



## Gregory Scott Dunn

March 19, 1955 - March 4, 2025

Gregory Scott Dunn, 69 years of age, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on March 4, 2025.

Born on March 19, 1955 in Indianapolis, he was the son of Claudia (Birk) and William (both deceased), with brothers Doug (wife Monica) and Billy (deceased). Greg was a dedicated and loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, and friend. He is survived by his wife Lesa, four children: Alysha (husband Justin), Tahlia (husband Paul), Courtney and Tyler (wife Sarah) and his 12 grandchildren ranging from age 4 to 19.

Greg spent 37 years working for the jet engine maker Rolls-Royce on the southside of Indianapolis. He started as a machinist on the shop floor in 1977 and worked his way onto the legal staff as an attorney, where he served many years until he retired in 2015. Greg attended Northwest but graduated from Ben Davis High School. As a youth he played in the streets of Speedway and Bridgeport. His high school wrestling coach described him as a “terror on the mat,” but in his first year of college at University of Hawaii (Hilo) Greg added value on the basketball team as the team manager. He eventually graduated from IUPUI with a degree in geology and returned to Indiana University School of Law for his Juris Doctorate.

Greg was diagnosed with an aggressive form of dementia and was surrounded by love and support from his friends and family as he battled the disease. The disease took his ability to communicate but he found ways to let us know he was OK with a funny look, smile or even an impromptu push-up to

let us know he still had it.

We will all miss you dearly Greg. Rest in peace.

Greg's wishes were that in his death, he be dipped in honey, then rolled in bird seed and hung from a tree so the birds can carry him away. The family is not honoring his wishes.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, April 13 from 1-5pm at one of his favorite restaurants in Indianapolis, Mama Carolla's on East 54th Street in Broad Ripple. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, Fishers, IN.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider donating to one of the following organizations: [Dementia Society of America®](#) | [definition Alzheimer's MCI vascular dementia](#) and/or [Donate to Environmental Defense Fund](#) | A leading environmental advocacy organization

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **13**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mama Carolla's  
East 54th Street  
Broad Ripple, IN

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ I knew Greg through my wife who was his wife Lesa’s friend from childhood. They reconnected after high school days and I am so glad they did.

*When we met Greg, we found out what an extraordinary guy he was. He was funny, sincere, honest, respectful, and the greatness of all his traits are endless. We played euchre, and Yahtzee quite often. His great smile was contagious also. We vacationed together in Florida many times as well. Our families sat at the beach many nights laughing and joking and watching the shooting stars while reminiscing about how good life was.*

*When I read all the wonderful testimonials to Greg on here, it only confirms that Greg was everyone’s best friend, and one of the best guys all of us have ever known. Thank you for how much laughter and joy you brought into our lives. You left us far too soon, but your legacy will live on forever. You were strong and brave, and we are better for having known you. We know you are at peace now.*

*We will miss you dearly and always remember the good times.  
Rest easy Greg Dunn.*

*Jim and Sally Atkinson*

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**JIM ATKINSON** - March 24, 2025 at 07:32 PM

CD

“ So many memories! A man who couldn't Love his family anymore than he always did, he adored Lesa ! And what a hard worker and provider for his family! So thankful I had the opportunity to spend time with Gregg in Florida! What a fighter with what he must have dealt with internally! A Good MAN ! Be at peace Brother! See you on the other side! 🙏 🕊️ ❤️

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**Chuck Day** - March 14, 2025 at 04:55 PM

CD

“ So many memories ! A Man couldn't Love his Family anymore than Greg did!!! A hard worker and financial supporter!!! Loved his Wife ( my sister Lesa ) Intensely ❤️ and OMG what a fighter ! The Lord only knows what struggles he felt internally for YEARS! I admire his strength and spirit thru all of it ! I Loved and Respected Gregg , and feel so fortunate to have spent a chunk of time with him down here in Florida thru his journey and struggles! A GOOD MAN ! Heavens Gain !! He's up there now , hanging out by the Cafeteria:) The Man could eat :) Love you Brother ! Enjoy that eternal Bliss ! We shall see you again soon enough! Love to all the family !!! 🙏 🕊️ ❤️ 💜

*Chuck Day*

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**Chuck Day** - March 14, 2025 at 01:44 PM

SP

“ We knew Greg as a family man, a husband, father, and a grandfather; living in a house by a lake, loving his wife, his children and grandchildren. We first met Greg when he came to Britain For Sarah and Tyler’s wedding when he was very much in charge, organising the visit of the family. We all had a very good time One thing that impressed me about Greg’s life, and I hope I have this correct, was that at one point, he started work in the Allison Aircraft Engine factory stamping out bits of metal. Then, as well as working on the shop floor, he studied for Law Qualifications and became a lawyer working for the same company rising up to being a senior legal executive with Rolls-Royce that took over Allison. His advice to executives within the company was respected in all places where Rolls Royce traded. Working on the shopfloor, while studying and looking after a family must have been hard, but what a success that hard work brought. Greg was a kind and funny man and he will be sorely missed.

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**Stephen Pyne** - March 12, 2025 at 01:52 PM

TD

“ Tom & Margarita Dale purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gregory Scott Dunn.



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**Tom & Margarita Dale** - March 11, 2025 at 10:29 AM

TD

“ I have many very fond memories of Greg, who was a very well liked and respected member of the legal team that I led at Rolls-Royce. He brought a lot of insight and knowledge to problems faced by the business, especially with respect to environmental issues where his expertise and advice were vital. Whenever we walked together through the plant in Indianapolis or at other sites, he never failed to teach me something about manufacturing operations. Greg’s good humor and positive attitude were infectious. Not surprisingly, everyone enjoyed spending time with him. He often spoke lovingly about his wife, Lesa, and their children. I send them my deepest condolences.  
Greg, you will be missed.

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**Tom Dale** - March 11, 2025 at 10:12 AM

CG

“ I also worked with Greg at Rolls-Royce, and I always appreciated his down to earth rational on things. Working in the compliance area, I really valued his thoughtful inputs and advice. He often talked about his family, and you could tell he loved them all very much! They were his lifeblood.

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**Charlie Giesting** - March 10, 2025 at 11:40 AM

MN

“ Greg and I first met when he applied for a job in the Contracts Department at Allison Engine Company around 1986. He was working in the factory as a machine operator and was in his second year of law school and wanted to transition into a salaried position. I suggested he go ahead and apply for the position, which he did, and subsequently we became best friends. We had much in common, having both come from the shop floor, and we ended up spending much of our spare time with each other and our families.

*I am extremely fortunate to have known him and his family for more than 30 years. My wife Jan and I felt like we were part of the family, participating in most of the significant episodes of their family. We were invited to attend, and in some cases participate in the marriages of his children and many other important occasions. Vacations together were a given, and we had many memorable vacation experiences, including cruises, Key West, Cape San Blas, and many others.*

*He always impressed me with his perseverance and upbeat attitude. He will forever be in my memories.*

*My best friend forever.*

*Mike Nellinger*

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**Michael A. Nellinger** - March 10, 2025 at 07:34 AM

GS

“ Greg and I met in 1966 in Tommy Ollier's driveway playing basketball. We soon became best friends. Greg was a great athlete, super intelligent and an even better person. We did the usual things teens did in the 70's and had a lot of great times. Greg was always mature beyond his years and kept himself, his brother Doug and me in line. Greg met the love of his life, Lesa, and they were married in July 1977. It was an honor to be his best man. Greg was a family man through and through and loved his kids and grandkids. It was a privilege to know Greg and his family for as long as I have. If there is a Hall of Fame for integrity and character he is surely in it. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Gary Stonehouse** - March 08, 2025 at 12:49 PM

DD

“ I met Greg on his first day in the office at Rolls-Royce. I interfaced with Greg for about 10 years. He was an outstanding individual, and well liked by everyone. God bless you Greg!  
Dick Dombkowski

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**Dick Dombkowski** - March 08, 2025 at 10:08 AM

LF

“ I met Greg many years ago when I was an Engineering Manager and he was a Lawyer at Rolls-Royce. We were at a Leadership conference at IU and one night several of us were at the Irish Lion in Bloomington having what they call a yard of beer ( a tall fluted glass that came with a wood stand that rested on the floor). Greg and I started talking and I discovered he had married Lesa, who was a classmate of mine from elementary school through high school.

After that meeting, we had several discussions in my office about so many topics, but usually dealing with family. I once brought in an elementary school year book so he could see a picture of Lesa in either 3rd or 4th grade. I also learned about him working in manufacturing while going to law school and if I remember right, fixing up a house which I still don't see how he could do it all.

Greg had a love for life and absolutely adored Lesa and his children. There was always a gleam in his eye and passion in his voice when he talked about Lesa or any of his children. He also was always telling me I had to try Mama Carolla's and would describe in great detail how fabulous the food was there. I think he also told me how he had a family connection there (I think with one of his daughters).

When my son was ready to graduate college and preparing to attend law school, I asked Greg if he would talk to him about school and the law profession in general. Greg happily agreed and took my son to lunch a few time for great discussions and I'm sure wise advice. My son is now a tax attorney and grateful of the discussions he had with Greg.

I am so sorry to hear he has passed. Such a great guy who had a passion for life. My condolences to Lesa and his family. I wish I could have more discussions with him!

Larry Fletcher

**Larry Fletcher** - March 07, 2025 at 07:57 PM

CB

“ *I worked with Greg for many years at Rolls-Royce. He was a funny, funny guy. Would do anything for you, and loved to catch up on the latest gossip about work. I'm so sorry for his family's loss.*

**Cindy Benningfield** - March 07, 2025 at 04:30 PM

MB

“ *Mike Browning purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gregory Scott Dunn.*



**Mike Browning** - March 07, 2025 at 12:31 PM