



Dillard O. "Sket" Scruggs

December 20, 1960 - November 10, 2025

To join the livestream of Dillard's graveside service, please select the link below. The service broadcast will begin at 10:55 A.M. Friday, November 14, 2025. The service video will be archived for 90 days for later viewing.

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Dillard O. "Sket" Scruggs, age 64 years, a resident of rural Vienna, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly Monday, November 10, 2025, at Deaconess Illinois Medical Center in Marion, Illinois.

"Sket" as he was affectionately known to family and friends, was born December 20, 1960 in Richmond, Virginia. He was the eldest of nine children born to Dillard O. and Gwendolyn Scruggs. He grew up on a dairy farm and at the age of 4 years, Dillard was nicknamed "Sket" by his grandfather. "Sket" was the fourth generation to carry the first name of Dillard and his grandfather felt this nickname would help differentiate him and eliminate confusion.

Dillard was united in marriage to Karen J. (nee Aaron) on December 23, 1980 in Marion, Illinois. She preceded him in death on June 19, 2019. On May 28, 2023, Dillard was united in marriage to Ruth (nee Reid) Craig at the Vienna Church of Christ. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Dillard is survived by Karen's children whom he loved and raised as his own – Tracey Mathis and James Hood; as well as Ruth's children whom he also loved – Travis Williams, Justin Williams, and Jill Conner; 10 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 3 sisters; 3 brothers; his mother-in-law – Joy Maxine Aaron; a brother-in-law – Steve Aaron; a beloved aunt – Shirley and her husband Pete; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Karen, Dillard was preceded in death by a son – Steven Hood and 2 brothers.

Dillard was a retired construction laborer and asphalt finisher. He was a member of the Laborers International Union of North America.

Dillard loved the land and farming. He enjoyed raising cattle as well as raising and riding horses. He particularly enjoyed riding and camping with friends at Cedar Lake Ranch. Dillard was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed rabbit hunting and fishing and had won a number of fishing tournaments. Dillard was truly a jack-of-all-trades and could fix, repair or build anything he set his mind to.

Dillard was of the Baptist faith. He had been an active youth ministry volunteer and church van driver at the Simpson Baptist Church.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday morning, November 14, 2025, at 11 A.M. at the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Pastor Steve Hammond will officiate. Interment will follow.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 10:30 A.M. until the service time at 11 A.M. at the cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St.

Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or online at www.stjude.org

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

NOV **14**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery
N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Graveside

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Randy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Dillard O. "Sket" Scruggs



Randy Jackson - November 13, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Dillard O. "Sket" Scruggs



John Slack - November 13, 2025 at 06:39 PM

JS

Dear Ruth and Family, Deepest condolences for your loss. Love and prayers. ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

John Slack - November 13, 2025 at 06:41 PM

SH

“ Sandra Harner lit a candle in memory of Dillard O. "Sket" Scruggs



sandra harner - November 12, 2025 at 11:05 PM

SH

I did not know him but for a few years.i know that he made Ruth madehim happyer that he ever had been married to Ruth I know that he loves his king Jesus

sandra harner - November 12, 2025 at 11:11 PM

SH

Ruth and her kids prayers for them

sandra harner - November 12, 2025 at 11:13 PM

NT

“ *Dear sweet Ruth, I am so sorry for you and your families devastating loss. You will be in my prayers for the coming days. Joy (Necie) Trammell*

Necie Trammell - November 12, 2025 at 05:32 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Dillard O. "Sket" Scruggs*



Linda Koehler - November 12, 2025 at 05:39 AM

MH

“ *Prayers for Aaron and the rest of his family 🙏*



Mary Lou Hynes - November 11, 2025 at 07:39 PM