



William T. Scott Jr

April 3, 1929 - March 19, 2015

The Reverend William T. Scott, Jr. died March 19, 2015 at 85 years of age. Survived by his wife, Mary, and four children (Tate, Libby, Ann, and Louise), he was born in Dayton, Ohio on April 3, 1929 and spent his childhood and youth in North Carolina, Virginia, and Florida. Educated at Elon College and Yale Divinity School, Rev. Scott was ordained to the Christian ministry on February 10, 1954. He served Congregational Christian and later United Church of Christ churches in Norwich, NY, Cornwall, CT, Durham, NC, Barrington, RI, Atlanta, GA, Pass-a-Grille, FL, and Ormond Beach, FL. During sabbaticals, he served churches in the United Reformed Church in England and was a Senior Associate Member at Westminster College in Cambridge. He served the associations, conferences, and national bodies of the United Church of Christ in numerous capacities. He also served state and local governments and educational institutions, offering prayers at public events. Committed to social justice, Rev. Scott collaborated with AME churches in North Carolina, participated in the theater boycott in Durham, and attended the March on Washington in 1963. He was proud to note the 13 women over whose ordination to Christian ministry he presided. His innovations in church fellowship, mission, and education were sometimes the subject of controversy, but more often held out as examples for others.

Always interested in youth, in the 1960s, Rev. Scott appealed to the Barrington (RI) town council to allow high schoolers to continue to hold very popular rock music events in the church fellowship hall. In Barrington, he also

established a program of “Tuesday School” with other local churches to engage teenagers in an ecumenical experience of Christian Education, and he re-established the separate roles of Preaching Minister and Teaching Minister, to allow increased attention to each. In Atlanta, Rev. Scott created a sponsorship program so that each child in the church had an adult “sponsor,” who paid special attention to the child and participated in the child’s “Class Council.”

Community was also important to Rev. Scott. While in Barrington, he encouraged parishioners to help establish the South Providence Neighborhood Ministries at a Baptist church in Providence. The Atlanta coffeehouse, “Lena’s Place,” was established under his ministry as a way to extend the bequest a parishioner designated to inspire creative fund-raising for local ministries. Church building and art projects resulted in sculpture, playground, memorial gardens, and more accessible spaces. A student of church history, he was one of the principal authors of “A Southern Pilgrimage,” a history of Central Congregational Church published in 1982.

Mr. Scott was well-known for an extensive “tickler” file containing anniversaries of events, large and small, in the lives of his parishioners and family. He would often call or e-mail someone to say, “guess what you were doing 10 years ago today?” He joined the Atlanta Chrysanthemum Society for several years in the 1980s, saying, “I want my obituary to include something besides church-y stuff.” His love for music extended beyond church music (though he was a strong supporter of music ministry) to include opera, symphony, and anything sung by 3 tenors.

In his later years, he was the primary caregiver for his wife, who suffered from hemiparesis as the result of a stroke. He was named Senior Minister Emeritus of Central Congregational United Church of Christ when he returned to Atlanta a few years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Dunham Scott, their four children (William T. Scott, III, Elizabeth Dunham Scott, Ann Scott Price, and Louise Scott Fortney), two grandchildren (Zachary Todd Price and Colin Sarver Scott),

daughter-in-law Jeanette Scott, sons-in-law Billy Joe Price and Murray Fortney, granddaughter-in-law Allyssa Price, family friend Joan Tomaszewski, five nieces, three nephews, and numerous cousins. He was pre-deceased by his parents, the Reverend William T. Scott, Sr. and Della Cotten Scott, his brother James A. Scott and his sister Lois Scott Luke.

A memorial service will be held 10:00 AM, Monday, March 23, 2015 at Central Congregational United Church of Christ: 2676 Clairmont Rd. NE Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Narcolepsy Research at Stanford University or the Progressive Christians Initiative at Central Congregational United Church of Christ.

Arrangements made by Tim Stewart Funeral Home: 2246 Wisteria Dr. Snellville, Georgia 30078. 770-979-5010. Please leave online condolences at stewartfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Central Congregation UCC
2676 Clairmont Rd. NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William T. Scott Jr*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 19, 2015 at 03:09 PM

SI

Bill was my pastor and mentor while I was attending Candler School of Theology and preparing for UCC ministry (1979). I remember him with real gratitude and affection. Rev. Stan Barrett

Stanton H. Barrett III - July 05, 2015 at 04:26 PM



“ *William T. Scott Jr*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Libby and all who grieve Bill's passing: I am a retired Navy Chaplain who sometimes assisted at OBUC while Charles Melvin was pastor. I grew to know and love Bill and Mary during this period. Wonderful, wonderful folks!! Bill was filled with pastoral wisdom, gathered from his many years as a pastor. Surely he has a rich reward with his Lord. May the very Spirit of God be with you and grant you healing as you grieve the loss of your Dad. Jim Kirstein*

CAPT James F. Kirstein, USN (Ret) - March 21, 2015 at 09:54 AM

CM

“ Dear Mary, We mourn with you the passing of a great man and we remember many joyous times we had with you and Bill. He was a great mentor to us in our first full pastorate in Barrington, and Charles learned so much from him. He was always full of good humor and wit. His sermons were provocative and thoughtful. He never hesitated to guide and include us in our church and social lives. We remember you as someone who was always supportive and active (watch those tennis balls!). We wish that we could be with you to give you a big hug. We are grateful for the last time we had together in Florida. Your love and loyalty for one another through many years is an inspiration. Thank you so much for all you have meant to us. We cherish your friendship and all of your family. Our love and prayers are with you. Carol and Charles McCollough

Charles and Carol McCollough - March 20, 2015 at 04:27 PM

AC

“ Dear Mary - our thoughts and prayers are with you as you adjust being alone without your loving soul mate. But think of the heated long discussions they are having again and we can't put our two sense in! They were such a wonderful team. Timothy so appreciated your folks adopting him as their Asian son thus the Scott middle name. He often told me that your family helped his adjustment at Duke by going on parish calls with your father after church and Sunday dinners. He enjoyed the summer church youth camps and teased them that chop sticks were hollow to eat soup. His one regret was not being able to return home to help the church but he did help scientifically to improve agriculture poultry production three fold. We were especially pleased to be able to attend the dedication service of the new church in his home town that was destroyed by a flood. Let's keep in touch more often. Love, Annabelle Chang

Annabelle Chang - March 20, 2015 at 04:04 PM

CT

“*Mary and family, our strongest condolences to you. So glad we got to know Mary and Bill when they lived in our apartment at Elon. Wonderful memories. Particularly I enjoyed Bill's sense of humor, so much like his father's. And such a fitting tribute he gave his brother Jimmy, "A Valiant Man."*

George and I have remembered both of you often and are grateful for you.

Carole Watterson Troxler, Elon, N.C.

carole troxler - March 20, 2015 at 01:45 PM

BM

“*To Bill's family, Linda and I are grieving with you today and will be with you on Monday.*

Bob McMath

"Almighty God, we remember before you today your faithful servant Bill; and we pray that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, you will receive him more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, he may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen." (BCP, 253)

bob mcmath - March 20, 2015 at 10:13 AM

LA

“*Ann, Billy Joe, and Todd*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of great sorrow. May God bless him and keep him in His care.

Louie and Cindy Abdou

Louie Abdou - March 20, 2015 at 04:44 AM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 19, 2015 at 02:33 PM

PD

The people of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Hope RI are holding you all in prayer. May God's graces bring you peace and comfort as you grieve the loss of one so precious to you.

Pastor Joyce Duerr - March 22, 2015 at 04:44 AM

CB

Libby and family. I am sharing your sorrow and honoring your Dad's memory. Your Dad's life was a life well lived . I am sure that Jesus is giving him a Hero's Welcome Home. Heartfelt condolences for you and your family. Carol Bellows

Carol Bellows - March 22, 2015 at 04:31 PM

MS

Dear Libby and Family,
We are sorry to hear of your great loss.
Clif and Maureen Seidel

maureen seidel - March 22, 2015 at 05:17 PM

MR

Dear Libby, Louise, Ann, Tate, and Mrs. Mary Scott and additional Scott Family:

*Thank you for all the memories and for my experiences in the church. Also I am thank-full much to all Rev Scott and others who prayed for me! I still remember Rev Scott's words of encouragement. The Scott family, esp. Lib, had the greatest of impacts on me then and now, even. I am sorry that Rev. Scott passed. I wish to let all know that I am the proud biological mom of a set of twins (deceased), a set of triplets (living), and my oldest daughter! I am also a grandmother now. Each day that passes, please know that ALL of you are in my thoughts, prayers, and blessed memories; Thank you for letting me a sponsor to Kate S, Christina R. and Dzauya N. I appreciated and will miss Rev. Scott and his wonderful sermons! Thank you for your historical book which you wrote about the history of the Church. I remain Faithfully yours, Katherine Smith-Johnson DUBOIS
BTM3 Ministries (WA/NV) December 1, 2017 formerly with SHALOM! Ministries(WA)- December 1st, 2017*

Mrs.D - December 01, 2017 at 03:23 PM

MR

Typo-s notwithstanding! (Smiles) kesjd

Mrs.D - December 01, 2017 at 03:25 PM