



## Scott D. Tuft

May 15, 1967 - July 7, 2025

Scott Douglas Tuft, age 58, of Valparaiso, Indiana, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on July 7, 2025. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 15, 1967. Scott graduated from Merrillville High School and was a Sales Representative with Elegan. He took great pride in his involvement as a member of The Indiana Dunes Tourism Board for several years. Scott was the life of the party and lived every day to the fullest. He was a man who lived with kindness, humor and a deep love for those around him. Scott was an avid fisherman and would never miss an opportunity to be on the lake with friends and family. He also enjoyed worshipping and serving at GracePoint as well as being part of Anchor Men's Group and serving at various organizations. Scott always enjoyed spending quality time with his family and became Uncle Scott to many. He will be remembered for his warm presence, generous spirit, and unwavering dedication to the people he loved. Scott was preceded in death by his beloved family members, Moms: Anna Beth Valencia and Valorie Tuft; father, Douglas Tuft; niece, Jamie Chapman; nephew, Shaun Kowalewski; brother-in-laws: Kristopher Kingery and Luis Acuna. He is survived by his cherished son, Nathan Tuft; his loving sisters: Jennifer

(Rafael) Torres, Heather Acuna, Allison Kingery, Kelly Chapman, and Kathy Tuft; as well as many adored nieces and nephews: Jason Bloch, Courtney Randolph, Danielle Ciesielski, Gaige Torres, Nicholas Mendez, Alexander Torres, Isabella Torres, Kristopher Kingery, Jairo Acuna, Kaydon Kingery, Koltin Kingery, Zavier Acuna, Quentin Ciesielski, Antino Acuna and Waylon Halajcsik. A visitation will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 3 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Pastor Ben Lamb officiating. Scott's life touched many and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## Funeral Service

JUL 19. 6:00 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

PN

“ So sad to hear of Scott's passing. A beautiful human being, gone too soon. Sending strength to Scott's family.

Priti Nuthakki - September 09, 2025 at 11:37 PM

GF

“ I was involved with Merrillville Girls Softball with Scott it was a lot of fun, my heart goes out to his sisters and the rest of the family. Linda and I are so sorry we cannot attend the funeral, condolences from the Sanchez family

Gregory & Linda Sanchez and family - July 18, 2025 at 03:17 PM

RH

“ Scott was leading a fishing expedition on a Northern Michigan Lake. My Father-in-law had been fishing on it for decades. He stopped by the house holding the anglers one night. He told Scott that he never caught a Smallmouth bass on the lake. Scott invited him out to fish the next day. Scott set him up and showed him how to cast the specific bait. You guessed it; ten minutes in my father was howling with delight as he reeled in the Smallie.

Rob Huth - July 14, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Scott D. Tuft.



July 14, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Scott D. Tuft.

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“ Don, Shauna and Bradley Kapica purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Scott D. Tuft.



Don, Shauna and Bradley Kapica - July 14, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Scott D. Tuft.



July 13, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ I worked closely with Scott and His Father, Doug, for many years at Impressions Printing. Was at his wedding to Roberta. He was a good man. Sorry to hear he passed . David Sepke

David Sepke - July 13, 2025 at 01:57 PM

SC

“ Scott and I have always had a special relationship. I was the daughter he never had, as he has said for the past 7 years. He never missed my games or tennis matches, he never failed to show up for me. Scott is just so thoughtful, selfless, kind. There’s really endless positive words I could use to describe such an exceptional man. Someone who never failed to make me laugh or smile if I was down. Just a very bright light in my life. Forever grateful to have such a wonderful man like Scott give me guidance and love.

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**Savanna Cannon** - July 12, 2025 at 08:57 PM

CL

“ I’m so fortunate to have had Scott in my life. He was a bright light for anyone lucky enough to have him in their lives - and that was alot of people. He will leave an enormous void. He was full of love for everyone around him in a way completely unique to him. He lived each day to its fullest. He made everyone laugh and feel special, and would give the shirt off his back (and anything else he had) to a complete stranger. The kindest, most generous human I know. I could tell stories of things he has done to help people, support them, and lift them up and the stories would just keep coming....

*I’m so grateful for his friendship and grateful for all he gave to Indiana Dunes Tourism. It was far more than anyone knew. He stuck by me through our most challenging moments - a one-of-a-kind human. Irreplaceable. Indiana Dunes Tourism is better having had him as a part of it for so many years, and will not be the same without him.*

*Christine Livingston*

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**Christine Livingston** - July 12, 2025 at 01:46 PM

CB

*You're so right. What he brought to IDT is irreplaceable and seeing him and hearing his opinions at meetings made them so special. I feel so very fortunate to have had Scott as a very good friend. I miss talking to and texting him so much. ❤️*

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**catherine brown** - July 12, 2025 at 03:11 PM

SK

“ *“They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel”*

*Carl W. Buechner*

*This is the essence of who Scott Tuft was! He made you feel important, special and most of all loved! What a gift! We began our friendship in 1989, when I was working in healthcare. He worked in printing and I worked in PR. A good fit! Growing up in Merrillville, and being a year apart in age, we quickly learned we knew a lot of the same people and places. We made each other laugh with endless stories and I felt that we were going to be friends for along time and so it was. Through major life events like weddings, having kids, death of family and friends, changing jobs there he was by your side. You can sometimes take a friend like that for granted but Scott would forgive and forget and give you the best hug you ever had!! I remember lingering in some of his hugs just cause they just felt good and sincere! We also picked Scott to be our daughter, Carin's Godfather. Your love for kids was truly amazing. You treated them like your own. Yet another gift of yours.*

*So many friendships grew from us meeting that day, and so many unforgettable memories. I so happy you called on me that day in 1989. I'm also so glad we ALL were more than friends-- we were family!! I am most of all so glad we saw each other a month ago and had a really good conversation. You were in a good place and happy like always. You will be busy in Heaven. God has big plans for you! You will watch over Nathan and his family to be with all your heart as your love for him was your first priority in good times and tough times. I'm going to miss you Chaka Scott! (our song). I'm going to miss you very, very much. All my love, Sal ✨*

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**Sally Jensen Kaminski** - July 11, 2025 at 04:12 PM

DK

“ So sad to hear the passing of Scott. Scott was a friend of our family since he was a very young man. The fishing trips, the holidays spent with his family and all the laughs and good times will be missed but not forgotten. Scott was a loyal friend who never forgot a birthday or any occasion pertaining to our family. We shall miss Scott but will never forget him. Rest in peace our good friend Dave Kaminski

Dave Kaminski - July 11, 2025 at 11:38 AM

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Sally Jensen Kaminski - July 11, 2025 at 04:07 PM

BL

*Knowing Scott thru IDT for 10 years, a great guy with a big heart. I will miss seeing him winter, spring, summer, fall at the Marina. He was an avid fisherman and loved being on the lake. I will miss his humor, kindness and the best hugger in the world. Rest easy my dear dear friend.*

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**Barb Lusco** - July 13, 2025 at 04:28 PM

GW

*Scott was really nice and funny we went fishing a couple of weeks ago on lake Michigan and every fish he reeled in broke off that was pretty funny, Scott was a nice guy but I wish his life didn't end that soon. From Graham Wardrip, Ps Rest In Peace.*

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**Graham Wardrip** - July 15, 2025 at 10:18 PM