



## Scott Jessup

April 1, 1953 - October 23, 2024

Scott W. Jessup, 71, of Centralia, passed away on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at Fireside House of Centralia after a long illness with Parkinson's Disease. Scott was born at Selfridge, MI Air Force Base to his parents, Robert Jessup of Orlando, Florida and Cleatis Welch (remarried) from Centralia, who preceded him in death. He is survived by sisters, Connie Sause of Centralia and Patsy (George) Spilios of Rockledge, Florida, brothers, Joe (Pam) Jessup of Centralia, John Jessup of Centralia, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Scott's Father was a career member of the U.S. Air Force & was stationed with his family at many military bases, so Scott grew up in Michigan, Alaska, Texas, Kansas and the U.S. Territory of the island of Guam before his parents finally settled in Centralia.

Scott worked for the Burlington/Northern Railroad, was co-owner of "Scottie's Comics" in Mt. Vernon and later drove sixteen wheelers for J.B. Hunt until he became disabled and could no longer work.

When he was still able, Scott would visit a nursery every Spring, plant a garden, and give vegetables to neighbors and friends. He would also buy snow cones for neighborhood children - some who had no money. He was just a "giving person". He absolutely loved cats - any cats - his own and feral cats

that he would feed and even pay for their vet bills.

He loved life and in 2009, while metal detecting and exploring, discovered a huge, historic Mastodon tooth. A very interesting article was published in the Centralia Sentinel and letters from professors at the University of Illinois verified his find. He eventually donated the Mastodon tooth to the City of Carlyle's Public Library, since the tooth was discovered in Clinton County.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. A Visitation with family & friends will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 from Noon until the time of service at the Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date in Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Scott's name to: Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research Grand Central Station P.O. Box 4777 New York, NY 10163-4777 and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Scott's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Celebration of Life

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Scotty was a big part of my childhood. He used to hang my drawings on the wall in his shop. Little did he know that kid would one day go on to draw for Marvel Comics. Thanks for always encouraging me Scott, you will be missed.* ”

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**Joey Dodd** - June 17, 2025 at 03:25 PM

MW

“ *Going to miss you my friend , till we meet again* ”

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**Mike W.** - November 14, 2024 at 05:42 PM

DW

“ *Growing up in Centralia, my dad used to take me to Scotty's Comics nearly every week. Scotty would always have the best comics ready for me and always greeted me with a smile. He was truly one of the best.* ”

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**Devlin Wilder** - November 08, 2024 at 07:08 PM

WH

“ *Sending prayers for/with family and friends!* ”

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**Wayne Houser** - November 08, 2024 at 10:23 AM

PB

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of my cousin, Scott. When I would see Scott, I thought of our Grandma Jessup! He looked so much like her. He will be missed! Godspeed!* 🙏💔😊 ”

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**Peggy Myers Beal** - November 05, 2024 at 10:24 AM

BW

“ We were eating at the Corner Cafe and Scott was across the room I went over to talk to him. We carried on a lively conversation and returned to my table. When we went to pay our bill was taken care of. Scott had paid it...Thanks Scottie

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**Brenda White** - November 05, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TD

“ My late husband, Allen Daniels and I spent every Friday night at Scotties Comics. He ended up being a great friend to us both. I'm sure he and Allen are up there in Heaven reading comics. RIP Scottie. You will be missed!

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**Tina Daniels** - November 04, 2024 at 09:51 PM