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Douglas Kemp Scott, 56, of Tulsa, Ok, peacefully went to the Lord on August 18, 2013. He was born January 8, 1957 in Caney, Kansas to Arthur and Barbara Scott. He received his Bachelors Degree in music from Tulsa University. He spent over 30 years teaching band & orchestra. 28 years of which were at Wilson Middle School in Tulsa. He was a mentor to his students, who meant so much to him. In 2009, he was awarded \$100,000 in music instruments via ABC's The Extreme Makeover-Home Edition, Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, and the rock band "KISS". In 2010, he received the Teacher of the Year Award from Wilson Middle School. After retirement he taught private violin/fiddle lessons at The Guitar House of Tulsa. He enjoyed playing the fiddle for various bands. During the last weeks of his life he was working on Western Swing twin fiddle arrangements for his brother, Kirwin and himself. Doug was an active member of Will Rogers United Methodist Church, the choir, Chairmen of Trustee's, and was a member of the Praise Band. He served as Choir Director at St. Marks United Methodist and Inola Methodist Churches. Survived by wife, Mary Stone-Scott, mother Barbara Scott of Tulsa, his son Andrew Gordon of Tulsa, his daughter Sarah Elizabeth, husband Daniel, and granddaughter Collins Corlett (the delight of his life) of Talala, Ok., sister, Karen and husband Kent Notestine, of Wichita, Ks, brother, Kirwin and wife Mary Jane of Inola, Ok., 3 nephews, 2 nieces and his children's mother Mary Ruth Sexton Scott. Preceded in death by father, Arthur Gordon (Corky) Scott. Visitation will be at Floral Haven Chapel, 6500 S. 129th E. Ave, Broken Arrow, Ok, Thursday, August 22 from 12-6 PM. Services will be held at Will Rogers United Methodist Church 1138 S. Yale Ave, Tulsa, Ok, Friday August 23 at 10 AM. Graveside Service to follow at Floral Haven. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the Honor of Douglas K. Scott to Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. To donate by check, please send your check or money order to:



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The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation 4370 Tujunga Ave., Ste 330, Studio City, CA 91604. Donations can also be made through www.mhopus.org



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Rachel King posted:

Oh Mr. Scott....I still tell stories of him today. Recently actually. Each time I get out my great, or great-great grandfather's (can't remember which) violin, I remember at the end of class, on many occasions, Mr. Scott asking if he could play it. He said it was a "fiddle", not a "violin". He loved its sound. See, I was not from OK but from Louisiana. He truly made me feel welcome and was truly one of the best teachers I ever had and a man whom I will never forget. He made class fun and I learned so much from him. Why I'm just now here: My 8 year old wanted to see my middle school yearbooks...they are at another house so I searched the internet and found the news about Mr. Scott on a Facebook Memorial page. My heart goes out to the family. I know he will be forever missed. He will also be forever loved by sooooo many. Many blessings, Rachel King Wilson 86-88/89?

March 30 at 8:39 AM



James M. Manning posted:

Doug inspired the lives of a myriad of students and people throughout his entire life. I grew to know him well and I looked at him not only as a mentor but as a father. He was there for me when I needed him most and I can still hear his goofy and hilarious laugh. I remember the chalk eraser thrown across the band and orchestra and the look he gave us when he glass had slidden down his nose. He meant business but he was fun, so passionate about music, but most passionate for his students. I remember the rose he ate as a dare and I remember his boots. I love him so much and miss him as well. He left a legacy that will inspire generations to come and one that will last forever. Love you Doug Scott.

October 27 at 10:52 AM



Eric Lee posted:

Doug and I were both teaching at Wilson Middle school in the late 80's. We once put a canoe in the Kerr-McClellan waterway near Tulsa and took a 440 mile canoe trip on the Arkansas River – all the way to the Mississippi. Nine days. It's a great memory and I am sorry Doug is gone.

September 23 at 1:43 PM



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JK

Jennifer Keas posted:

Middle school is often unbearable but around Mr. Scott , it wasn't. I remember so much about his classes. He taught me rythm and music. Real music. He cultured me more than anyone ever has with music and made me want to explore it even more. Not only was he he ultimate role model, he was a friend. He would help me feel better when I was sad and unknowingly, I changed his life for the better; which he told me many years later. I am so happy to have known him. Mr. Scott, I wish I could show you what a difference you've made in my life. You are forever missed.

June 17 at 1:56 PM

KM

Keith Magrady posted:

Mr. Scott was my band teacher at Wilson Middle School from 2001-2003. He was a fantastic teacher who genuinely cared about his students. He wanted us to better ourselves, and he would sacrifice all to help us achieve it. He helped me keep playing the saxophone when I decided I wanted to quit, and he helped keep my ego in check when I finally started getting good. We had some great times, and I always considered him a friend and my favorite teacher. I hope he would be happy to know that 14 years later I am still playing. He will be missed....

September 19 at 6:48 AM

GM

Greg Moore posted:

Doug was a great friend at the University of Tulsa and while teaching in the public schools. I learned a lot through knowing him and will never forget him. He made me aware of his favorite composer,William Schuman, and considered him to be the "American Beethoven."

December 19 at 2:32 PM

DB

Danny Burnes posted:

Doug was a close friend and colleague. He was an incredible teacher and an amazing person,the music world has lost a true champion. He will be deeply missed.Danny Burnes Edison Preparatory School

August 26 at 4:59 AM



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JD

Janis Dawson posted:

Doug's OMEA Colleagues are mourning with you at this difficult time of loss. May our prayers and thoughts bring you comfort in the days ahead. OMEA Cares

August 25 at 2:02 PM

MM

Missy Miller posted:

You were the best teacher I ever had. You believed in us and we believed in you. I decided to become a teacher because I wanted to be for other kids what you were for us. You were funny, kind, and inspirational. You talked me in to switching to viola because of music scholarships. I received a full music scholarship to TU because of your inspiration, and I finally fulfilled my dream of playing in the Tulsa Symphony because of your encouragement. I am dedicating this year of teaching to you, Mr. Scott.

August 23 at 1:33 PM

CH

Carissa Wilson Hamel posted:

He was one of those beyond amazing teachers that spent hours of his free time helping his students. He made every single kid feel that they were special and talented. He would also throw erasers at you if you messed up. I would have given up violin in 6th grade if he hadn't pushed me and worked with me daily to prepare for my lessons. My mind can't wrap around how many kids he helped.

August 23 at 10:57 AM

KB

Kelley Botts posted:

Mr. Scott was an amazing teacher. I loved how passionate he was about his job and how he cared so much for his students. He was an amazing person overall and so positive. If we were ever stressed about school or a test he would tell us everything would be okay. I will miss him dearly.

August 22 at 2:43 PM



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AK

Alicia Kobilnyk posted:

Mr Scott...Pulled the intercom off the wall to prevent interruptions and inane announcements
Threw his trombone once (straight at the wall)
Tossed markers at off beat drummers
Mispronounced every single song title in the book to make us chuckle
Warned us not to mess with the "butt grove" in his stool
Once told us we had "delusions of mediocrity" when we failed to practice enough before a show
Played samples of (good) music we brought from home
Gave many kids nicknames
Said once "Ask Roman. Roman knows" and fell off his stool laughing when he realized his pun.
Believed that every one of us could be good musicians, if not great, if we would just practice and try a little harder
Banned me from his office for suggestively rearranging his Gumbi and Pooki figurines. I spent three months on good behavior earning the ability to enter his office again.
Finally, he never publicly confronted me about the fact that I played Bb (on a Bb clarinet) as a B for three years. He'd say "Someone is sharp" but never called me out in front of everyone. Finally, I realized my mistake and confessed to him on the last day of school that it was me. He just said "I know" and looked parental.
Does that make him a terrible teacher or the best? I think the best.

August 22 at 10:28 AM

SE

Steven Eastham posted:

Mr. scott going be miss and remembered for years as the amazen band teacher and like lot of his old students say wensday at noon never be the same i will take moment at noon as them sinerns go off for mr scott he great man always was there with helping hand or just talk to you be miss.

August 22 at 6:57 AM

MR

Mrs. Peggy J. Ramos posted:

Mr Scott was my son Eric's band teacher at Wilson Middle School. He was a great teacher. Eric and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family today. We will all miss him.

August 22 at 5:20 AM

KC

Kasey Cooper posted:

Mr. Scott was an amazing teacher that didn't just teach his students he became their friend. He truly cared about them, his job, and his love for music. All of my best middle school memories took place in his class. He taught me to love and appreciate music. We lost an amazing person with an amazing gift and he will forever be missed!

August 21 at 5:06 PM



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AM

Azjia Mayes posted:

In my three years of middle school Mr.Scott was by far my favorite. He taught me so many things and every time I play the violin I will think of him. If I was alone Mr.Scott was there to be a friend and he always gave me the biggest smile. To his family I am very deeply sorry for your loss of a great man! You are in my prayers. With so much love Azjia Mayes!

August 21 at 4:20 PM

JH

Jen Hughes posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Douglas Kemp Scott

August 21 at 3:13 PM

CW

Christi (Albrecht) Weinzierl posted:

Mr. Scott was my first violin teacher in sixth and seventh grade at Wilson. He taught not only music, but so much more. He was proud of me and helped me learn to be proud of myself. He made me laugh when life was difficult with a new school, city, and family situation. Most of all, he showed me the kind of adult I wanted to be; one who cares for kids and not only teaches, but builds relationships. I have such wonderful memories of Mr. Scott's class. I hope someday my students can say the same about me. Rest in peace, Mr. Scott. See you later!

August 21 at 2:52 PM

CL

Catherine Larkin posted:

There's a list of memories a mile long that this amazing teacher has left in our lives. It's sad to know that his life has ended so soon, but he's helped and inspired so many kids. He was a wonderful person.

August 21 at 2:01 PM

KG

Kristin Gillespie posted:

I had Mr. Scott as my middle school band and choir instructor 1991-1993. He was an amazing band and choir instructor, but greater than that he was such a great role model, mentor, and man. He will be greatly missed. Words cannot express the sadness I am experiencing today. Prayers to his family and friends. Oklahoma has lost a wonderful man, but more importantly heaven has gained an awesome addition!

August 21 at 10:54 AM



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BM

Becky Martinez-Mccaskill posted:

Greater than the music he taught was the lesson he lived~ he embraced life and lived it to the fullest. Mr. Scott was a favorite teacher because of his vibrant spirit and the love he had for music. He was so proud of and loved his children and family and spoke often of his church with excitement. As students, we cared to listen to what he taught because we knew he cared for us as people. We are sorry for the earthly loss. ~Becky Martinez-McCaskill

August 21 at 10:38 AM

LK

Laura Knight posted:

Mr. Scott was an amazing teacher and friend. He has encouraged so many kids, including myself, to learn to love and appreciate music. He brought joy to his classroom and looked at life with a smile and an adventure! He taught me how to look on the bright things of life and to be proud of who I am. He was a great mentor and will be missed!

August 21 at 10:16 AM

DT

Dedra Tiger posted:

Mr. Scott was such a blessing to our family. His passion for music was so apparent in his teaching. Thank God for this devoted man. We will all miss him so much!

August 21 at 8:46 AM

AK

Alicia Kobilnyk posted:

I have many many fond memories of Mr Scott. I will have to compose a better list but wanted to share my love and prayers with the family and tell them that you are part of the man, myth and legend that touched so many lives. Thank you for sharing him with all of us and may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

August 21 at 8:04 AM



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SJ

Siara Heck-Jacobs posted:

Middle school was dreadful. Mr. Scott was the one smiling and encouraging face we could count on. No matter how talented or untalented you were, he applauded your efforts and made you feel like trying. I always think of him when I peel a hard-boiled egg or hear a groan-worthy joke. I was singing his praises just a few days ago when I was discussing inspired/inspiring teachers with my fellow teachers. He was one for the history books and will be missed by all who knew him. Siara Heck-Jacobs

August 21 at 8:00 AM

AS

Angie Salzman posted:

He was my favorite teacher when I went to Wilson. I will forever remember him.

August 21 at 7:31 AM

JM

Jacqueline Picotte-Mathews posted:

Mr. Scott was an amazing teacher, but he was always a little more than just a teacher to his students. He will be greatly missed by so many. RIP Mr. Scott. Prayers to the family.

August 21 at 6:52 AM

JH

Joni Hummel posted:

I did not know Doug well, but feel like I knew him from his wife Mary with whom I have spent many a day with. He loved the fiddle and shared his talent unselfishly. Mary, I know there are really no words, but I just want to say I love you and am here for you. My deepest condolences to you and all of Doug's family. I know he will be greatly missed.

August 21 at 5:29 AM

TC

Terri Cowan posted:

Mr. Scott you were such an inspiration in my life. Noon on Wednesday will never be the same.

August 21 at 4:40 AM



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CM

Cheron Moss posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Douglas Kemp Scott

August 21 at 3:45 AM

TK

Tommy Keefer posted:

His former students have not only lost a teacher. But, a friend as well. He was such an inspiration to us all. He had such a quirky way of getting through to us. My life was changed because of him and I will never forget him.

August 20 at 7:06 PM

KR

Kelli Mushrush Winkle Aka Rushmush posted:

This man is the true reason I love music so much. He was the most AMAZING teacher I ever had. He will be truly missed by many! RIP Mr. Scott.

August 20 at 5:45 PM

NL

Nadia Loden posted:

Mr. Scott meant the world to me. He always pushed me to do better but at the same time tried to teach me that you can't be perfect 100% of the time. I thought of him often and visited him at Wilson several times in my adult life. Just to show him I was "okay". My thoughts and prayers are with you.

August 20 at 4:00 PM

JA

Jacci Anderson posted:

i loved being his student. his passion and energy was contagious. well as long as you werent a drummer.

August 20 at 3:32 PM

LB

Linda Jones Baker posted:

Dear Mary, in your sadness, may there be hope,,,,In your thoughts, may there be place,,, In your heart, may there be healing. Your Friend Linda Jones Baker,

August 20 at 10:45 AM



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Willard & Joan Lawson posted:

As I reflect on our memories of Doug, they go back to their school years when he became friends with our son Alan. Precious are these memories, full of laughter and I must admit maybe a few days of anxiety, always a joy to be with him and watch a special friendship between these boys grow. So sorry God called him home so soon. Willard & Joan Lawson

August 20 at 10:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Douglas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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