



Gregory (Greg) Scott Greven

September 13, 1968 - February 10, 2011

Mr. Gregory Scott Greven, age 42, of Springfield, Missouri passed away on Thursday evening, February 10, 2011 in Springfield after a tragic fire.

He was born September 13, 1968 in Springfield, Missouri to Richard Henry Greven and Susan Lee (Shadwick) Greven.

Greg grew up in Bolivar and lived the last 11 years in Springfield while keeping very involved with happenings in Bolivar. He attended undergraduate college at Southwest Missouri State University and Southwest Baptist University, and masters work at Southwest Missouri State University and Rockhurst University.

Greg was probably best described as an advocate and leader for the community. Among other things Greg was involved in the Governor's Council on Disability, served the last two years as Chair/President of Polk County Community Connections and helped start the Bolivar Cruiser bus system. He was an advocated for and testified in front of The Missouri House of Representatives and Senate at various times on issues including Homeless prevention, Returning Medicaid participants back to work, Universal Design, and others. He was a Commissioner for Mayors Commission on Human Rights and on Public Relations for Springfield, Mo., Mayors Commission on Global Perspective for Springfield MO, Chair for the Universal Design, Run,

Housing Collaborative, Continuum of Care, Hard to Employee, Partner in Inspired Advertising, Executive Director of Choices, Mayors Transit Coalition for City of Bolivar, Board member for the Bolivar Workshop Homeless Task Force, Affordable Housing Action Board, event coordinator for the Convoy of Hope and many others. Most all of the above mentioned were non-payment positions he served strictly for the community. He loved spending time with his best friend, his family and his dog Avery. Greg loved people and to be involved with anything that improved the community.

Greg is survived by his best friend Theresa Cooper and her daughter Jocelyn of Springfield, Missouri, his parents Richard and Susan Greven of Bolivar, Missouri, one brother, Kevin Greven of Bolivar, Missouri and one nephew, Daulton Greven of Bolivar, Missouri as well as his aunt and uncle Steve (Bud) Shadwick and Sara Shadwick of Springfield, Missouri along with two cousins Jennifer Shadwick of Seymour, Missouri and Stephanie Shadwick of Springfield, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held at 7pm, Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at the First Assembly Of God Church in Bolivar, Missouri with Reverend Gary Ankrom of First Assembly of God Church, Reverend Joshua Hedger of Freshwater Church and Dr. John Marshall of Second Baptist Church officiating under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri. Musical selections will be "I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe, "Wind Beneath My Wings" by Malinda Batten, "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) by Russ & Malinda Batten with Greg Ankrom Plaing The Piano, and "When I Get Where I'm Going" by Brad Paisley & Dolly Parton. Burial will be on Wednesday, February 16 at 10am at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar, Missouri. A visitation will be held from 5:00-8:00pm, Monday evening at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri. Pallbearers will be Damon Bess, Mike Hargis, Brian Medley, Lloyd Richards, Richard Thiesen and Brian West. Honorary Pallbearers will be

John Callaway, Daulton Greven, Paul Long and Steve (Bud) Shadwick.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Polk County Community Connections in memory of Gregory Scott Greven, 1317 W. Broadway, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ Gregory (Greg) Scott Greven

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Gregory (Greg) Scott Greven

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss..I was blessed to be able to work with Greg at CMHCF in Bolivar and ran into him again several years later in Spfld...He will be missed by so many people who his life he has touched... I know your hearts are breaking but Heaven is rejoicing with their new angel..And I know he is WALKING all over the place up there.

May God's presence comfort you at this time.

Kathy Bowler - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Gregory (Greg) Scott Greven

dakotah Stutenkemper - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VC

*“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. He was such a wonderful person and went out of his way to help the community. I wanted to attend the visitation and Service, but was not able to. I wanted to let you know my thoughts and Prayers are with all of the Family and Friends.
May God Bless each and everyone of you.
Virginia Whitcomb Crenshaw*

Virginia Crenshaw - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Although I did not know Greg personally, he was such a fixture at City Hall. He and Avery both would brighten anyone's day with just his presence. He will sadly be missed.

Pat Mooney - February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Greg was a great person and never gave up especially when times got rough. He was a fighter and we can all learn from him and his battles. He will be missed.

Melissa Spiegel Burks - February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Kevin I am so sorry for your loss. Greg was an amazing person and will be missed by all that knew him.

Deana Laird - February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ You will be greatly missed. You were someone I greatly admired and respected. Thank you for all you did for all of us.

April Bess - February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Greg was such an advocate and example for those desiring independent living. He helped many without expecting anything in return. He always wanted to help more with us doing school programs but his schedule was always extremely busy.

Think First Ozarks - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ It was an honor to serve with Greg on Community Connections Board.

Diana Leslie - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Greg was a good friend and Neighbor.
We will miss him.

George & Maxine Copeland - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Greg will be missed. He was a positive influence in my life as I worked alongside him and saw his determination and gutsy outlook on life. I will be keeping his family in my thoughts as they heal from their loss.

Shelby Butler req the recipient's shipping Name - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ So sorry to hear of Greg's passing. I will always remember his kind smile every time I had the opportunity to visit with him in Wal-Mart. He was a kind and caring man that touched so many in such a powerful and positive way. May God bring you all peace in the coming months.

Elizabeth McClelland

Elizabeth McClelland - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Greg will be deeply missed by many. He has had such a profound impact on his community and has inspired many to be the best versions of themselves.

Lindsey Dumas-Bell - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ YOUR A GREAT LEADER FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE NO MATTER WHERE U GO. IF IT WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL YOU WAS 2 YEARS OLDER WHEN WE BOTH WENT THERE. THEN THE HIGHER GOD WORKED THROUGH THE MIRCALES THAT U STARTED. THE PEOPLE NEED A OUT SPOKEN PERSON IN THE STATE. AND THANK YOU.YOUR IN GOD PRESENCE AND LOVE. BRENDA SALKIL

brenda salkil - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ we are so sorry for your lost. No parent should loss their child. God Bless you both in the days to come.

Larry & Dawn Forgey - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Kevin, Buddy and I wanted to send our condolences to you, Daulton, and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Virginia and Buddy

Virginia Jones - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our prayers are with the family of Greg Greven. We are so sorry for your loss. Greg went to graduate school with me at SMSU (Missouri State in Speech Pathology). He was a kind gentleman who always listened to others menial issues. He had many challenges, but always put others first.

Buffy Spencer - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ May God be with you and comfort you at this time. Kevin, we think the world of you and we are so sorry.

David & Cathy McNatt - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I only met him recently on the Human Rights Commission but I could tell he was very intelligent, compassionate, and organized. He seemed to be effectively involved in making a difference in our world.

Roger Cotton - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Kevin & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss! What an amazing person Greg was - he will be missed by all who knew him. Visiting Facebook will never be the same for me. I will think of him always. May God bless & comfort all of you!

Lisa Zook McCart - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Susan I am so very sorry for your loss! Greg was a wonderful person and you have so much to be proud of. He was an amazing person and loved by so many. I know there is nothing I can say or do to take away or heal your pain just know I have always thought the world of you. I love our talks and getting to know each other the past 13 years. I want you to know I am here for you night or day!! I am so very sorry Susan!

Shelli Mckinney - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ Dear Rick, Susan, Kevin & Daulton..

We are so very sorry for your loss. Words cannot express the sympathy we're feeling for you. We have read & watched clips about him & of him on the internet, & can see that he was a very special person. I wish we could have known him better.. Blessed be his memory..

Love,
Floyd & Linda, Dawn, Brent, Char, Grant & Wyatt

Floyd & Linda Petersen - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Greg from when I worked for Cox. My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family.

Beverly Thompson - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ I had a great deal of respect for you. you were selfless and only wanted to empower others.

Elaine Platz - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am proud to have known Greg as a co-member on the Governor's Council on Disability. Thank you Greg for your service to others. You will be greatly missed.

Joan Bergstrom - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ sorry to hear about greg passing away. he had a caring heart for people and he made them laugh no matter what. i am glad i got to know him and i am really going to miss him.

bill arthur

bill and shirley arthur - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Susan,

I am so sorry to learn of the death of your son. Although I did not know him, I am sure you love and miss him very much.

Your friend for always,

Linda (Ankrom) Thompson

Linda (Ankrom) Thompson - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I have had the pleasure of getting to know Greg through SKIL. He was always kind and caring to me and my husband. He was an inspiration to my husband. They shared alot of similarities. I will never forget him or Avery and the positive role models they exemplified not only to us, but to our community. We will miss him greatly and only hope he will continue the good work on the other side.*

Julie Foster - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Greg was a very special person in so many ways. He will be sorely missed.*

Angi (Johnson) Nord - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of your son. Please know that you are in our thoughts & prayers. Bill says give him a call sometime if you want to. Cell 417-844-3477.*

Bill & Judy O'Bannon - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *One close friend at SCIL. Going to miss you. Pat and Mable Cullen*

pat and mable cullen - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Greg's passing. Greg and I became friends in graduate school and I am a better person for having gotten to know him. He was a wonderful friend who faced life's challenges with such a great attitude. I take many lessons about Christianity and disability awareness from Greg.*

Christi Hill - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Only living in Bolivar for nearly 13 years, I would always see this friendly guy at sporting events and in the newspaper. It seemed he was always doing something to help someone else. He immediately stood out to me. He has obviously touched so many lives with his giving heart. May God bless Greg's family and find peace that only God can give.*

Tammy H. - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *The world will never be the same now that our friend has left, but the world is not the same because he lived. Greg, you touched so many and asked for so little. We love you and we will miss you but we will never forget you.*

Mickie McDowell - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ so sorry for your loss! Greg was loved by many and obviously touched numerous lives. He always had a smile on his face. I know he made a difference in this world and loved the Lord with all his heart! We will miss him but take comfort in knowing we will see him again! God bless you and give you peace. In Christ - Sheila & family

Sheila (Smith) Crockett - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Greven's in the loss of their son, brother and uncle. As I was reading all the tributes to Greg on his facebook page, I was struck by just how many lives he has touched in his 42 years. Greg was a wonderful person with a true servants' heart. He took his own situation and used it to advocate for the disabled and educate those who do not understand individuals with special needs. His tireless work here on earth will forever change the lives of many for years to come. We are glad to have known him, witnessed his smile and his caring heart for others. Rest in peace Greg and walk with the Angels.

Barbara Davolt - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow.
Mark

Mark Shadwick - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM