



Tyson Wayne Wallis

June 16, 1979 - March 25, 2022

Dr. Tyson Wayne Wallis passed away unexpectedly in a helicopter training accident on Friday, March 25, 2022.

The son of Marty and Ricki Wallis, Ty was born and raised in Amarillo, Texas.

He attended

Randall High School in Canyon, Texas and was valedictorian of his graduating class. Ty's

passion for the outdoors and helping others led him to a career in veterinary medicine. He

attended Texas A&M University in College Station, and at the recommendation of his advisor,

he attended interviews for their veterinary program during his sophomore year and was

accepted into the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. After graduating Magna Cum

Laude in 2004, he moved to Edmond, Oklahoma to complete a one year internship at Oakridge

Equine Hospital. From there, he went on to a surgical residency and combined masters program

at Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Ft. Collins, Colorado. He became

board certified in large animal surgery in 2009 and was a Diplomate of the

American College of
Veterinary Surgeons.

Ty partnered with Dr. Brad Hill in 2012 and co-founded Equine Athlete
Veterinary Services. In
2014, he moved back home to Texas and was based in Pilot Point, where he
focused on
lameness, sports medicine, and orthopedic surgery of equine athletes in
training centers
throughout the country. Ty's intellect, deep compassion, and work ethic fueled
his passion for
helping horses and their people.

As passionate as Ty was for his professional pursuits, his truest passion was
his wife Kristen
and their nine year old daughter Hattie. Ty and Kristen met and were married
in Knoxville,
Tennessee. Their shared love of the outdoors and traveling took them on
adventures around the
world and to beaches, mountains, canyons, ski resorts, and football games,
but some of their
favorite things were lazy weekends out on the lake with Hattie and their
friends or spending a
quiet night on their patio sitting by the fire. Of all of Ty's accomplishments, he
was the most
proud of his daughter, Hattie. He never missed a Father-Daughter Dance or
an opportunity to
watch her at her horseback riding lessons, help her with her math homework,
or cheer her on at
gymnastics competitions, cheerleading competitions, and volleyball games.
A natural born leader, Ty was so many things to so many people. He loved life
and lived like
he was on borrowed time, facing every goal or challenge with unwavering

determination. He was blessed with a large group of friends who shared his enthusiasm, and they enjoyed golfing, fishing, wake surfing, hunting, mountain biking, and good bourbon. In addition to his friends, family, and clients, Ty was passionate about flying. He became a skilled pilot who loved the freedom of the skies, and its ability to allow him to see patients more efficiently, and, most importantly, reduce his time away from his beloved Kristen and Hattie.

Ty is survived by his wife, Kristen, their daughter Hattie, mother Ricki Wallis, father Marty Wallis, grandmother Vonna Lueders, uncle Kelly Lueders, aunt Celine Lueders all of Amarillo, aunt Kendra Wallis and uncle Mike Brand of Arlington, cousins Megan O'Neall, Zoe Wallis, Jayna Lueders, and Zach Lueders. Preceded in death by grandfathers Eddie Lueders and Wayne Wallis and grandmother Jeanne Wallis all of Amarillo.

A memorial will be held at Midway Church on Saturday, April 2 followed by a celebration of life at the Wallis farm. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to The Friends of Vail Foundation.

Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the direction of Brad Shotts and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Midway Church
9540 US-377
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Tribute Wall

LU

“ I’m so incredibly saddened to hear of Ty’s passing. My heart goes out to all his family. My sincerest condolences and prayers to all of you. He was one of my favorite and best students at A&M. He even messaged me a couple of years back about some anesthesia questions he had. He always showed so much respect for everyone. He will be truly missed!

Lisa Meloy Upshaw - April 10, 2022 at 04:11 PM

SW

“ Dear Ricki and Family We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Tyson. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tyson will always be remembered with that beautiful smile on his face, Again so very very sorry, Love and prayers Mike and Susie Wing

Susie Wing - April 03, 2022 at 10:20 PM

SB

“ Although I never voiced it, Ty was my first crush. Some of my happiest grade school memories are of laughing and being challenged in Ms. Pelfrey's GT class with Ty, Chris, and the rest of our class. I always admired his confidence in himself and his intelligence. I was poor and very outspoken and once or twice felt judged or belittled in school. But never by Ty. He was also always so kind. And he always seemed to follow his own inner compass, seemingly oblivious to the social pressures others of us felt. As an adult, I know that is a rare and special quality in anyone, but realize now how extra remarkable it is that he was like that as a child. It's funny, I also am now realizing that I ended up marrying someone a lot like what I remember Ty to be...freakishly smart, kind, and funny- they even look a little a like. I guess my taste in crushes thankfully didn't change much.

Losing people in your past is hard. Your world feels smaller and you contemplate your own mortality. But losing the people in your present and of your future is infinitely harder for all the big obvious reasons but also for the smaller harder to articulate ones as well. My heart is full of grief for Ty's wife, daughter, parents and loved ones. I am so so sorry you all have been thrust into this heartbreaking new reality not of your choosing. It has been an honor to read about how special you all are to him and about what a beautiful, full, interesting life you all built and enjoyed with Ty. I am better for knowing about it and inspired to live more fully.

Shawnee Barton - April 03, 2022 at 11:42 AM

KH

“ Our hearts are broken for you, Kristen, and for your parents and for Hattie. You will all remain in our prayers.
Dennis and Kathy Hayward

Kathy Hayward - April 03, 2022 at 09:12 AM

CP

“ *The light is dimmed by the loss of such an amazing human being. My love goes to Marty & Ricki, Kristen, and sweet Hattie.*

Charles & Paula - April 01, 2022 at 06:31 PM

JE

“ *The friendships between these young men made during vet school...a bond that will never be broken.*



Jennifer - April 01, 2022 at 03:30 PM

JE

“ *We (Will and I) loved Ty like family. He is and will forever be in our hears.*



Jennifer - April 01, 2022 at 03:28 PM