



Anthony Guy Cuzzupe

August 24, 1977 - April 17, 2026

"Tony" Guy Cuzzupe, age 48, of Brooklyn Park, MN passed away unexpectedly on April 17th, 2026, at his home. Tony was born on August 24, 1977, in Robbinsdale, MN to his loving parents Larry and Joyce Cuzzupe. Tony was larger than life. His sense of humor and smile would light up a room. His kindness could be felt through his amazing hugs or just sitting by his side. Tony LOVED his motorcycle, his garage, his dogs, music, video games, LIFE. There is no sense in his loss, just a reminder to love each other.

Tony was raised in Brooklyn Center with his two older sisters, Angela and Amy, with whom he learned to fight, love, and shared a single bathroom with. Most importantly, he credits them for teaching him how to properly treat women. He graduated from Brooklyn Center High School in 1995. He loved playing hockey and had glorious long hair.

Tony had an infatuation with cars since childhood. He learned from his Grandpa Mel, helped the neighbor, and had a classic Impala. After high school, Tony worked as a mechanic at Tires plus and was fondly known as "Pipes". After the tragedy of 9/11, Tony felt a calling to the Fire service.

Living in Columbia Heights, Tony Began with the Columbia Heights Fire department as a reserve fire fighter on 6/17/2002, Paid on call division 7/1/2003, and was hired as a full-time fire fighter on 9/13/2005 (being offered

the position the day he returned from his honeymoon.) Tony was promoted to Fire Captain on 10/27/2016 and was very proud to take charge of the Honor Guard.

Tony first met the love of his life, Niki, in 1994. They grew a friendship over the years until Tony professed his love at Buffalo Wild Wings (stud) and convinced her that it was worth risking their friendship to try dating. And it worked! Tony proposed to Niki on his birthday in 2004 on a Bluffs in Red Wing, a place where he would frequently ride his motorcycle. They were married on August 13, 2005, at the Minneapolis Sculpture Gardens and have shared over 20 years of unconditional love and friendship.

Niki and Tony were blessed with two amazing Children, Jalen and Nyla. Tony dedicated his life to being the best father possible. He gave the best hugs, was a patient teacher, always took time to be present, honest and truthful. He passed down his humor, wit, and was "their favorite".

Tony was preceded in death by his grandparents: Dorothy and Melvin Brown, Lois and Lawrence Cuzzupe Sr., as well as his stepmother, Judy Bass.

He is survived by his loving wife and rock, Nichole "Niki" Cuzzupe, adoring children Jalen and Nyla, his best fur-friends Franklin and Sammy, his adoring parents Joyce Cuzzupe and Lawrence "Larry" Cuzzupe, sisters Amy Schmidt and Angela Solie (Eric), nieces and Nephew: Ellen, Ethan, Nina, and Mira; in-laws Margaret and Lon Levitre, and brother-in-law John Levitre. In addition, Tony leaves behind additional Aunts, Uncles, step siblings, cousins, numerous friends, and co-workers that loved him very much.

A special thank you to the Columbia Heights Fire Department and the IAFF Center of Excellence.

Memorials can be directed to support Niki and their kids or IAFF Center of Excellence in Tony's honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Visitation

APR **30**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

APR **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Anthony Guy Cuzzupe in memory of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe



Washburn-McReavy - April 20 at 02:50 PM

TS

Nikki I'm so sorry, Tony was a phenomenal human being. He was a huge piece of my recovery. He will be terribly missed

tim storie - April 23 at 12:20 AM

KP

Nikki, I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. I was blessed to have known TONY for a little while. What an awesome guy! He will not be forgotten. He was a portion of my recovery. Forever thankful.

Keith Pigg - April 24 at 11:32 AM

HB

“ Helen B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.

Helen B. - April 29 at 07:51 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams* was purchased for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



April 29 at 12:13 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia* was purchased for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



April 29 at 09:45 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



April 29 at 09:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.

April 29 at 09:36 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



April 28 at 11:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.

April 28 at 11:35 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



April 28 at 08:14 AM



“ Amy Schmidt purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



Amy Schmidt - April 27 at 08:34 PM

TG

“ Taly Gilama purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



Taly Gilama - April 27 at 09:06 AM

TG

“ Taly Gilama planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.

Taly Gilama - April 27 at 09:06 AM

TJ

“ Taylor Family (Gwen, Ray, Rayna, Jameel) purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



Taylor Family (Gwen, Ray, Rayna, Jameel) - April 26 at 09:54 PM

TP

“ Tim peffer purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



Tim peffer - April 26 at 08:59 PM

TP

“ Tim peffer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.

Tim peffer - April 26 at 08:59 PM

JS

“ he was a father to me, he always been there when i needed him, he would always joke around with me and my best friend jalen, after a while i started loving them like they are my family, i miss you, but i'll live my life and be there for your family, bc you was there for me, i love you

Josh Sacquitne - April 26 at 01:51 AM

TS

“ Nikki I'm so sorry for your loss, Tony was a huge piece of my recovery. He will be missed terribly

tim storie - April 23 at 12:22 AM

BD

“ Bill & Carol (Preston) Coulter DD754 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.



Bill & Carol (Preston) Coulter DD754 - April 22 at 06:44 PM

BD

“ Bill & Carol (Preston) Coulter DD754 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony Guy Cuzzupe.

Bill & Carol (Preston) Coulter DD754 - April 22 at 06:44 PM

BD

“ *It is with great sadness that we heard of Tony's passing.*

He served on the Brooklyn Park Fire Department as a Paid-On-Call Firefighter from 2008 - 2009.

The Brooklyn Park Fire Department family extends our deepest sympathy to the Cuzzupe family. We appreciate Tony's service within our department and community. We would also like to thank the Cuzzupe family for your service and the sacrifices you made while supporting Tony throughout his career.

Brooklyn Park Fire Department

Brooklyn Park Fire Department - April 22 at 01:27 PM