various occasions at the club. I want you to know that at this time especially you're in my prayers and hope that God will I bless you with many happy memories. Sincerely, Alice Roess*

Dr. Alice Roess - May 02, 2020 at 11:49 AM

JW

“ *Tony
Thanks for mentoring me when I worked at the State Health Plan. We made a great team. Being from the Midwest I sometimes did not understand your Carolina accent and I remember you telling Governor Mike Easley; " Jack is not from here so you have to forgive him."*

Jack W Walker - May 02, 2020 at 11:10 AM

LE

“ *Senator Rand will be sorely missed throughout the state. His accomplishments have made life better for thousands of North Carolinians. I would like to particularly note his efforts to rescue many formerly state-owned historic properties on Blount Street in downtown Raleigh. His legislation enabled these beautiful houses to be sold to private owners who have restored them so that they will continue to enhance this area of the Capital City for generations. Bravo, Senator Rand. It was a privilege to know you.*

Linda and Rufus Edmisten

Linda Edmisten - May 02, 2020 at 10:23 AM

FD

“ Fred Davis lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Fred Davis - May 02, 2020 at 07:14 AM

RM

“ Robert E. McCall lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Robert E. McCall - May 02, 2020 at 04:39 AM

SW

“ Sylvia Smith Williams lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Sylvia Smith Williams - May 01, 2020 at 11:35 PM

RJ

“ Ruby C. Jones lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Ruby C. Jones - May 01, 2020 at 09:43 PM

DC

“ Dennis & Freda Cromartie lit a candle in memory of Senator Anthony E. Rand



Dennis & Freda Cromartie - May 01, 2020 at 06:07 PM