



Scott Robert Gerlicher

November 13, 1967 - June 6, 2026

Scott Robert Gerlicher, 58, of Minnetonka, MN, passed away unexpectedly Saturday morning at his home.

Scott was born Nov 13th, 1967, in Minneapolis and grew up in Minnetonka, MN. He graduated from Minnetonka High School, Normandale Community College, and Metro State University with a master's degree in public administration. Scott was also a graduate of the FBI National Academy class 206 and a variety of other law enforcement management programs.

Scott worked for the Minneapolis Police Department for over 33 years in a variety of positions from Patrol Officer to Deputy Chief. Some of his key achievements were coordination of MPD efforts for the 35W bridge collapse, Super Bowl LII, and the Final Four. Most recently Scott worked as the Security and Emergency Management Coordinator for Minnetonka Public Schools.

Outside of work, Scott was an avid downhill skier, traveling the world to find the best powder run, and an instructor/director for Ski Jammers for 25 years. He loved being on Lake Minnetonka listening to his own curated playlists, where he daydreamed of being a nightclub DJ. If you were lucky, you may see a glimpse on Scott's crafty side when he blessed you with a Shot-Ski that he made in his free time. Scott had an incredible sense of humor, always laughing the hardest at his own jokes.

Most recently, he enjoyed being the logistical coordinator for Excelsior Rotary Concerts in the Commons, and the Director of Security for the Taste of Minnesota.

He is survived by wife, Cari; daughters, Hannah (Nathan) Schneider, Emma, & Molly; Father, Dr. Robert Gerlicher; Sister, Susan (Richard) Olson, and additional nephews; and cats Poppy & JoJo. He was preceded in death by his mother, Connie Gerlicher.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, June 12th, 3-7pm at The Lafayette Club in Minnetonka Beach, with a presentation at 5:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Breakthrough T1D or the Hendrickson Foundation in his memory (Links below).

Scott Gerlicher is a "sucka" and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

If you have any photos of Scott you'd like to share with the family for the celebration of life please upload them here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ScottGerlicherPhotos>

Link will be closed by 12pm on Wednesday, June 10th.

Links to charities:

<https://tinyurl.com/3h6aujtu>

<https://www.hendricksonfoundation.com/donate/>

Today's Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lafayette Club
2800 Northview Road
Minnetonka Beach, MN 55361

Prayer Service

JUN 12. 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sheryl Rosati and Patrick Rosati planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scott Robert Gerlicher.

Sheryl Rosati and Patrick Rosati - 2 hours ago



“ Tom & Kay Tani-Winegarden purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Scott Robert Gerlicher.



Tom & Kay Tani-Winegarden - 5 hours ago



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“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Scott Robert Gerlicher.



Yesterday at 06:48 PM

CM

“ Christoph M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scott Robert Gerlicher.

Christoph M. - Yesterday at 11:00 AM

LK

“ Scott was the first Lieutenant I reported to when I joined the MPD in the mid-1990's. He was always encouraging my work in developing relationships with the community, nominated me for awards I wasn't even aware of, and simply a positive presence in the precinct. Later I also worked for him in the MPD's Strategic Information Center, he made sure I was welcomed by the more geeky data-oriented crime analysts. Above all he was a listener with a big heart, always making time to discuss issues and brainstorm over prevention strategies.

Luther Krueger - June 10 at 05:30 PM

MW

“ We own the Hardware store on 24th and Bloomington. When Scott became commander of the 3rd precinct he would walk the streets and couldn't believe what we were putting up with. He helped us get cameras. That made such a difference. He was so kind and humble.
Mark Welna from Welna Hardware

Mark G Welna - June 10 at 11:15 AM



“ I started working in Minnetonka Schools last year and had the opportunity to meet so many new people. While many new faces blended together at first, not Scott. His big, bold smile and gregarious personality stood out immediately.

Our office always loved when Scott would stop by. He had a way of making every interaction feel personal and important. Our building felt safer knowing Scott was looking after it. If I reached out with a question or concern, he wouldn't simply call or send an email back; he would come over in person to make sure he fully understood the situation and could help address it.

I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of his passing. This world lost a truly remarkable person. My heart goes out to his family, friends, and all who were lucky enough to know him for much longer than I did. If I feel this much sadness after knowing him for such a short time, I can only imagine the depth of their loss.

Scott's kindness, dedication, and larger-than-life presence will be greatly missed.

Lynn Winkleman - June 10 at 08:19 AM

AM

“ Scott and I and started working for Minnetonka Schools around the same time a few years ago. Scott took the time to listen to a silly front desk ladies safety concerns and took all my feedback seriously. We had so many great talks about security at the schools as well as sharing funny stories or what we were up to over the weekend. I loved hearing about his great trips and adventures. Scott became a friend and I will miss him greatly. He was a key player in making my workplace safe and secure and I will be forever thankful. May his memory be eternal. Thank you for your service and friendship- you will be missed.

Anna-Marie Mantoles - June 09 at 09:48 PM

KF

“ Kerry and Dave king and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Scott Robert Gerlicher.



Kerry and Dave king and family - June 09 at 09:26 PM

JM

“ I worked with Scott in the Phillips Neighborhood. We worked on Phillips Partnership Safety Teams and a DOJ Safety Initiative for several years. He worked so hard to keep us safe. Starting here in 2003, and then back Spring of 2020. He introduced me to Rotary people that he brought in to help businesses on Lake Street. He never stopped thinking about everyone here. A very good & dedicated Minneapolis Police Officer.

So very sorry for this terrible loss.

Such a shock to hear this news.

Blessings to you, your daughters, your family and so many friends.

He did good work. He was appreciated for all that he did here.

Jana Metge - June 09 at 10:43 AM