



Gregory Scott Fanning

March 28, 1958 - July 10, 2016

Gregory “Greg” Scott Fanning, age 58, passed away Sunday, July 10th, 2016. He was born March 28, 1958 in East Lansing, Michigan to Lawrence Eugene Fanning and Sammy Ann (Vanderpool) Gilliland. Greg was passionate about many things, but he was most passionate about family. He enjoyed walking and jogging, writing, photography, sports, theatre, and exploring new towns with a Starbucks in hand. He loved his cats, Max and Erma, IU basketball, and the Ohio State Buckeyes. He completed many half marathons and 5k’s and loved people watching along the route. He attended Faith Community Church, in Dublin, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Blackford High School, Hartford City, Indiana, and served for four years in the United States Air Force. He then earned a Bachelors degree in Journalism and went on to work as a journalist for The Salem Leader, The Salem Democrat, and The Anderson Herald-Bulletin. After receiving a Masters in Social Work from Ohio State University, he worked at Netcare Access in Columbus, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence “Bud” Eugene Fanning, grandparents, Max and Viola Vanderpool, and Doke and Maude Fanning. He will be dearly missed by his family. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Bruce and Sammy Gilliland, his siblings, Wayne and Kelly (Fanning) Dugal, Mike and Lisa Fanning, Don and Marilyn Gilliland, Cindy

(Gilliland) Hunt, and Judith Gilliland, and his nine nieces and nephews and their spouses. Family will receive friends Friday, July 15, 2016 from 6-8 pm at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home at 515 High Street in Worthington, Ohio. The funeral will take place at the Funeral Home at 10 am on Saturday July 16, 2016 with Pastor Nick Cannell officiating, with interment to follow at the Jersey Cemetery, 12239 Morse Road Southwest, Pataskala, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Faith Community Church Youth Ministry.

Cemetery Details

Jersey Twp Cemetery

12239 Morse Road
Pataskala, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
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Funeral Service

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory Scott Fanning*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I live at the complex where this horrible, senseless tragedy took place..I want you to know his death has profoundly changed us all. Please know I and my fiance would have done something had we known, and would have risked our own lives to help. We think of him daily. We didn't want him to be alone that night, so we stayed up all night watching over him. I know it is of little comfort, but please know he was not alone, and wasn't forgotten. He was prayed over and watched over, as if he was our loved one. He lived an amazing life, and it angers us all that evil cut that life short, but he will never be forgotten. He, and his family, will always be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Meghan - July 22, 2016 at 09:11 AM



“ *I was one of Greg's first babysitters. I am his Father's first cousin and was a student at Michigan State University when Bud and Sammy lived in married student housing. He was a "sweet" baby and has had that characteristic all his life. So sad he is not with us but heaven will be blessed by his coming.*

*My deepest sympathy to all his family.
Joan Fodrea Cooper*

Joan Fodrea Cooper - July 20, 2016 at 01:13 PM

AS

“ Greg was kind, thoughtful, and well read. He kept up to date on old and new movies.
I enjoyed chatting with Greg at the Quest dinners. I also enjoyed his dry sense of humor.
"As no man is an island", so are we lessened by his passing.

Anne Sheline

Anne Sheline - July 19, 2016 at 03:46 PM

TK

“ I appreciated Gregory's presence at the Thursday dinner meetings. Slow with checking mail, didn't recognize the occasion until after his funeral, and the many e-mail comments through the Church Group. Being sorry about it isn't enough, hopefully our CPD, will make a "NCIS" effort, for our GSF. It was nice knowing you Gregory. Ted

Ted K - July 19, 2016 at 09:26 AM

PJ

“ I also knew Greg through the Quest singles group. I really enjoyed our conversations at dinner. He had many interests and could always be counted on for recommendations for good books and movies. We will miss him and his kindness and cheerful smile.

Peggy Johnson

Peggy Johnson - July 18, 2016 at 04:06 PM

PK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Greg belonged to 'Quest Singles', a seniors group from First Community Church which gathered monthly for a book discussion and bi-monthly for a casual dinner at local restaurants. I had only recently joined this organization myself and was just becoming acquainted with Greg. In our last encounter, just four days before his tragic death, we talked about his occasionally driving to Lincoln Village North where I live and where he not only felt comfortable walking but really enjoyed the neighborhood. I looked forward to getting to know him better since we seemed to share a number of common interests in terms of books, movies and music, although I told him he was much too young to be involved with a group of seniors. He laughed. That's the memory of Greg that I will carry with me.

Paul Kramer--someone who was looking forward to getting to know Greg better

Paul Kramer - July 18, 2016 at 10:04 AM

KK

“ I got to know Greg through a film group, where we discussed old, odd, and often irreverent films. It never seemed to matter how crazy the film was, Greg was always enthusiastic, and had a comment to share. There are so many things in life that happen for bad reasons. It pains me that I will never see him again.

Kenneth Keisel - July 17, 2016 at 03:18 PM

JD

“ I met Greg while working at Netcare and had the pleasure of working with him for four years. Our offices were right next to each other and every morning he would come into my office just to say good morning. Greg was gentle, kind, selfless, and so helpful to a new social worker. He was always willing to answer my questions and was so patient. Greg dedicated his life to helping others. My deepest sympathies go out to Greg's family and friends.

Jodi Duncan - July 15, 2016 at 09:05 PM

JH

“ It is often in death that we learn most about someone we've known only casually. Thus it is with Greg: I met him occasionally in the context of a film discussion group of which we were both members. He always struck me as amiable and to some extent tamping down his knowledge of film, which I suspect was broader and deeper than he felt comfortable revealing in that contentious setting. He was, in my view, a gentle soul (to use a friend's common phrase, which just seems to fit here). His death comes as a strange and terrible full stop to this slight and friendly acquaintance between us; I can imagine the shock and distress and grief suffered by his family and friends now, and I off them all my condolences and sympathy, in the aftermath of what sounds, on what little I know, to have been a nightmarish absurdity, a violence that nobody could expect and which nobody should have to confront.

Julian Halliday - July 15, 2016 at 05:41 PM

JH

offer...not off.

Julian Halliday - July 15, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Scott Fanning.*



July 15, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *I have had the pleasure of working next to Greg for the past five years since I started working at Netcare. Greg was always there to make a witty comment, to jaunter down the hallway and deliver something I had printed and would unexpectedly pop into my office (always with a smile), and he and I always shared stories and laughs about politics and sports. Greg was a selfless human being and dedicated his life to the service of others. Greg always made sure to update his list of professionals and community resources to share with clients most in need to ensure they received accurate information. Greg's work touched a countless number of lives during his sixteen years at Netcare and his existence will always be a light in this word. My thoughts, prayers, and condolences go out to Greg's family and friends during this extraordinarily difficult time. Greg, you will be sorely missed my friend.
Love and Peace,
Joel Louis Badanes*



Joel Badanes - July 15, 2016 at 04:46 PM

MC

“ Greg was such a kind and gentle man. He gave a lot to his clients and other professionals at Netcare. Greg joined my husband Tim and me for Friday evening dinners. I am devastated amount his death and sorely miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and other friends. Margaret Christman

Margaret Christman - July 15, 2016 at 03:28 PM

JB

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*Love and Peace,
Joel Louis Badanes*

Joel Badanes - July 15, 2016 at 04:30 PM

DM

“ Greg and I shared a passion for old music,quirky movies and documentaries. Many years ago we went to see Bob Dylan at Clippers stadium. (Poor venue). He was hard to hear from the seats and we could barely see him. Undaunted , Greg led the way to standing in front of the stage where we could also hear the squeaks and strings pop from Dylan's guitar . I couldn't stand on my toes for more than 15 minutes so I retreated to a seat. I will always remember the sight of Greg's back as he strained to hear and see . A devoted fan in spite of a lousy venue and an aging Dylan-- Greg knew, more than others I think, that it's one's passion that has meaning. We are suffering a great loss.

Diana Mckee - July 15, 2016 at 02:04 PM

LF

“ Lora Ford lit a candle in memory of Gregory Scott Fanning



Lora Ford - July 15, 2016 at 01:31 PM

PM

“ So sorry to hear this terrible news. When Greg was visiting his mother, Sammy, in Florida, he came to lunch with our group of women who have formed a small club of our own. We enjoy getting together once a week for lunch and conversation. Greg graciously joined us and even seemed to enjoy our craziness .. He was a special man, and I know his family is heartbroken at this senseless loss. May God comfort Sammy and Bruce and Greg's extended family.
Patsy Marston.

Patsy Marston - July 15, 2016 at 01:22 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gregory Scott Fanning.*



July 15, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gregory Scott Fanning.*



July 15, 2016 at 12:53 PM



“ *Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory Scott Fanning.*



July 15, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ *All of the Netcare "family" are mourning the loss of our co-worker and friend, Greg Fanning. A senseless act has taken so much from all of us that we find ourselves searching for answers. Our sympathies extend to his mother, sister and brother, family and friends. We pray for Peace, beyond all understanding, for Greg and his family.*

King Stumpp, Netcare CEO - July 15, 2016 at 12:09 PM

JL

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I live in the complex where Mr. Fanning was found Sunday night. I haven't slept since that time. I didn't know him personally , but would often see him riding his bike in the neighborhood. I cannot even begin to imagine your pain. Please know that the people in the neighborhood care and have been deeply affected by this tragedy. I am so saddened and sorry that this happened and I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Jenne Lynch

Jenne Lynch - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory Scott Fanning.



July 15, 2016 at 11:18 AM

CW

“ Greg was intelligent, funny, and compassionate. He made a big difference in the world, and his life had an enduring impact on all of the lives he touched. We will miss him.

Carrie Wirick - July 15, 2016 at 11:16 AM

AW

“ I first met Greg about 15 years ago as part of a singles meet-up movie group, and over the years - through our mutual interest in books, movies, politics, etc. - we became very close friends. At least twice a month, usually on Sunday nights, four of us would eat out and then return to my condo to watch a movie, most often something from my substantial collection of DVDs. During OSU football and basketball seasons Greg would join a few other friends at my place to cheer on the buckeyes, and of course Greg was the ultimate buckeye fan, and also had an immense knowledge of sports data going back many years. More recently, if Greg had a day off from work usually midweek, he and I would eat at AAB's noon buffet, then take a leisurely walk or drive (his car) around Grandview, including Grandview Yard the last year or so. He LOVED touring Grandview, had so much knowledge of its history that he could have been a tour guide, and admitted that "if the price were right" he would have loved to live near Chris Boerger and me. If ever there was a "day brightener" in my life, it was Greg: any day which included his presence was a great day for me! We were a generation apart in age (I was a year older than his biological father) but he was as close to me as the brother I never had. I will cherish his memory as long as I live. - - - Allan Willis

Allan Willis - July 15, 2016 at 10:44 AM

TG

“ The Congregation of Idaville 1st Church of God purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gregory Scott Fanning.



The Congregation of Idaville 1st Church of God - July 15, 2016 at 10:32 AM

JF

“ I am shocked and grieved at the loss of my friend and colleague, Greg Fanning. He devoted his life to helping others in need. I had the privilege of working with him at Netcare, and he was always ready to lend a hand, fix a printer, or advise on a tough case. He was quiet, generous, diligent and gracious. He always had suggestions on good books to read or great films to see. He knew the best galleries in the Short North and made a mean salad! My deepest sympathy goes out to all his family, colleagues and friends. I am so sorry at this tragic loss!

Jennifer Farkas - July 15, 2016 at 08:40 AM

KR

“ Greg spent years faithfully helping so many who felt they had no where to turn for help. He will be sorely missed at Netcare Access.

Kimberly Reynolds - July 15, 2016 at 07:20 AM

CB

“ Greg was a great friend, very intelligent and always interested in expanding his horizons culturally. I always enjoyed his recommendations (and opinions) regarding film, music, literature. I still can't believe this happened. More than likely, whoever did this is the type of person Greg would have eagerly helped if given the chance. His warmth and humor will be missed terribly.

Chris Boerger

Chris Boerger - July 15, 2016 at 07:19 AM

JT

“ Greg was a very kind Man that I've known through the years working at Netcare. He was always ready with a smile and kind words. I will greatly miss him & my prayers go out to his family. 🙏

Jo Trowbridge - July 14, 2016 at 10:28 PM

TF

“ Greg was a quiet man who did his job well, respected others and did not turn his back to a challenge. Didn't know him outside of work but I'm sure he carried himself in like manner all of the time. I'm so sad that his live was ended by a person who had no idea about Greg and those who loved and cared about him. Rest in peace Greg. You will be sorely missed by many.

Tom Fuller - July 14, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory Scott Fanning.



July 14, 2016 at 05:13 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Scott Fanning.



July 14, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Rutherford Funeral Homes - July 14, 2016 at 01:32 PM

SD

“ Greg was a kind and loving soul. I knew him from Netcare for many years. He helped so many and also saved lives. I am keeping his family in my prayers at this most difficult time. May your memories someday let you smile again.

Sue Dye

sue dye - July 14, 2016 at 12:10 PM

CC

“ I am so glad to have known Greg at Netcare and in the neighborhood. He was truly a good man and so mannerly and respectful--that I admired him the most for... He will truly be missed.

charlene cohagan - July 14, 2016 at 11:23 AM

KG

Prayers to the family.....always love the stories Mike would tell of funny things that Greg would happen to him...great guy.....so very sorry....way to young

katy guyer - July 15, 2016 at 09:23 PM

BF

I am so distressed to hear this news about Greg. He and I had been close friends for many years. We met at First Community Church when I lived in Columbus. We went to many movies together and he especially loved to read the books that became movies. We stayed in touch after I moved to Arizona in 2004. I last saw Greg when I visited Columbus in June of 2015. We saw a so so movie together., took a drive around old haunts, ate Chinese. I have photos of us in a restaurant where I ordered a martini flight. We talked about how much Columbus has changed. He was a great friend to me and when I hadn't heard from him for a while I goggled him....never expecting to hear this news. If anyone would want to share with me about Greg I would welcome hearing from you. betsyfader@gmail.com

Betsy Fader - November 06, 2016 at 04:26 PM