

We received the following information in an email from Susan Scott on Wednesday, January 30th, 2019.

Death of Rev. Dr. William T. Scott, Jr. (aka Bill Scott)

Hello Friends in Christ at Barrington Congregational Church -

I am writing to let you know of the death of my husband, Bill Scott, who grew up in your church and went on to serve the United Church of Christ as both a parish pastor, a healthcare chaplain, and chaplain educator. Bill was the only son of Anna Scott and William T. Scott, who were married, and buried out of Barrington Congregational and were members of your church long ago. They had a home on Alfred Drowne Road in Barrington.

Bill, Jr., my husband, had been retired a full 9 years from full time ministry when he died suddenly and most unexpectedly at his home in Avondale, PA on Sunday, January 27th. It was our wedding anniversary. Bill was just a month shy of his 75th unbirthday — being that he was a Leap Year Day baby. I was Bill's second spouse, and he was mine. We married in 1990 while I was studying for my M.Div. at Princeton Seminary. With our marriage he became an instant father for the four children from my first marriage, ranging in age from 6 to 16. As Bill had no children by his previous marriage, and had grown up as an only child, this was quite a leap of faith! He grew into a loving step-dad and later, grandfather of three.

Bill pastored several churches in the following sequence: Christ Reformed Church in Alexandria, PA (1970-74), Somerville Congregational Church (1974-76) and the United Church of Ware, MA (1977-1982). He always spoke warmly and appreciatively of the spiritual formation he received at the Barrington Congregational Church, or "the white church" as he called it. Bill had his Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry in Psychology and Clinical Studies from Andover Newton Theological Seminary, as well as additional training to be a chaplain educator with the Association of Professional Chaplains. He led training programs in two different community hospitals — first, The Williamsport (PA) Hospital, and then The Stamford Hospital (CT). During his years at the Stamford Hospital he did part-time crisis ministry with the American Red Cross, as a spiritual responder to airline disasters. Bill worked in this capacity following the Egypt Air crash in New England waters, the 9-11 event in New York City, and airline crash in the Rockaways. Since his specialty area in the hospital was Emergency Room ministry, he was well equipped to provide spiritual and emotional support in such circumstances. In the last 7 years of his ministry, he trained military chaplains at the VA San Diego Health Care Center (CA) in a collaborative program he designed in conjunction with Balboa Naval Hospital. In 2010, after retirement, he volunteered for the Sheriff's Dept in San Diego County. A few years later, after I retired from hospice chaplaincy, we moved back east near a newly born grand daughter in SE Pennsylvania -- it was Bill's great joy in the last 5 years, to watch that little girl grow up. Should anyone wish to reach me, I can be contacted via my e-mail is scmrscott@gmail.com, or my snail mail address is 602 Martin Drive, Avondale, PA 19311.

Bill's memorial service will be held at New Ark United Church of Christ on Saturday, February 23rd at 11 a.m.

With heart,

Susan

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Susan's book "Still Praying After All These Years" will be released by Upper Room Books in August, 2019