



Dalton Clark Richards

March 23, 1988 - February 5, 2026

Dalton Clark Richards, age 37, of Schneider, Indiana, went to be with the Lord on February 5, 2026. He was born on March 23, 1988. Dalton was a graduate of Merrillville High School, class of 2007 and Ivy Tech with a degree in Business. He is survived by his son, Nathaniel Richards; parents, Laura & Tom Zlamal and Scot and Lara Richards; his grandmother, Audrey “Nana” Swartout; many aunts & uncles; siblings: Danielle (Eric) Faber, Nicole (Mike) Nigh, Lesley (Adam) Erpelding, and was a fun-loving uncle to his nieces and nephews, Jacob, Cali, Maddox, Joey, and Lauren.

Dalton was unique in countless ways—larger than life life, in both size and personality. He lived with purpose and enthusiasm, checking off much of his bucket list along the way. From his first dirt bike to go-karts, snowmobiles, motorcycles, and racing his Mini Sprint, he embraced every adventure. He even earned Rookie of the Year. Dalton enjoyed RC racing and forging steel from his homemade forge. Most importantly, he built many genuine, lasting friendships among his racing family and Millwright brothers. His hobbies included trying new recipes (the spicier the better), fishing, caring for his many pets, and deep-frying turkeys on Thanksgiving.

Yet the truest way to describe Dalton was through his loyal and loving relationship with his son, Nathaniel. Together, they attempted to build just about anything—and usually succeeded. They worked on 4-H projects and volunteered each year for the Lion’s Club. They were more than father and son; they were best friends.

A memorial visitation for Dalton will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026, from 4 p.m. until the time of sharing from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Time of Sharing

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.*



February 11 at 08:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dalton Clark Richards.

February 11 at 08:20 PM



“ *Ashley Negrelli & Andrew Lee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.*



Ashley Negrelli & Andrew Lee - February 11 at 06:54 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.*



February 11 at 12:21 PM

BS

“ Bogy and Sherry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.



Bogy and Sherry - February 11 at 12:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.



February 11 at 11:32 AM

M1

“ Millwright Local Union 1076 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dalton Clark Richards.

Millwright Local Union 1076 - February 11 at 11:32 AM

PM

“ Pam, Lee, Jenni, and Martin purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.



Pam, Lee, Jenni, and Martin - February 10 at 07:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.



February 10 at 05:02 PM



“ From Simon & Simon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dalton Clark Richards.

From Simon & Simon - February 10 at 05:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.



February 10 at 09:26 AM



“ The Cioni's and Remaley's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dalton Clark Richards.

The Cioni's and Remaley's - February 10 at 09:26 AM

P(

“ So very sorry to hear of Dalton’s passing. Keep those memories close. Condolences to all of you. Sending prayers and love to each and every one of you.

Pamela and Bill Potoczek (Edwards) - February 09 at 10:26 PM

“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.



February 09 at 09:28 PM

AS

“ Lara, Scot, Lesley, Adam, and families,

Our sincere condolences on the passing of your son and brother, Dalton.

May God grant him eternal life, and memory eternal.

Alex & Melissa Sarafin

Alex & Melissa Sarafin - February 09 at 08:16 PM

LC

“ Love, Aunt Jackie and cousins purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.



Love, Aunt Jackie and cousins - February 09 at 05:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.*



February 09 at 04:00 PM



“ *Michelle and Jim Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dalton Clark Richards.*

Michelle and Jim Miller - February 09 at 04:00 PM



“ *Beth O. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.*



Beth O. - February 09 at 03:22 PM



“ *Alina B. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.*



Alina B. - February 09 at 01:12 PM

MA

“ I will miss my dear nephew Dalton. I am so happy that we got to go on vacation and fish with our family last summer. We had such a wonderful Christmas and I will miss his laughter, his caring nature and his hugs. I love you Dalton. Memory Eternal. Love always, Aunt Shell

Michelle Abila - February 07 at 02:44 PM

JC

“ Jane & Larry Fedler; Kathy & Jules Chopp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dalton Clark Richards.



Jane & Larry Fedler; Kathy & Jules Chopp - February 07 at 01:28 PM

JC

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Jane & Larry Fedler; Kathy & Jules Chopp - February 07 at 01:28 PM



“ I cant believe it 🥹 im heartbroken to hear the news. He was a legend with anything mechanical and especially cooking. We talked for hours on what foods he enjoyed smoking or the types of trucks that are worth investing in. He was a brother in the trades and a great human being. Rest easy brother God had other plans set aside for you 🙏👊

Tyrell White - February 07 at 01:50 AM

LH

“ I remember cutting his son’s hair when he was maybe 2! Dalton’s family is in our thoughts and prayers, may God bless you all with peace and all our Love , John and Lynn Halko 💔🙏🏻

Lynn Halko - February 06 at 09:19 PM



“ He was a great Millwright to work with. Always looking to the positive in a sometimes harsh work environment. Always such a pleasure to work with. Always talked about his son and the things he enjoyed doing with him.

David Fish - February 06 at 08:33 PM

ST

“ My sincere condolences to Dalton's family and friends. Sending prayers that his loved ones find comfort and peace.

Stephanie (Uher) Tinker - February 06 at 06:37 PM

JS

I had the privilege of watching Dalton growing up as his family were my mom's next door neighbors. He was such a sweet and kind kid. Never a dull moment when Dalton was around.

Later in life when I moved to Florida and Dalton visited Daytona w his Jr race team (Im sure I've worded that wrong) he called me and came to visit. I had just got an IPod and had no idea how to even work it. Dalton downloaded all my songs and introduced me to the land of Apple.

He smart as a whip and always had a hug for you.

My mother adored that kid and I can see them catching up in heaven at a mile a minute. Rest easy my dear sweet Dalton. You will forever be in my heart.

Jan (Iwan) Stuber - February 06 at 07:59 PM