



## Nathaniel "Ray" Tuck Jr.

April 30, 1971 - February 11, 2024

Nathaniel "Ray" Tuck, Jr, age 52, of Blacksburg, Virginia passed away at Atrium Health

Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, NC February 11, 2024 after battling cancer for

2 ½ years. He was born in Roanoke, Virginia on April 30, 1971 to Nathaniel Ray & Barbara Z

Tuck. He is preceded in death by his father Nathaniel R Tuck and all four of his grandparents,

Bill and Margaret Zint and Bill and Dorothy Tuck.

Ray is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of 29 years, his daughter Abi Dolgos, husband

Dakota Dolgos & grandson Gatlin Dolgos and son, Nathaniel R Tuck, III, longtime girlfriend

Abby E Markham. Also surviving is his mother Barbara Z Tuck, his sister Amelia Martin,

husband Buddy Martin and his brother Ben M Tuck, wife Priyam Chipper.

Ray was a 1994 graduate of Radford University and achieved his doctorate of Chiropractic from National University of Health Sciences in 1997. Upon graduating from

Chiropractic school, he began practicing at Tuck Chiropractic Clinic with his

father, also a  
Chiropractor, in Southwest Virginia seeing patients primarily in Blacksburg and  
Christiansburg.  
Over the years he came to have multiple clinics throughout Southwest Virginia  
and was very  
passionate about the role of Chiropractic as a conservative option for care and  
its accessibility  
in this region of Virginia. Ray and his father have provided Chiropractic  
services to Southwest  
Virginia communities for a combined 45 years. Ray's son, Nathaniel R Tuck,  
III is currently in  
Chiropractic school and together they dreamed of continuing that legacy for  
many years to  
come.

Ray held countless leadership roles in the Chiropractic community including  
past  
President of the Virginia Chiropractic Association, past Chairman of the Board  
and then later  
President of the American Chiropractic Association, and was appointed by the  
Governor of  
Virginia to serve as the lone Chiropractor on the Virginia Board of Medicine  
just to name a few.  
He was a "change agent" who sought to use his leadership skills for the  
advancement of the  
Chiropractic profession and people everywhere desiring conservative care  
options.  
As an extension to his conservative healthcare roots, Ray had an ardent  
holistic  
philosophy of wellness. He devoted himself to incorporating local food  
sourcing, organic

gardening, various forms of exercise and other wellness initiatives into his own lifestyle, and took every opportunity to educate others about the same. He had big dreams of creating a wellness farm to support these efforts and was an avid “foodie” at heart.

By nature, Ray had a gift of bringing people together. Using this gift he made considerable impacts on his profession and community, built a vast network of friends and sadly left behind a beautiful family who will forever treasure the memories they built together. A friend described him as “too big for this world.”

The family will have a private funeral service for Ray to say goodbye and lay his remains to rest. A public Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday April 6th at 2 PM at the Inn at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia to pay tribute to all that he was. His family welcomes anyone who wishes to attend.

In lieu of donations or flowers, please hug those you love.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Inn at Virginia Tech  
901 Prices Fork Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Circa 1987-1988 Ray & I were close teenage friends. I can vividly recall Ray giving me a ride home in his beloved Red Hornet from PCHS Summer Marching Band practice. I lived way out in the boondocks on Old Coal Miner's road. I can still recall seeing Thornhill Farms pond in the distance as we rounded the corner listening to Billy Joel's Piano Man, then straight into Capt. Jack. I recall how much he loved that car, how he, his Dad and Uncle Jimmy worked on it. I was lucky enough and honoured to have been one of Ray's best friends for a brief period of our lives when we were still young. He was one of my only friends that was both emotionally aware & sensitive to others. Always the Big Brother, jovial, gregarious, intelligent and generous. I'm truly sorry for your loss, Bonnie and your family. I empathize deeply with Ray's Mom and wish her strength & peace. Ray, forever your friend. Brent

BcT - February 12, 2025 at 01:59 AM

SL

“ See above listing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nathaniel "Ray" Tuck Jr..



See above listing - April 05, 2024 at 08:05 PM

KF

“ I was out of town for several weeks and just saw this announcement. I am shocked and saddened to learn of Ray's death. He was a kind, compassionate man and a wonderful chiropractor. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Karen Finch - April 04, 2024 at 11:34 AM

NS

“ Northeast College of Health Sciences purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Nathaniel "Ray" Tuck Jr..



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**Northeast College of Health Sciences** - April 03, 2024 at 02:36 PM

FT

“ Dear Tuck family: I served as the ACA Vermont delegate and sat next to Ray over numerous sessions. What a delightful man and awesome chiropractor! I will miss our chats and his humor! RIP Ray.  
Francine Tougas, DC

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**Francine Tougas** - February 23, 2024 at 02:12 PM

TF

“ I served on the Chamber of Commerce with Ray. He was a great person. He will be missed.

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**Terri Ferrier** - February 19, 2024 at 09:30 PM

GI

“ He was our chiropractor when we lived in Christiansburg, we missed him when we moved back to ohio, sometimes we would be late because csi was on and he was always ok if we were a little late ,we never found a chiropractor in ohio as good as he was he will be missed Bob and Ginny miller

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**GinnyMiller** - February 19, 2024 at 07:38 AM

KL

So sorry to hear of Dr. Tuck's passing! His sense of humor always made adjustment appointments fun!

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**Karie Lester** - April 05, 2024 at 08:29 PM

KY

“ I knew Ray through the Association for the History of Chiropractic. We first met around 1996. It was always a joy to see him. Ray always had a big smile and a 'can do' attitude. I'm very sorry to hear this news. My deepest condolences to his family.

Kenneth Young - February 19, 2024 at 04:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nathaniel "Ray" Tuck Jr..



February 18, 2024 at 10:06 PM

TF

“ The Stosser Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nathaniel "Ray" Tuck Jr..

The Stosser Family - February 18, 2024 at 10:06 PM

DP

“ Dr Karl Petrie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nathaniel "Ray" Tuck Jr..



Dr Karl Petrie - February 16, 2024 at 06:09 PM

KK

“*In that day sing ye unto her, a vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. Isaiah 27:2*

*Ray, may you sing in the vineyard of the Lord forever & may the lavender & Cynthiana grapes continue to flourish in your vineyard here on earth.*

*Godspeed Mr President,*

*Your VP Karen Konarski-Hart DC.*

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**Karen Konarski-Hart** - February 16, 2024 at 04:43 PM