



William M. Scott III "Buck"

July 31, 1929 - January 17, 2026

Buck Scott (William M. Scott III), of Wynnewood, PA, died on January 17, 2026, of complications from a fall. He was 96 years old. The eldest of five children, he was born in Bryn Mawr to W. Maxwell Scott, Jr., and Florance Jenkins Scott of Westmount, Montreal.

Buck graduated from the Haverford School and Dartmouth College. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. His business career began at the Greensburg, PA Switchgear division of I-T-E Circuit Breaker Company. Later, he transferred to work in international sales from its Philadelphia headquarters. Eventually he founded his own business: Electrical Energy Enterprises, selling heavy electrical equipment.

Buck was a longtime supporter of the Franklin Institute and many other Philadelphia institutions. He played tennis at the Merion Cricket Club until a year ago and enjoyed the weekly meetings of the Right Angle Club. His Canusamex quarterly newsletter was widely read.

At one time, Buck served as Chairman of the Montgomery County Democrats but was proud to have friends on both sides of the aisle. At various times, he was president of the Philadelphia Council for International Visitors, the Philadelphia Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Penn Valley Civic Association, among others.

Buck served many years as Rector's Warden at his local Episcopal parish and later served on the Chapter of the Episcopal Cathedral of Philadelphia. More recently he also attended the Overbrook Presbyterian Church and the Haverford Friends Meeting.

He was predeceased by his wife of 72 years, Mary Elizabeth Klumpp Scott, and his grandson Forrest Schoenberger. He is survived by his six children: Mary Scott of Santa Cruz CA (Chris Connery), Sally Moser of Bryn Mawr (Perc Moser), Cackie Scott of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ (Brian Vesley), Caroline McIlhenny of Springfield (the late Joseph McIlhenny), Bar Scott of Corvallis, OR (Brent Bruser), and Bill Scott of Mill Valley, CA (Jill Baran Scott). Other survivors include his brothers and sisters: John Scott of St. Davids (Gwinn); Bonnie Conway of New Orleans; Mary McElroy of Gladwyne (Jay); Peter Scott of Brooklyn (Lee), and family members John Sennitt (Norwich, England) and Julia Randall (Buckinghamshire, England). He is also survived by nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

His memorial service will be held on Friday, January 30, at 11:00 AM at The Church of the Redeemer, 230 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA. The service will be livestreamed at <https://www.theredeemer.org/livestreams>. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer
230 Pennswood Road
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall

SI

“ On December 27, 2025 I drove past an elderly man outside shoveling the ice from the sidewalk. As I got to the stop sign at the corner of the street I stopped and looked back. This man was determined and still going at it, chipping away. I felt inclined to turn around and offer my assistance. Buck who I got to know quickly wasn't going to give up so easily on the chiseling away at the frozen ice from the sidewalk. But I was just as stubborn and insisted on helping him because I was nervous for him to be doing this hard work. In the little time we had together taking turns chipping away at the ice, my heart melted for this sweet man and his determination and demeanor. He couldn't understand why I wanted to help him and he kept telling me he didn't have money to give me. I kept telling him I wanted to help to keep him safe. I had learned he had children in the area and fought in the Korean War. Meeting Buck that day meant so much to me. A few weeks ago I saw a for sale sign on the house and I wondered... today I found the business card he gave me in a drawer and I googled his name to see he had passed away on January 17... I am so sorry for your loss. And I am so glad to have met this sweet man and shared an hour together that cold Saturday in December. Simone

Simone - April 05 at 08:35 PM

JR

“ Chuck and I offer our deepest condolences to the Scott family. We always felt deeply blessed to have Buck and Mary as our across-the-street neighbors for over 45 years. We cherish countless memories of sitting on his porch or floating in our pool discussing everything from nature and world news to the joy of our grandchildren. Buck was often called the "pillar" of our neighborhood--a title he earned through his integrity, his active spirit, and the immense respect he commanded from everyone who knew him. We watched Buck's funeral service online due to illness, and it was a moving tribute to a wonderful man. Buck's kind soul and devotion to his family will continue to inspire us all. With warm and and heartfelt sympathy,
Janet Reeder

Janet Reeder - February 16 at 05:57 PM

CM

Yes, Janet and Chuck, it was a lovely time and you helped make it so.
Caroline

Caroline McIlhenney - February 28 at 07:53 PM

JH

“ I am very sorry to learn of Buck Scott's death. Buck was a wonderful man and good friend who gave so much back to his community. His beautiful obituary does not quite do justice to his admirable political life. In addition to serving as chair of the Montgomery County Democrats, Buck ran for state representative and governor. Pennsylvania would be much better off if he had won those elections. I have known and worked with hundreds of men and women in both parties over the years, and none were finer or possessed more integrity than Buck Scott.

Joe Hoeffel

Joe Hoeffel - February 05 at 03:50 PM

CM

Dear Mr. Hoeffel, thank you for your very kind words. His daughter

Caroline McIlhenney - February 14 at 12:51 AM

CC

*Dear Joe,
He valued your long friendship and political association. His was a rich life and hard to capture in a conventional obit. Thanks for your many kindnesses to him. Cackie Scott (daughter #3)*

Cackie S cott - February 14 at 10:11 PM

RS

“ My family and I offer our condolences. Buck and Mary were neighbors of ours for some fifty years, welcoming and kind from the time of our arrival around the corner on Hansell Rd, and always generously and tirelessly contributing their time and energy to the neighborhood and surrounding community. Buck and Mary were the neighbors that my toddler grandchildren hoped to see when they were out on a walk. They are missed.

Dick Slama

Richard Slama - January 31 at 12:51 PM

CM

Dear Mr. Slama, thank you for your condolences. It was always comforting to know the neighbors cared about them and about us. His daughter

Caroline McIlhenney - February 14 at 12:57 AM

MA

“ Manuela K, Connie, Maia & Sarah Albano planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William M. Scott III "Buck".

Manuela K, Connie, Maia & Sarah Albano - January 28 at 09:39 PM

CB

“ I knew and cherished Buck as a member of the Right Angle Club. When his wife Mary died I sent a sympathy card and note. Much to my surprise I got a note back from Buck. I had never gotten a written response to the many sympathy cards I have sent over the years. Buck's note was an example of the genuine and kind person that he was. I will miss him. - Chad Bardone

Chad Bardone - January 26 at 02:03 PM

GC

I just learned of the passing of Buck Scott and am very sorry to hear of his passing. I read a letter to the Editor of The Financial Times a few years ago and it made me reach out to Buck. We have been “pen pals” ever since and I always was happy to receive a letter from him. I surmise that we both enjoyed the act of letter writing and I will miss very much our friendship in this manner. My condolences to the Scott family. Sincerely George Cybulski

George Cybulski - February 07 at 04:34 PM

CM

It doesn't surprise me at all that he wrote back. Thank tou for your condolences, Mr. Cybulski. We all loved his letters. His daughter

Caroline McIlhenney - February 14 at 01:15 AM

CC

Dad got a big kick out of your letters and he loved the FT , too. Thanks for writing.

Cackie S cott - February 14 at 10:16 PM