



Vincent D. Schultz

October 26, 1980 - April 29, 2026

Vincent D. Schultz Jr. 45, born October 26, 1980 passed away on April 29, 2026, leaving behind a profound emptiness in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Vince was a kind and gentle soul who found happiness in life's simple pleasures. He had a big heart, a contagious smile, and a way of making those around him feel welcomed and loved. Whether he was spending quiet moments with his beloved dog, Molly, experimenting in the kitchen and proudly sharing photos of his latest creations, or chasing the thrill and excitement he loved so much, Vince embraced life with passion and enthusiasm.

A gifted welder and natural builder, Vince had an incredible talent for creating things with his hands. His hardworking spirit, creativity, and determination were evident in everything he did. He took great pride in his work and found joy in turning ideas into something real and lasting.

Above all else, Vince's greatest love was his family. He was a devoted fiancé, a proud father, a loving son, and a caring brother. The love he gave so freely will remain a lasting gift to those fortunate enough to have known him.

Vince is survived by his fiancée, Shelly Brey Meyer; his cherished sons, Daniel

Schultz, Christian Schultz, and Eric; his mother, Melody Hale-Brown; and his sisters, Amanda Head and Christina Hale-Schipiour. He also leaves behind many extended family members and dear friends who will forever hold his memory close to their hearts.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vincent Schultz Sr., whom he now joins in eternal rest.

Vince will be remembered for his generous heart, his strong work ethic, his adventurous spirit, fun-loving, goofy personality and the deep love he had for his family and friends. Though his time here was far too short, the memories he created, the laughter he shared, and the love he gave will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

Those who knew him understood the battles he faced and the strength it took to overcome them. It brings comfort to know that he is now finally at peace.

He will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and never forgotten.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 1 pm until the memorial service at 4 pm at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 E IL-17
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-4001
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *The first time I saw Vince I was in my senior year of highschool. He pulled up in front of my house with one of our mutual friends and when I saw him smile I noticed he had a dimple on one side and the absolute prettiest smile I had ever seen. We became friends and would do normal things teenagers did in the 90s. Like drive the country roads, drink Busch lite, go watch bands and go to parties together. I never told him I was attracted to him for fear of changing our friendship. Years went by and life moved quick we both had children and different lives but we would still randomly checked on each other. One day it had been a couple years since we spoke and he started messaging me while we were both at work. What I thought was gonna be just our normal catching up, turned into him driving back to Illinois to see me. 24 years after the beginning of our friendship our story began. We upgraded from drinking Busch lite to twisted tea and started planning a life together. Vince had a way of making me feel comfortable in my own skin like nobody ever had. You could be yourself no matter what or who that was and he would never judge you. If you did something stupid or weird he would just laugh and shake his head. He was a good listener, he was gentle, I very rarely heard him yell. He was understanding, he was funny, he was outgoing and shy both at the same time. He loved hard because he was truly very sensitive but tough all in one. He was all the things you would want in a friend or a life partner. He wasn't perfect by any means but he was perfect for me. A few weeks ago he grabbed my hand and told me he loved me with all his heart. I never knew how significant that moment would be. I loved him with all my heart too and I know I won't ever see a more beautiful smile until the day I see his again. Love you forever,, your boo boo b face*

Shelly Breymeyer - May 16 at 07:05 PM



“ Many of you knew Vincent, but were not aware of how wonderful of a son and person he truly was. I worked for a company for many years that took care of developmentally disabled adults. We had many large events for these clients and when I came up short staffed, possibly even having to cancel, Vincent would volunteer to come the events to ensure these clients would have assistance while experiencing these moments. He even spent quality time with a couple of the individuals that rarely seen their family and befriended them.

Most of you knew him as Vince with a hard exterior tough shell to crack, but he was Vincent a hidden, quiet, caring, and goofy person. He had a heart of gold and would protect and do anything for those he loved. He was my baby, my first born, deeply loved, forever cherished, and never forgotten.

Melody Hale Brown - May 16 at 12:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vincent D. Schultz.



May 14 at 12:38 PM



“ The Lewis Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Vincent D. Schultz.



The Lewis Family - May 14 at 09:28 AM

TF

“ *The Lewis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vincent D. Schultz.*

The Lewis Family - May 14 at 09:28 AM

FJ

“ *FedEx - JM purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Vincent D. Schultz.*



FedEx - JM - May 14 at 07:36 AM

VB

“ *Valerie Burrow lit a candle in memory of Vincent D. Schultz*



Valerie Burrow - May 13 at 09:12 PM

DS

“ I love you dad!! Just two days before this happened I told you, while looking into your eyes on FaceTime how I always had and will have your back.

It gives me strength to know you are now the angel always having mine.

I have so much to say, but I'm genuinely at a loss for words still as my heart has never been broken in this kind of way.

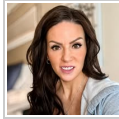
Rest in peace, dad

I will always cherish our memories and wish we had an unlimited amount more.

I'm so proud to be a Schultz & will continue carrying the legacy of our last name while you are in paradise ☐

Give heaven some hell

Daniel Schultz - May 13 at 06:26 PM



Daniel - I am SO PROUD of you for caring this much sadness in such a mature way. You have stepped up and made the difference that your dad really needed/deserved despite grieving and enduring pain like you've never felt before. I love you so much kiddo and he did too!

Amanda Marie - May 15 at 08:12 AM

AS

Your dad is so proud of you D, saying what an incredible son! I know one of the hardest moments in life is to lose a parent. He's always with you. Remember that. 🌟

Aunt Stef - May 20 at 02:23 PM

ST

“ I’ve known Vince for more than 20 years when he first dated and then had an incredible son with my sister. Vince was incredibly handsome (which he was kind enough to pass on to my nephew 🙏) and had the absolute most genuine, contagious smile. I can still hear his laugh as it was as unique as him. Life was not always easy for Vince, but I know in my heart he loved deeply and sincerely, and absolutely nothing made him prouder than Daniel. Vince was not like everyone else; he did things his way, and in a world of sameness, it’s beautiful to come across a soul who lives by his own terms. I am profoundly sad by his untimely passing but am so joyous all at once that he is now in a place where he is surrounded by love and made whole once again. Rest easy, Vince.



Stefani - May 13 at 01:05 PM

LS

“ Everything in the obituary is spot on vince was like a son to me for so many years! We are all so profoundly sad by his loss. My favorite was Christmas at my house Hmong many thousands of other memories. I love you vinny and r.i.p honey❤️❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏

Lorin Sucic - May 13 at 12:37 PM



Lorin Sucic you were his other mother he loved you all dearly ❤️

Melody Hale Brown - May 16 at 12:56 AM