



Anthony Winn Tucker

March 5, 1981 - January 25, 2024

With the first overall pick in the 2024 draft, Anthony Winn Tucker was selected and assigned to Heaven on Thursday, January 25th, 2024.

Anthony, known by everyone who knew him as “Tucker”, was the epitome of determination, commitment, grit, and resiliency. Tucker was paralyzed in an automobile accident at the age of 19, and yet lived a life many “able body” people would be envious of. After his accident, Anthony went on to do many things within the adaptive community. Whether it was skiing, wheelchair rugby, bike riding, or working out with the University of Utah Rehabilitation Clinic he was always surprising those around him. Without a doubt, he was most excited, proud, and happy when representing the Utah Scorpions Wheelchair Rugby Club. Anthony played, coached, and starred with the organization (nearly from inception) through their crowning achievement of winning the 2014 National Championship in Birmingham, Alabama. He relished traveling all around the country with his many teammates representing the Scorpions and winning nearly every tournament they entered. He was also a very avid University of Utah fan. He was a long time season ticket holder for football and regularly attended many away games while never missing the opportunity to watch the Utes in all sports.

Tucker’s greatest achievement, however, was being the best son/brother/nephew/cousin/friend anybody could ask for. Tucker was

unwaveringly cared for by parents Steve and Robin Cowley. Along with his parents he was survived by brothers Cody Cowley (Maile Cowley), Trevor Cowley (Gabrielle Cowley), and Dustin Tucker (Amy Tucker), sisters Jenelle Geipel (Brandon Geipel) and Whitney Tucker. He also had a special place in his heart for his Sanpete family. Led by Uncle Kelly and Aunt Lolly Holden, Tucker was cared for, loved by, and looked after by so many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Tucker was preceded in death by his grandparents, father Steve Tucker (Ally Tucker), sister Chantel Truitt (Brian Truitt), Uncles Pudley Cowley, Tony Tucker, Aunt Debra Briggs, cousins Chris Cowley, Dustin Fisher, Brandon Walker, and Trevyn Tucker.

The family would also like to extend their gratitude to the many years of care provided to Tucker by almost every department at the University of Utah Medical Center, and Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital. A special thank you and gratitude to Tucker's long time personal nurses for their loving care and loyalty, Carol Olson and Cindy Bean.

The family will be holding a celebration of life on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM:

Utah Film Studios
4001 Kearns Blvd
Park City, Utah 84060

The family would like to strongly encourage all who attend to wear their favorite Utes gear or Red apparel in honor of Tucker's favorite team.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

EG

“ First time I ever talked to Tucker was when Trevor, Steve, and Tucker went to the casino in Washington. When I got the call I answered and it was Trevor. You can tell they were ALL hammered. Trevor asks what I am doing, and not a second later Tucker steals the phone. "IKE MY BROTHA WHERE YOU AT!!" "TREVOR SUCKS AND IM WAY COOLER THAN HIM. COME HANG OUT AND WIN SOME MONEY!!!!" Mind you it was at 1 AM and I had work in the morning lol. Ever since then Tucker and I became FAMILY. I love and miss you brother. Thank you for all the laughs and great times together ❤️.

Emanuel "Ike" Green - February 18, 2024 at 06:40 PM

JE

“ I will NEVER forget our big trip out to Ocean City with the whole gang. We bar hopped all night, pushed Tuck through a big crowd for a live concert at Secrets, and then ended our night on the beach just goofing around. We made Tuck laugh SO hard he FELL BACKWARDS OUT OF HIS CHAIR IN THE SAND. Lololol!!! I don't think any of us could even help him back up for a while because we were all on the floor laughing. I don't even remember what was so funny but it still makes me laugh to this day. ❤️ good times!!!!

Jena - February 17, 2024 at 04:52 PM

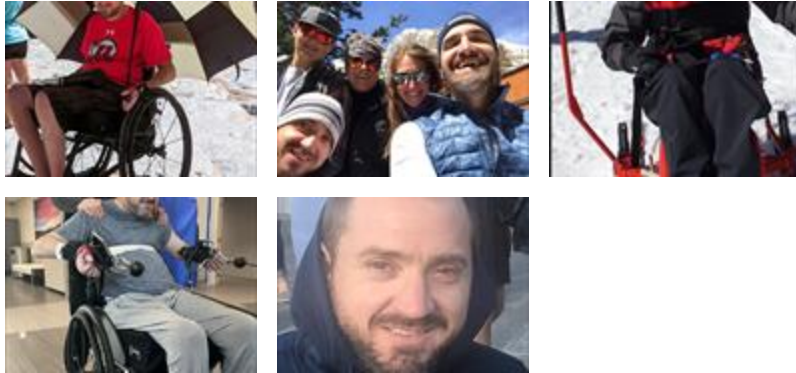
LE

I came to visit Tucker at University Hospital and brought one of our Canine Companions puppies to visit him. I was standing by his bed, holding Sparky in my arms, as he wiggled and wanted to get closer to him. We put that wiggly puppy right on the bed (while I worried that he might hurt Tuck, or get tangled in some of his tubes. Sparky snuggled right into Tucker, put his head on him and fell asleep. I was amazed at their immediate bond. PERFECT!

Lorraine Emmert - February 18, 2024 at 12:34 AM

RC

“ 11 files added to the album Tuck



Robin Cowley - February 04, 2024 at 11:01 AM



Love love these pictures!! ❤️

Cindy Bean - February 04, 2024 at 01:35 PM

JE

Anthony is an example of courage and persistence. His memory will inspire me everytime I feel weak. God's Speed.

Jerre - February 06, 2024 at 04:54 PM

RC

“ Robin Cowley lit a candle in memory of Anthony Winn Tucker



Robin Cowley - February 04, 2024 at 10:59 AM

RH

“ So many wonderful memories. Remember our camping trips when Eddie helped you learn to fish. When you and Trevor rolled down the hill while sleeping on the hilly site. When the lightning struck the fire pit and sent the log flying through the air. And the time you tipped over in the bar and landed head first in Eddie’s lap, it still makes me laugh. So many wonderful memories. Thanks for making our lives better for having you a part of it. We will miss you Tuck.

Rita Higbee - February 01, 2024 at 01:03 PM

RJ

To my incredibly kind, funny, loyal and handsome nephew...there are no words really during this time other than “thank you for loving all of us, and for your amazing spirit to endure”! You were an inspiration to all of us every day! My Wilson loved you like the brother he never had! May you now soar even farther than you did before, as a young, healthy, and strong soul!! I will feel you when the sun shines on my face...and the wind blows through my hair! See you in the shadows of the colorful rainbows soon to come our way!! We know you will be watching over all of us!! See you at the River!! I love you!
Aunt Ruthie ❤️❤️❤️

Ruth Lorraine Johnson - February 02, 2024 at 03:27 PM