



Mr. Scott Joseph Bruce Laing

July 27, 1971 - June 27, 2022

Scott Laing (born in High River, AB) was an unapologetic nerd, an irredeemable geek, an absolute dork. These were among his best qualities.

Scott had a wicked, subversive sense of humour, a critical mind, a socially conscious perspective, and a squashy heart—especially for his niece Alexa Laing-Moore, and his nephews Theo and Ethan Moore. He loved science fiction, fantasy, sports, music—and being a total smartass.

Scott was born with spinal core disease, which kept him wheelchair-bound for his entire life, but he still had a backbone of steel (quite literally—it became a medical necessity in his early 20s). His mobility challenges slowed him down, particularly in the last few years, but he still managed to travel, to play wheelchair hockey, to support local music events, to be an integral part of his family’s lives, and, generally, to suck the marrow out of life.

Scott’s condition didn’t make him bitter; it made him empathetic. He pushed for changes within Alberta’s systems of care for people with disabilities, for climate change action, and for social justice in general. His challenges offered him a perspective on limitations (both physical and societal) that inspired him to push against them—for himself and everyone else.

On social media, he called himself “Scott Gniäl” - a nod to anonymity as well

as a description of who he was—Scott: Genial.

Scott is survived by his mum, Jocelyn Laing, (roomie, dog co-owner, best pal); his sister, Tanya Laing Gahr (lifelong nemesis and champion, and person he once totally chased down the hall with a fire poker), and his favourite humans, Alexa (Princess Leia), Theo (bandmate and co-pilot) and Ethan (Brother-in-Arms for all gaming campaigns). He also had a League of Gentlemen (Darius Maynes, Matt Arnold, Simon Alain, Peter Ellis, and Jon Bateman) that stayed strong and true for his entire life. Scott is predeceased by his dad, Bruce Laing.

Scott asked that friends wishing to donate or volunteer in his name lend their support to the David Suzuki Foundation and/or the Calgary Power Hockey League. He also wanted people to appreciate caregivers and maybe buy them a nice meal now and again.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Tribute Wall

TA

“ I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to Scott’s family. I was a healthcare provider for Scott for several years and always appreciated his kind demeanour. It is with great sadness that I learned of his passing. May you find comfort in your memories.
Sincerely, Tasha

Tasha - July 18, 2022 at 12:16 PM

JR

“ Scott was a Ball of Life I was Luck to have known. May he Rest in Peace.



John Randle - July 05, 2022 at 11:35 AM

BC

Scott was a great person to be around. We grew up on the same street and every time we got a game of street hockey we would always ask if Scott would like to join! RIP Buddy!

Brent Cosgrove - July 06, 2022 at 09:53 AM

AZ

“ Tanya, Jocelyn and family I am so sorry for your loss. I am not surprised to learn of Scott’s work as an advocate; even as a kid he knocked down barriers just with his attitude and strong will. I’m sure his impact will be his legacy. Peace be with you all.

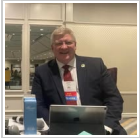
Ann Holmes Zirk - July 03, 2022 at 12:07 PM

J(

“ *Janice Danyluk (Baker) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Scott Joseph Bruce Laing*



Janice Danyluk (Baker) - July 03, 2022 at 12:52 AM



“ *Scott was a dear friend and I was blessed to meet him in high school. We became fast friends as I pushed him around and he put his life in my hands many times trusting me to pull him up the stairs in his chair. He gave me a lift a couple of times with his chair! He never said no to me across the years when I would come back to Calgary and he met with me every single time I came to town. Sharon Dale was part of those outings more often than not and we told stories and shared a lot of laughs! As I think back across the years, I don't remember ever having a single cross word with Scott. He was simply genuine, caring, and just a fantastic friend and human being. He made this world a better place and I am so thankful to have known him!*

Bart Logue - July 02, 2022 at 12:43 AM

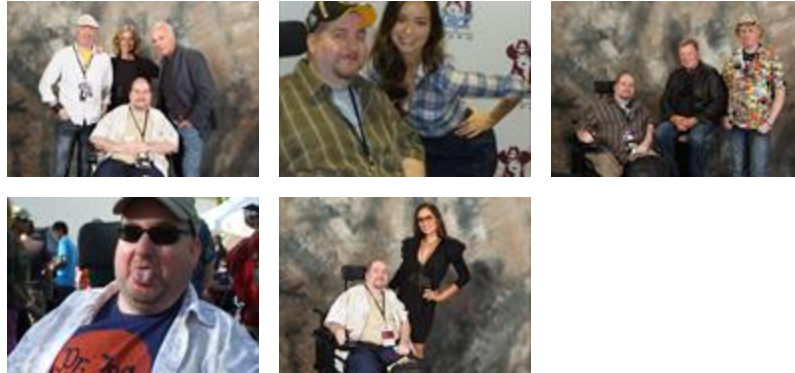
JO

Thank you Bart. Scott was always so pleased when you were able to visit, tell yarns and embellish the memories.

Jocelyn - July 03, 2022 at 07:24 PM

Tanya
Laing
Gahr

“ 9 files added to the album *An adorable nerd*



Tanya Laing Gahr - July 01, 2022 at 03:24 PM

DS

“ Sad to learn of Scott’s passing. Condolences to Scott’s family and friends.

Dirk Snider - July 01, 2022 at 09:48 AM

CA

“ My condolences to Scott’s family and friends. He was well liked in school and will be remembered fondly. I shared a few pics from school that I found in our past reunion group. Sending my support

Carla - June 30, 2022 at 11:31 PM

JO

Thank you Carla. These are great pictures. Fun to guess who is who now after 40 + years!

Jocelyn - July 01, 2022 at 11:08 PM

CA

“ 3 files added to the album *School pictures of Scott*



Carla - June 30, 2022 at 11:29 PM

TS

“ Troy Stirling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Scott Joseph Bruce Laing



Troy Stirling - June 30, 2022 at 11:01 PM

DI

“ Daphne & Laurie Isralson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Scott Joseph Bruce Laing



Daphne & Laurie Isralson - June 30, 2022 at 09:35 PM

SD

“ We are very sorry to hear about Scott's passing, what a great dude he was, always had great times with him in Dudley's Pub and when Bart would come to Canada for a visit the three of us would get together for beers and chortles !
Thinking of you all
John and Sharon Dale

sharon Dale - June 30, 2022 at 04:58 PM

BH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Scott faced many challenges in his life and took them on with bravery and dignity. God love him.
Sincere condolences,
Bill and Dorothy.

Bill & Dorothy Holmes - June 30, 2022 at 10:39 AM

SE

“ Dear Jocelyn, Tanya and families -
We were so saddened to hear of Scott's passing. He was such a big presence in our lives when the boys were young. He was the primo scorekeeper for baseball and golf! We always enjoyed his fabulous and
quirky sense of humor. He was such a good friend to his friends...
Our thoughts are with you all at this difficult time and in the days to come.
Sincerely
Doug and Sue Ellis

Sue Ellis - June 30, 2022 at 10:06 AM

JO

After Scott's back surgery and flat on his back for a long time, Pete would take an antihistamine to counter all our cats and hang out with Scott many nights. Many great memories. Thanks Sue.

Jocelyn - July 01, 2022 at 11:26 PM

TB

“ Tammy Beach lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Scott Joseph Bruce Laing



Tammy Beach - June 30, 2022 at 02:48 AM

JF

“ *Janet Fraser lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Scott Joseph Bruce Laing*



janet Fraser - June 29, 2022 at 08:58 PM