



## Scott A. Grest

May 19, 2017

Scott A. Grest, age 56, of Buford, GA passed away on Friday, May 19, 2017. He is survived by his wife of thirty-one years, Melinda Lowe Grest, Buford, GA; children, Gabrielle Kay Grest, Buford, GA and Isabelle Nicole Grest, Buford, GA; parents, Keith and Carolyn Grest, Tucker, GA; brother, Michael Grest, Auburn, GA; sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl Grest Barton, and husband, Patrick Michael Barton, Cumming, GA; nephews, Sean Michael Grest and Elias Lowe; nieces, Jacqueline Lowe and Niamah Rahmaan. Mr. Grest was born January 27, 1961 in Washington, DC. He was a 1979 graduate of Tucker High School in Tucker, GA and a 1985 graduate of Georgia State University with a Bachelor's Degree. He was employed with United States Forest Service as an IT Administrator. He was a board member and coach with Atlanta Fire United Soccer Association, a member of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at Lake Lanier, Flotilla 29, member of the Atlanta Pipe Band and a member of the U. S. Coast Guard Pipe Band. A viewing and visitation will be held at Flanigan Funeral Home on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. No formal funeral service is planned.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Scott A. Grest*

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**Bob and Barbara Erickson** - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ Hi Melinda and your lovely daughters. I was so saddened to hear about Scott's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

*Sincerely, Barbara*

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**Barbara F. Murray Yarbrough** - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am in such shock to hear of Scott's passing. You are the most vibrant, full of life family that I have ever known. I wish you comfort and much love in this difficult time. Peace my friend.

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**Linda Chapman** - May 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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**Linda Chapman** - May 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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**Linda Chapman** - May 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Scott was an important part of my life, especially when we were teenagers. We played soccer together year-round, and enjoyed boy scouts and social life at Tucker High. He taught me a lot about how to always smile and stay positive in all circumstances. He loved everyone he met. I have a big hole in my heart from this loss, and pray that God will comfort and protect the entire Grest family. Best blessings, Bert Blanchard

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**Bert Blanchard** - May 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Scott in the Gainesville office and whenever we met in the office hallway, breakroom or in a fire assignment he had that beautiful smile that make me always welcome. I will miss those conversations with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Nelson

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**Nelson Gonzalez-Sullow** - May 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I always enjoyed seeing Scott, chatting about databases, and hearing about his daughters, during our time together in Gainesville. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Grest family.

*Charlene*

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**Charlene Breeden** - May 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ 'm so very sorry to hear about your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

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**Jim Keys** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Please accept our condolences on your loss. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you or your family. We were so sorry to hear.

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**Mary & Tom Huffine** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Mike and I are so very sorry for your loss. I worked with Scott and he always had a smile on his face. His love for his wife and daughters was apparent every time you spoke to him and our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. You are in our prayers. Mike & Meredith

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**Meredith Joyce** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I worked with Scott in Gainesville on the Chatt. He was a joy and a pleasure to see in building. An uplifting person to see. You have my sorrow and prayers.

*Deborah*

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**Deborah W Byrd** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Melinda, I am the Incident commander on the southern area Blue Team. Scott was always smiling and so helpful to us all on incidents as he worked his computer magic. He seemed to enjoy the assignments and was a great coworker. Our team will miss him greatly. I pray the Lord would comfort you and the family.

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**Michael Wilkins** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ My condolences to you and your family during this unexpected loss. Scott was truly a good-hearted, friendly person that always shared a smile. He will be greatly missed by his Forest Service family. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you all during this sorrowful time.

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**Elisa Ratliff** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are very sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Robert and Teresa Palmer and Family** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ My dear friend Melinda - I am in disbelief! He will be missed by so many, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, the girls and your family. Love to you all! The Glass Family, Michael, Heather, Michael, Robert & Thomas

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**Heather Glass** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We are heartbroken for all of you. We will always remember Scott being involved with the girls and beaming over their accomplishments. You could always count on his smile and good conversation. Love & prayers to you all.

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**Sam & Nicole Wylie** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I was sorry to hear of Scott passing. He is a very humble person, always a smile and word. When Scott and myself met in the hall, I would speak in a bass voice and he would always try to speak in a bass voice also. Such a nice person, and i know he will be miss. May God bless you and your family.  
Love  
Lou

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**Lucious Buffington** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ Dear Grest Family - I knew Scott from several wildland fire assignments with the Southern Area Blue Team. I benefitted from his IT expertise; and even more from his always-upbeat attitude and friendly manner. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time.  
With palm-to-palm, and with deep sympathy -  
Pete Irvine, U.S. Forest Service, Roanoke, VA.

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**Pete Irvine, USFS, Roanoke, VA** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Tom and I are so shocked and saddened to hear about Scott. He was so kind to us when we played in the pipe band. He was always smiling and had a fantastic sarcastic wit that we loved. We are so very sorry for your loss.

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**Becky and Tom Riberts** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ We are so sorry that one of the best are gone. Your infectious smile will live on in everyone's heart.  
You will be missed my friend.

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**Chris Gassner** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I am at a loss of words to say to you except may the Lord comfort you and wrap His mighty arms around you in this time of great sorrow and sadness.

*I worked with Scott for 7 years with NRIS Wildlife and loved his sense of humor.. He was a great guy and dearly loved his family.*

*His death was a shock and a great loss to the US Forest Service.*

*God Bless your family as you work through this great tragedy and loss.*

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**Jr. Lawrence** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Grest family. He was an amazing person and we were blessed to have known him.

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**Kathy Davies** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Scott's passing is a great loss to everyone who knew him. What a great example he was for us all. Prayers and condolences.

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**Mitch Cohen** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ So saddened to hear of this. Had not seen Scott in a number of years will always remember him as happy with a big smile. Prayers and condolences to the family...

*Will Bruner*

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**Will Bruner** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Grest family.*

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**Howard and JoAnn Dawson** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Heaven recieved the most amazing angel this weekend. Papa Grest will be missed by so many people, and his legacy will live through his daughters, wife, and family. We are so blessed to have known him in this lifetime, and we know he will be a guiding light in your lives.*

*With love always,  
The Locke Family*

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**Michael, Seble, Yvonne, & Bethania Locke** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Scott's passing. He was a wonderful coach, role model and friend to so many.*

*Dan, Cathy, Shelby and Jackson Goin*

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**The Goin Family** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I am at a loss for words as we just found out about Scott. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mark and Cheryl Mason*

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**Mark and Cheryl Mason** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ May God keep his loving arms around the entire Grest family. Every day Scott passed my office door, he would smile and speak. What a loving and kind coworker he was, always willing to help. Scott loved his family and would speak of them in every conversation. Every one who met Scott fell in love with him but God loved him more.

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**Sylvia Milner** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Melinda...I am so very sorry for your loss...I know many years have passed, but your smile and humor made an indelible mark on my life...I trust the love demonstrated between you and your daughters on FB, will sustain you in the days ahead. Please know I truly hurt for you and your family...

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**Keith Stell** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My heart is breaking for you! Melinda and family, all my love goes out to you.

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**Leslye Tobin-Cobb** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Grest family. He was an amazing person and we were blessed to have known him.

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**Kathy Davies** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I am praying for you girls and your mom. Allie thought so much of your dad. She loved hanging out at your house. She always talked about how much fun it was!  
Love and hugs to you. Pam Ransom (Allie's mom)

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**Pam Ransom** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Our hearts are broken over this news. Scott was the real deal- he loved everyone of the girls he coached through the years and left a positive impression on them all. Melinda, Abby, Izzy.....we are so sorry for your sudden loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Stacy DeRogatis** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of Scott. He was a great person and a great coach. We are so fortunate to have known Scott. You are all in our thoughts and prayers! Our deepest sympathies to all of you!  
Love,  
The Haupt's - Brian, Laura, Ryan, Devin and Kristen

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**Laura Haupt** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire Grest family. I know Scott has positively impacted a lot of lives. He was especially helpful to me in my recent move back to GA and navigating soccer programs for my daughter. I know his passion was his family and soccer. Blessings to you all, Flynn Galbraith

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**Flynn Galbraith** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ So very sorry to hear this... Scott always had a smile when I would see him at the office. My thoughts are with his family during this difficult time. Rest in peace Scott.

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**Erika M Mavity** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Keith, Carolyn, and Melinda

*Our hearts go out to you and the family dealing with this terrible loss. Our love and prayers go out to all of you. Scott will be missed.*

*Much love,*

*Kelly & John Hillyer*

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**Kelly & John Hillyer** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Melinda, my love and prayers are for you and your family during this extremely difficult time.

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**Doris A Willis** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Scott's passing. I have so many fond memories of our days playing soccer on the Runners. Our dads worked together at the US Forest Service. I ran into him a few times over the years through mutual friends. Now my grandson plays at AFU. What a small world. Hugs and prayers to all of the Grest and Barton families. Scott will be missed by the Moore family.

*Julia "Julie" Moore*

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**Julia Moore** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *The Blihovde's are so sorry for yall's loss. Scott always had a beaming smile on his face and we sure did enjoy both of our families fun vacations together. Please know that yall are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**J. Mark Blihovde** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *I was a couple of desks away from Scott for awhile about ten years ago. My heart goes out to you all. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

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**Ron Stephens** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *I was very saddened to hear of Scott passing. I recall talking with Scott prior to retiring in January. Scott was a very nice man and always had a smile when greeting you. My thoughts and prayers are with Scott's family. God Bless!*

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**Charles L Jackson** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

*Kim and Kristopher Martenn*

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**Kim Martenn** - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ To the Grest clan, Kyla and I are deeply sorry to hear the news. Scott was first and always kind and considerate, funny as hell and always with that impish and mischievous Grest twinkle in his eyes. I respected and very much admired Scott's devotion to his family. Our hearts grieve with you.

~ robin

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**Robin** - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Our hearts and prayers are with the Grest family. Sending love and prayers.

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**Tim and Paige Turner** - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM