



William R. Scott

December 17, 1934 - June 3, 2018

William R. Scott, age 83, of Savanna, Illinois passed away Sunday, June 3, 2018 at his home. A funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Savanna. Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Friday, June 8, 2018 at the funeral home. Burial with military rites will take place in Savanna Township Cemetery, Savanna. Memorials may be given to the Savanna Veterans Monument Committee, P.O. Box 72, Savanna, Illinois, for more information please visit www.savannaveteransmemorial.org. Family and friends are invited to share in William's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

William was born December 17, 1934 in Savanna, the son of William D. and Josephine (Frutchey) Scott. He attended Savanna High School, graduating with the Class of 1952. William proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1954-57, attaining the rank of Sergeant and serving in Korea and Japan. On October 16, 1954, he married Joan Blakeslee in Savanna.

William worked as a production planner for the Eaton Corporation for 28 years until his retirement. He enjoyed fishing, trapping, hunting, and telling good jokes.

When it came to volunteering for the community, William never knew how to say no! Everyone knew that if you wanted something done right, you called Bill Scott. He was a member of many local organizations and committees. He served for 16 years in the Savanna City Council, the Savanna Hospital Board, Northwest Illinois Ducks Unlimited member for 28 years where he served on the State Advisory Board and as Chapter Chairman. He held many positions as a life member in the Savanna VFW including Commander, Service Officer, Honor Guard, Toys for Tots organizer and Emceed Memorial Day Services. He was also very active in the Friends of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge which he helped to establish in 1998, and served as Past President, Vice President, and on the Board of Directors.

William will be dearly missed by his wife of 63 years, Joan; one son, William Shawn

(Joyce) Scott of McAlester, Oklahoma; one daughter, Kelly (Joe Eirhart) Scott of Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin; one grandson, Matthew Scott; two great-grandchildren, Hannah and Dominic Scott; one brother, David (Ruth) Scott of Galesburg, Illinois; one brother-in-law, Ron Martin of East Moline, Illinois; and one sister-in-law, Donna Scott of West, Texas, and a special cousin, Sherrod McCall of Mill Valley, California.

William is preceded in death by his parents, William and Josephine; one brother, Ted Scott and a sister, Marcia Martin.

Cemetery

Savanna Township Cemetery

Savanna, IL, 61074

Events

JUN Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Law Jones Funeral Home - Savanna
309 Chicago Ave, Savanna, IL, US, 61074

Comments



“ 22 files added to the album Service Flowers



Law-Jones Funeral Home - June 21, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ 127 files added to the album Family Photos



Law-Jones Funeral Home - June 12, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Joan. Bill will be dearly missed

Cheryl Tharp - June 09, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ Kelly - my sympathy to you and your family!

Teresa (Bellich) Traum

Teresa Traum - June 09, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. His deep, gravelly voice should have been in radio! He was always upbeat and had a quiet, optimistic view of life around him. He did so much for the Friends of the Savanna District of the Upper Miss Refuge and the greater community. As a former Marine myself, we had an instant bond and I always enjoyed my time with him during trips downriver. Just a fine man.

Don Hultman

Upper Mississippi River NW&FR Manager, 2002-2009

Don Hultman - June 08, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ Uncle Bill always had such great jokes and an infectious laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Kate Galgan - June 08, 2018 at 07:54 AM



“ Jon and send our deepest sympathy to the Scott family. He was admired by many who knew him.

Pam Darror - June 07, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ He was such a nice man! Was my foreman when I worked at Eaton Corp. Never a cross word, always a smile.

Janet Hamilton - June 07, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ Joan, Shawn, and Kelly.

My deepest sympathy to you all.

I met Bill in August of 1985 at the Duck Camp of Fin and Feather.

For many years I enjoyed being part of that group.

Bill would always greet each and everyone with a big smile, a joke, or a funny comment.

The night before opening day, Bill would always have something cooking so as we all showed up there was something to eat, with a cold beverage, and a big campfire.

A perfect way to unwind after a bad work week, and start of a new duck season.

He always made us laugh as he told his jokes, tall tales and warned us with " We Don't Want To Be Peaking Too Soon"

Yeah, I remember all the Flagging Day parties, the Blind Building, and the Teal hunts, Joe's Roadhouse for Bears games. Those are great memories for me.

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers

Rest in Peace "Uncle Bill"

Greg Kraus

The Shrew

Greg Kraus - June 07, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ I went all through school with Bill Scott's brother David. I am so sorry David that you have lost your brother. My sympathy to Bill's family.

Penny Frasure Grindle

Penny Grindle - June 06, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ I will never forget Bill. As a Park Ranger for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge I worked with Bill for several years.

My favorite memory is his imitation of the "Teddy Roosevelt" impersonator we had on the American Queen. The refuge was celebrating the 100th anniversary of the refuge system.

When Pam and I arrived in Dubuque, Iowa, we scurried away. We were exhausted from this actor. The actor called after me, "Cinnnn, Deeeeee." Bill heard this and started belly laughing. From that day forward he will greet me with, "Cinnnnn Deeee." Louder and louder he would call.

I loved working with him and I loved him very much.

Prayers to the family.

Bill's Friend,
Cindy Samples

Cindy Samples - June 06, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William R. Scott.



June 06, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ My sincere condolences to William's family, I did not personally know him, as I graduated from Savanna, High School in 1950 at the age of 16, and worked at Savanna Hospital for a few months as a nurses aid before coming to Freeport, Il. and became an R.N. in a nursing program. I'm sure we passed in the hallways back in 1948-1950. After reading his obituary I am proud of his service and his community work and wanted you all to know that. Sincerely, Virginia (Adrian) Winter.

Virginia M. Wiinter - June 06, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ I met Bill in the spring of 1989. So many beautiful memories at Fin & Feather. One that my daughter Julie mentioned was "No more pickle parties." Bill and Julie shared deli pickles when we were down there. Tom and Bill were fishing and hunting buddies. Tom always tells people he has 2 friends me and of course "Bill Scott." He will be dearly missed. Our love to all.
Tom and Alaine (Stubs)

Tom & Alaine Hanson - June 06, 2018 at 07:36 AM



“ Sherrod Bruce McCall purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William R. Scott.



Sherrod Bruce McCall - June 05, 2018 at 10:49 PM



“ so sorry, to the family.. he was known for his jokes and good ones, a sweet man he will not be forgotten. He always helped me when I needed it at the VFW. He knew the answers. He will be missed.

Donna Quick - June 05, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.. I first met Bill when I worked at Eaton. He was a great guy and always made us laugh. He will be missed by so many.

Connie Mason - June 06, 2018 at 07:42 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, praying for healing for family and friends. Marcile (Bender) Elliott

Marcile Elliott - June 06, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. I knew Bill from working at Eaton in Savanna. He was a good guy and fun to be around. May he rest in peace.

Gail Head - June 06, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ Always enjoyed seeing Bill at the VFW drawings on Saturday afternoons. He always had a smile on his face and a good joke to tell. You will be dearly missed Bill. June & Chuck Sorensen-

June Sorensen - July 19, 2018 at 09:02 PM