



Pastor William J. Scott

April 28, 1947 - June 17, 2023

Pastor William J. Scott,

76, of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully surrounded by family, June 17, 2023. He was born April 28, 1947 in Beech Grove, Indiana to the late Warren A. and JoeAnn (Wildrick) Scott. William was a graduate of Warren Central High School. He received his bachelor's degree in theology from Central Christian College and his Master's degree from Bethel College. William married Cheryl A. Wilfong; and became the Associate Pastor for Englewood Christian Church from 1972 until 1981 where he was active in the Deaf and Bus Ministries. He was then led to Pastor Hunter Road Bible Church from 1981 until his retirement in 2017. Pastor Scott was also a part-time chaplain for Wishard Hospital now known as Eskenazi Hospital from 1987 until he became a full-time chaplain in 2016 and remained until retiring in 2019.

William was also a Journeyman Meat Cutter, served as a board member of Walnut Hills Family Retreat Center; and supporter of Kingdom Racing's Miles of Smiles Event. Most importantly, he loved spending time with family and friends and supporting his grandchildren in their activities.

Visitation will be Friday, June 23, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street, with funeral services there Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

William is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Cheryl A. Scott; children, Christy Carrie (Tim) and William A. Scott (Angela); grandchildren, Tyler Carrie (Hannah), Anna Carrie, Noah Witherspoon (Kyna), Ethan Scott and Cade

Scott; sister, Diane McKinney; brother, Gerald Scott (Diana); and five nieces and nephews. A brother-in-law, Dell McKinney, preceded him in death. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Kingdom Racing Miles of Smiles online at <https://www.kingdomracing.net/>.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ Oh goodness I have been ill and just learned of Bill's passing and hade to write. Bill was a beautiful, loving, Christian man. When I was 18 he officiated my 6 week old son, who had passed from SIDS and was very helpful with my grieving that was 1973. And I couldn't count on fingers on both hands how many family funerals he officiated since. He was such a kind man. All my deepest sympathy for his loving family.

Sherry (Loux) Sparks

Sherry Sparks - February 21, 2024 at 01:53 PM

CH

“ Bill is one of the two most influential men to enter my life. In 2003, after a lifetime of attending church, he really brought gospel to my understanding so that it changed my heart. In 2004 when my earthly father ,who had been a monster, was close to death Bill guided my in the process of forgiving him. That forgiveness freed my heart to truly love others in my life. When I came to him and asked questions he always had the right answers for me when I needed them. When I came I came and asked if we could have a Sunday morning class for married couples so they could what it is to be a biblical spouse, he said “yes that is a great idea. When will you begin to teach it?” Through this guidance I became an elder at HRBC, led a few to the gospel and now serve on the pastoral team at Refuge Church. Because of Bills faithfulness to God I am still learning and growing. Bill Scott truly demonstrated the love and heart of Jesus.

I di remember a time when went to visit a member who had had a stroke and was in a nursing care facility. As we walked down the hall Amanda who appeared to be sleeping in a wheel chair suddenly said ,very loudly, “Bill Scott! I have not seen you in years. What are you doing here? Who died?” We laughed about that for a long time.

I will miss you Brother, but I know that you are living the good life now. Is it black and white where you are? Thank you for teaching me to love and for loving me unconditionally.

Chris Hollingsworth - June 24, 2023 at 08:35 AM

JH

“ Bill and have been friends for over 70 years. He was my very best friend. We went to Bible college together, played little league together and I was his best man in his wedding. He preformed the service when my wife of 51 years died in 2021. I will miss you buddy, you have been a great friend.

John Hair - June 23, 2023 at 10:07 AM

SS

Touching thought

Sherry Sparks - February 21, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Pastor William J. Scott.*



June 22, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor William J. Scott.*



June 21, 2023 at 05:44 PM

DT

“ During the summer of 1989, I got a job in Indianapolis and moved down from the Chicago area. Instead of “wasting” Sundays visiting churches that I knew we’d never join, I would simply call and talk to the pastors. Almost immediately upon calling Hunter Road Bible Church, I knew that Bill and I were kindred spirits. We became part of the church as soon as my family joined me. We enjoyed fellowship there for the next 8 years, watching our kids grow together, until our base closed and we moved away. A year later we moved back to Columbus and reestablished our attendance at HRBC, until once again a career move took us to another state, this time for good.

During our time together we grew close with “Uncle Bill” and Cheryl. It was a privilege to work with Bill at the church and at Walnut Hills Retreat Ministry. If I knew that he was having a particularly bad week, I’d just call and tell him to “take the weekend off” and that I would handle his responsibilities at church. We were blessed to have Bill and Cheryl join us and perform the weddings of my oldest and youngest daughters, and we enjoyed their visits when they would stop over on their trips to Florida.

I will keep Bill in the forefront of my mind each year as I read through the copy of “My Utmost for His Highest” that he gave me many years ago, and will echo back the words that he inscribed to me on the flyleaf. “To Bill From Dan, Thank you for your leadership and friendship”. Enter now into the Joy of the Lord. Dan and Sheri Topolewski, and family

Daniel Topolewski - June 21, 2023 at 12:44 PM

WV

“ My condolences and prayers to Cheryl and all of the family.

William Skyler Vawter

William (Bill) Skyler Vawter - June 20, 2023 at 02:51 PM



I am so sorry for your loss he was an amazing man and pastor rest in peace my dear friend you sure took care of the Steinbrook girls for mini mini years. Thank you with all my heart Diane.

Dianne Bruce - June 23, 2023 at 03:49 PM

JM

“ *Bill Scott was quite a character and when you put him together with Dick Laue, you get two energetic, enthusiastic, preaching evangelists. Imagine what they are doing together right now. Bill will be greatly missed but I know he is dancing for joy to be home with his Lord and Saviour. The tears that are being shed right now are tears of joy. I Cor 15:55, Ps 116:15*
Bob & Judy McEvoy

Judith A McEvoy - June 20, 2023 at 10:47 AM

BH

Pastor Bill Scott was so loved by the children including the children of Lucky Star Mobile Home Park . He would personally drive the church bus and pick them up . He also took them to McDonalds after Sunday School . He knew they were a hungry bunch . He also influenced my life and many other adult and teen lives . Forever in Heaven with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Barbara Hinton - June 20, 2023 at 11:29 AM

KP

I will never forget the young Bill Scott bouncing around Englewood with my dad, RAL (Dick Laue), getting excited about reaching people for Christ, and loving on people in the inner city. Cheryl, I know you are heading into a huge life change; may the Lord walk before you every step. All we can do is Trust and Obey, even in our grief. ❤️

Kim Laue Popenfoose - June 20, 2023 at 04:23 PM

MH

There were so many times over the last 30 plus years when Pastor Bill was there to spiritually guide and advice and to just be a friend. He was always such a sweet and caring man, and will be greatly missed by so many.

Bill and Marjie Heine.

Marjie Heine - June 21, 2023 at 05:17 PM

TM

I remember when Bill and I would go bus calling together on Saturday mornings, and then would stop and have lunch. He was a good friend. He also joined Ellen and me when we had our 50th wedding anniversary. Officiated when we renewed our vows! He will be greatly missed! Thanks for all of the past experiences at Hunter Road!

Terry Milligan

Terry Milligan - June 22, 2023 at 12:45 PM