

Remembering

DR. GARY SCOTT

Dr. Gary Kuper Scott, age 87 years, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away peacefully, Sunday, April 19, 2020, at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on January 3, 1933, the son of Ralph and Lillian (Kuper) Scott. He was married on June 13, 1958, to Paddy Hanna and to this marriage his three children were born. He was later married to Sheila Larkin on July 21, 1990, in Jefferson City, Mo., who survives at the home.

Dr. Scott graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1951 and then began his college career at Jefferson City Junior College, where in 1953 he received an associate degree. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served as an electronics technician during the Korean War, until he was honorably discharged in 1957.

After his service in the Navy, Dr. Scott went back to school and attended Western Washington State University, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Math and Social Studies in 1960 and later received his Master's Degree in Educational Psychology in 1962. Following Western Washington State University, Dr. Scott went on to the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1965 with his Doctorate in Counseling Psychology.

Dr. Scott began his professional tenure in education in 1960, teaching junior high school in Maple Valley, Washington, while attending graduate school. After completing his doctorate, Dr. Scott became the director of guidance and counseling at Minot State University in North Dakota. In 1967, he was offered a full professorship at Lincoln University, serving as the first head of the newly created Department of Psychology. During his tenure at Lincoln, Dr. Scott served as Head of the Department of Education and Psychology, Director of Continuing Education, and Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education. In 1995, Dr. Scott retired from LU with the title Professor Emeritus. In 2003, he received the Professor Emeritus Service Award at the 1st Annual President's Awards/Recognition Gala.

Dr. Scott, with assistance from his co-workers, accomplished

many things while at Lincoln. He developed Lincoln University's major program in psychology, developed the dual credit program in area high schools, and assisted in the development of the nursing program and other courses at Fort Leonard Wood. He was also instrumental in setting up the L.U. Information Office in downtown Jefferson City, expanding off-campus course offerings, establishing the Liberal Studies program, and the Learning in Retirement program. Dr. Scott also led the way toward the initial accreditation of the graduate education program.

One of Dr. Scott's major accomplishments was his establishment of the Learning in Retirement (LIR) organization in Jefferson City in 1992. LIR was the first such organization in Missouri, and one of the first in the country. He was on the National Advisory Committee of the Elderhostel Network, which offered week-long classes at colleges and universities. He saw a need for such an organization on a local level. Today 28 years later, there are over 400 members of this vital, active organization.

Community service was important to Dr. Scott. As a youth, he was a member of Boy Scouts of America. While at Minot State University, he served on the advisory board for the Gamma Delta chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. After his return to Jefferson City, he served on the Jefferson City Public School District Board of Education and was a founding member, Board President and served on the Board of Directors of the Jefferson City YMCA. He was a member of the Jefferson City Downtown Rotary Club; Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce; American Psychological Association; and the Missouri Psychological Association. Dr. Scott was also a member and past president of the Jefferson City Cantorum and served on the National Committee for Learning in Retirement.

Dr. Scott was a dedicated Christian, who held a deeply passionate and saving faith in Jesus Christ. This trust in his savior guided many of his principles in life. He was an active member at First United Methodist Church, Jefferson City, where he served on the Board of Trustees, sang in the church



choir and was a beloved member of the Odyssey Sunday School Class. Gary also volunteered as a big brother through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program of Jefferson City.

Dr. Scott was an avid fitness enthusiast and enjoyed playing golf and tennis. He could always be found at the Jefferson City YMCA, working out or running. He was a gifted vocalist and had an ear for music, singing in many quartets. He and Sheila also loved traveling the world and spending time with family. He had a passion for life and always enjoyed every moment.

Survivors include: his loving wife of 29 years, Sheila Scott of Jefferson City; two daughters, Tina Marie Watson (husband, Peter) of Fuquay-Varina, NC, and Lisa Rene Dawdy (husband, Michael, M.D.) of Overland Park, KS; one son, Corey Kuper Scott (wife, Tisha) of Jefferson City, Mo.; one brother, E. David Scott, M.D. (wife, Virginia) of Bonnots Mill, Mo.; one sister, Rita Penserum (husband, Van) of Bonnots Mill, Mo.; eight grandchildren, Madeleine Watson, Daniel Watson, Elisabeth Hegner (husband, Ben), Joshua Dawdy (wife, Madison), Abigail Dawdy, Harrison Scott, Benjamin Scott and Jacob Scott; two great-granddaughters, Adelee Hegner and Annabelle Dawdy;

He is also survived by five nieces, all of whom held a special place in his heart: Laura Pierce (husband, Eric), Sarah Asberry, Deborah Campbell (husband, John), Dawn Borland (husband, Scott) and Stephanie Scott; numerous great nieces and nephews, as well as great-great nieces and nephews; and his great niece, Katie Brown, who lovingly helped provide care for her dear uncle during the last two years of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Matthew Dawdy; an uncle, Homer Kuper; a nephew, James Ralph Asberry; and a great nephew, John McCutchen.

Celebration of Life

PRIVATE FAMILY SERVICE

Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Freeman Chapel
Jefferson City, Missouri

GRAVESIDE SERVICES

WITH MILITARY HONORS
Cadet Creek Cemetery
Bonnots Mill, Missouri

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Prelude
- Opening Hymn.....“It Is Well With My Soul”
- Welcome
- Hymn “Whispering Hope”
- Prayer
- ScriptureJeremiah 31:2-6, 23-25
- Family Reflections
- Hymn “When We All Get to Heaven”
- Homily
- Hymn “Amazing Grace”
- Lord’s Prayer
- Benediction
- Postlude



PARTICIPANTS

PIANIST
Katie Brown

OFFICIANTS

The Reverend Trevor Dancer
The Reverend Steve Buchholz

Amazing Grace!

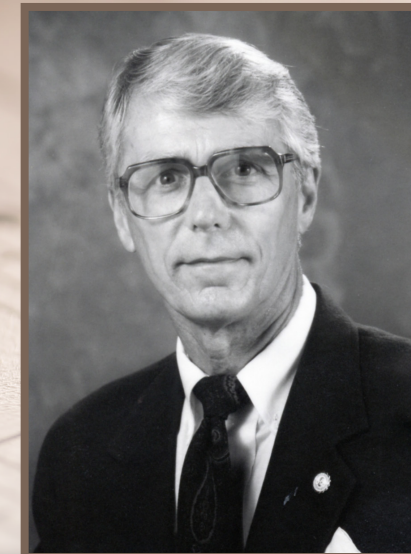
How sweet the sound-
That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost
but now am

Found,
Was blind
but now I see.

In Appreciation

All of Dr. Scott’s family wants to express their sincere appreciation for the many comforting thoughts and prayers, floral tributes, food and acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time. They would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice Compassus for the dedication and compassion shown to Gary under their care.



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