



Obituary

Born: Wednesday, April 16, 1969

Died: Sunday, November 8, 2020

April 16th, 1969 - November 8th, 2020 Scott R. Willingham, 51, both entered and left this world in Portland, OR. Scott was born on April 16th, 1969 to Weldon Willingham and Marilyn Scott. He spent most of his childhood in Forest Grove, OR where he attended grade school and middle school. During his time in Forest Grove he became very close to his neighbors Jim and Liz Hurley who became a second set of parents to him and he later made them his children's godparents. Scott later moved in with his Dad in Dallas, TX where he attended high school at Tyler Street Christian Academy. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Army (1987-1991) and served in the Panama and First Gulf War. After serving his country he returned home to Forest Grove where he met his beautiful wife, Anita Willingham. They met in July of 1991 and must have known they were meant to be as they were married by March 12th, 1992. During their 28 years of marriage they had 5 children- Elizabeth (husband Roman), Bryan, Justin, Joshua, and Rachel. Not only was Scott a devoted father and husband but he also willingly served his community. He volunteered at the Pilot Rock Fire Department since 1997. He saved countless lives and homes during this time. Scott became a Registered Nurse in 2003 and worked all these years at St. Anthony Hospital. Numerous people have stated how he saved their lives or their loved ones, how they felt safer when he was at the hospital to care for them, always made them feel like the most important patient, and wouldn't leave until he knew they were cared for. His nursing legacy will continue on as he mentored many new nurses to reach their full potential. Scott's hobbies included hunting, fishing, taking care of his small farm, playing cribbage, watching his grandchildren, yelling at refs during sports events, watching Dallas Cowboy Football games, and anything that involved his family. Scott was a caring man through everything he did. He loved to cook big meals for family and friends. He was more than willing to open his home to anybody that needed it. During his life he had countless people live with him and his family. Although he had only 5 biological children many more people considered and called him dad. Scott is survived by his children and his wife, his 2 grand-children Hayden and Sawyer. His parents Marilyn and David Gassner of Forest Grove, sister Lisa Slater (Aaron Slater) of Forest Grove, sister Bonnie McIntyre of Stanfield, sister Debbie Johnson, brother Mark Otto (Nina Otto), and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his dad Weldon Willingham and all his grandparents. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pilot Rock Athletic Department

Service Summary

Visitation

2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Thu Nov 19, 2020

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Fri Nov 20, 2020

Burns Mortuary

336 SW Dorion Avenue
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Graveside Service

11:00 AM Sat Nov 21, 2020

Pilot Rock Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Pilot Rock, Oregon 97868