



Donald Dean Scott

January 22, 1925 - January 8, 2015

Donald Dean Scott, fondly known as "Scotty" by his friends and family, of Santa Barbara, CA, formally of Streator, Illinois, passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan 18, 2015.

The son of Herschel and Beatrice Scott, Scotty was preceded in death by two sisters, Mil and Mae, and a brother, David. He is survived by brothers, Charles, Jack, and Russell, and a sister, Nancy.

After proudly serving in World War II as a naval tail gunner, Scotty returned home to Illinois, where he received an aeronautical engineering degree from The University of Chicago. Throughout his life, his grand passion would be the joy of flying, designing and working on aircraft. And upon graduation he was offered a position at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, CA, where he was part of an elite group of engineers who designed the Lockheed L-1011 TriStar, the third wide body airliner to enter commercial operations after the Boeing 747, and the SR-71 "Blackbird," which, when detected by an enemy surface-to-air missile, could accelerate and outrun the predator. Scotty traveled extensively aboard the L-1011 sitting aside the pilots and monitoring the aircraft's performance.

In 1959 Scotty moved his family to Santa Barbara, while working at Vandenberg Air Force Base, where he participated in some of the Country's first missile launches. A neighbor once observed, "Scotty, you must be the only man I ever saw who happily whistles his way to work every morning." And truthfully, Don Scott adored his work and commented always how lucky he was to have a career he loved.

A great boating enthusiast, Scotty secured the Mercury outboard motor franchise for Santa Barbara in 1963 and operated Don's Boating Cove on State Street.

Scotty is survived by his three children, Douglas and Pamela of Santa Barbara and Karen of Portola Valley, CA.; and grandchildren Preston, Shelby, Kelsey, Dominique and Patrick. With his vibrant blue eyes and quick smile, Scotty was considered, by all who meet him, to be 'salt of the earth'. A man who enjoyed and cherished the simple pleasures of life: his children, family and country.

Forever missed.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Upham Hotel, 1404 De La Vina Street, from 5PM to 7PM, January 16.

Per his wishes, Scotty will be laid to rest near his parents and other Scott family relatives at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Steator, Illinois. A chapel service will be held there.