

ESTATE OF HOLLY RIEDEL

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TY EVANS, Appellant
PLAINTIFF(S)

Apr 23 2026

SARA RIEDEL, PR of Estate, Respondent
DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: COURT

SC Court of Appeals

Attorney for : Plaintiff Defendant
or
 Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered. See Page 2 for additional information.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):** Rule 12(b), SCRCP; Rule 41(a), SCRCP (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRCP (Settled); Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):** Rule 40(j), SCRCP; Bankruptcy; Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
 Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded; Other MODIFIED

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order attached) Statement of Judgment by the Court:

This matter came before the court on February 23, 2026 on a probate appeal. Ty Evans was present represented by Jamison Tinsley, Esq. Respondent was represented by Ronald Maxwell, Esq.. The Court finds as follows:

The probate court’s dismissal of Appellant’s action in which he sought a finding that he was the decedent’s common law spouse is affirmed. The probate court correctly found that Appellant did not file his action in a timely manner. The Court also takes note of the extremely high bar to prove common law marriage by clear and convincing evidence. See Stone v. Thompson, 428 S.C. 79, 833 S.E.2d 266 (2019).

As to the probate court awarding Appellant costs and expenses other than the funeral expenses, the Court modifies the probate court’s order to allow Appellant to be reimbursed only for the actual funeral expenses and not any other costs or expenses claimed. Funeral expenses have priority equal to administrative expenses and attorney’s fees under the probate code and do not require filing of a creditor’s claim. Accordingly, upon forwarding Respondent a paid copy of the funeral bill, Respondent shall reimburse said funeral expenses within ten (10) days.

It is so ORDERED.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk : _____

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX		
Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.		
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s/ Frank R. Addy, Jr.

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March 23,
2026

Circuit Court Judge

Judge Code

Date

For Clerk of Court Office Use Only

This judgment was entered on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this _____ day of _____, 20____ to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

Jamison Tinsley

Ronnie Maxwell

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

CLERK OF COURT

Court Reporter: Sharon Hardoon

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So Ordered

S/ Frank R. Addy, Jr.