



## Troy "Tito" D. Vaughan

January 26, 1974 - July 5, 2025

NORFOLK -- Celebration of Life service for Troy "Tito" D. Vaughan, 51, of Norfolk will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2025 from 5-8 p.m. at Kings Lanes in Norfolk. Troy "Tito" passed away on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Troy was born January 26th, 1974 to James and Susan (Bakenhaus) Vaughan in Norfolk NE. Troy attended and graduated from Norfolk High School in 1992. After high school Troy began working at Goodyear Continental in Norfolk. He worked there for over 25 years. Troy married Melanie (Planer) Vaughan in 1999, later divorced. They had two beautiful children Landon and Alyssa from this union.

Troy "Tito" Vaughan, a true original, has taken his final road trip—hopefully to a place with endless grilling weather, perfect bowling lanes, and the entire Michael Jackson discography playing on repeat.

In his spare time (which he managed to carve out between coaching, cheering, and dad-ing like a pro), Troy could be found bowling strikes, camping under the stars, or firing up the grill with the confidence of a man who believed smoke and seasoning could solve anything. His cats were his fur-kids, and his love of '80s music was legendary. If you ever rode in his car, you

probably moonwalked your way out.

A die-hard sports fan, Troy cheered with all his heart for his Dallas Cowboys—yes, even when it hurt. He had a love-hate relationship with the Huskers, full of passionate highs and a few choice words. And when it came to NASCAR, there was no doubt where his loyalty lay: he was always rooting for Jimmie Johnson. Basketball? He still swore no one would ever touch Michael Jordan's greatness (and he was right).

The 4th of July held a special place in Troy's heart—fireworks, family, food, and a solid playlist made it his perfect holiday. But above all else, Troy's greatest pride and joy was being a dad. Whether he was watching from the sidelines or coaching from them, he poured his heart into supporting his kids in everything they did. If love could be measured in hours spent cheering, guiding, and showing up—Troy would be a world champion.

He will be deeply missed, fondly remembered, and often quoted. May the lanes be smooth, the grill hot, and the Cowboys finally make the Super Bowl—just for you, Troy.

Troy is survived by his 2 kids Landon and Alyssa. 1 brother Vaden Vaughan and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Lacey, sister and brother-in-law Sonja and Todd Sohl.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kings Lanes  
1000 Riverside Blvd  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Tribute Wall

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“ He was a kind, gentle soul who cared deeply about the people in his life. He served as an angel in life to me when I was a vulnerable teen when I needed positive people around me to keep me moving in a good direction. Rest in peace.

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**Angela Quinley** - July 08, 2025 at 06:39 AM

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“ Always enjoyed the firework show he put on our street growing up! I enjoyed getting the opportunity to grow up on the same street as his children and to form an amazing bond with them! He was definitely loved!

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**Alyssa Nelson** - July 07, 2025 at 03:21 PM