



## Lance Bryan McElfresh

March 20, 1970 - March 15, 2022

Lance Bryan McElfresh,

51, of Indianapolis, passed away, March 15, 2022. He was born on March 20, 1970 in Louisiana, Missouri and raised by his parents, Dorothy Caughlan and Joseph McElfresh. Lance had a distinguished career in real estate for over 20 years, working with Sycamore Group, F.C. Tucker, Century 21, Keller-Williams, Plat and @Properties. He married the love of his life, Scott J. Vanderkooi, on February 27, 2016. Lance was an avid equestrian, training with Saddlebreds and dedicated to his beloved colt Astrology. He was devoted to his Cocker Spaniels, Ben and “Maddie”, who was an American Kennel Club Champion, “Ashwood Laurent’s Time To Shine”.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Meridian Street United Methodist Church, 5500 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208. For those unable to attend a livestream of the service is available by accessing the following link:

<https://meridianstreet.online.church/>

Lance is survived by his devoted husband, Scott J. Vanderkooi; mother, Dorothy “Dodie” and Steve Caughlan; brother, Bobby Joe McElfresh; his wife Jenna and their children; Tanner and wife, Cassi McElfresh, their children, Gabby and Maxon McElfresh; his niece, Hailey and her husband, Colton Clendenny and Lilly McElfresh. Lance was preceded in death by his father, Joseph McElfresh; his maternal grandmother, Verna Puterbaugh; and his cherished pups, Nick and Wilbur.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Agape Therapeutic Riding of Cicero, Indiana. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Meridian Street United Methodist Church  
5500 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Scott and the family. Our prayers are with you.*

*Jeff and Nancy, Judy, Don & Bev Griffeth*

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**Jeff Griffeth** - March 22, 2022 at 06:36 PM

EG

“ *Scott -*

*My heart aches for you and your family. Sending you prayers of peace. May the memories you have be a source of comfort and joy.*

*Esther Grisham*

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**Esther Grisham** - March 22, 2022 at 01:38 PM

AC

“ *Scott*

*My heart is still breaking from the news of Lance's passing. I know today will be the hardest day for you and I just want you to know that I will be there in celebration of what a wonderful human being Lance was. He was my knight in shining armor and went up to Agape for the first time with me when I was scared of horses. It was through that night we talked a lot about his passion for horses and how he wanted to get back into being around them. I had a long hour conversation the Friday before his passing and I know he was so happy that he was with the horses again and he was very happy being with you and the pups. He will be forever missed my heart just hurts!! Way too young! Sending hugs. Amy Corey*

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**Amy Corey** - March 22, 2022 at 09:05 AM

JA

“Lance was a fantastic man with a wonderful sense of humor and a genuine and caring heart. He could brighten any room he walked into and just drew people to him. Knowing him from both the personal and professional standpoints, I can say that he set a high bar for building relationships and showing people he cared about them.

*Lance, you will be greatly missed among our friends and our work colleagues. The world is a better place because of you and the light you brought to it.*

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**Jim Anthony** - March 22, 2022 at 08:52 AM

BL

“Offering my deepest condolences to Scott, Lance's family, colleagues and close friends. I didn't see Lance as frequently in recent years as we did when we were younger, but when I did he would always take a moment to say hi and catch up for a bit. He was a kind person and he'll be missed even more than usual because of it.

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**Bill Lovejoy** - March 21, 2022 at 11:15 PM

AS

“Scott,

*I was very saddened to hear about your loss. You and the entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. May you all find peace and comfort during this very difficult time.*

*Alicia Sweatt*

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**Alicia Sweatt** - March 21, 2022 at 01:36 PM

DD

“ Scott,  
We were shocked and saddened to hear the news last week and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please know that we're here to support you in any way we can.

*Dave Doucette and Team*



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**Dave Doucette** - March 21, 2022 at 09:47 AM

JH

“ More prayers and love to you all for the time we had with Lance. I will miss those good hugs we got each time we saw him, that made us feel so special. God IS with you & holding you in His arms. Jerry & Marilyn Hougland

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**Jerry & Marilyn Hougland** - March 18, 2022 at 10:14 PM

MP

“ Although we can't be with you in Indianapolis at this sad time are thoughts are with you all.  
We met up with Lance on many occasions and knew him to be sincere, compassionate, fun loving and a great friend to Erin. It is a privilege to have known him.  
Our condolences to Scott, Dorothy and family.

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**Megs and John Phipps** - March 18, 2022 at 06:03 PM

JT

“ Lance was my nephew on his father’s side. His paternal grandmother was Ella Calhoun. Lance was always a great person and such a caring young man. He will always be in our hearts and Scott although we have never met, you will always be a part of our family too. God Bless you. Lance’s Aunt Judy Toner

Judy Toner - March 18, 2022 at 04:12 PM

MM

“ Lance was like a son to me I was married to his dad . He was such a sweet heart. I just talked to him about a week ago Lance was so good to my daughter she loved him also he is going to be missed so much. Scott you have my prayers.

Mary McElfresh - March 18, 2022 at 01:43 PM

SM

“ Scott we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Monte and Sharon McQuiston

Sharon McQuiston - March 18, 2022 at 01:36 PM

FR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Fred & Kerri Rodhouse  
Aaron, Addie, Vivian & August Rodhouse  
Alex Rodhouse & Kennedy Moore

Fred & Kerri Rodhouse - March 18, 2022 at 12:52 PM

AN

“ Even though we have only known you a few years our time with was a blessing and you became part of our family we are going to miss you

Andrea - March 18, 2022 at 11:37 AM