



Avon Dwight "Scotty" Scott

February 5, 1929 - October 28, 2023

Avon Dwight "Scotty" Scott, 94, of Fort Wayne and a longtime resident of Wells County, passed away October 28, 2023, at Lutheran Life Village due to the effects of melanoma. Avon, known as "Scotty" to nearly all who knew him, was a lifelong farmer, first in Ohio where he was raised in Van Wert County, and then in Jay and Wells counties in Indiana. He milked cows and was proud that they were Jerseys! He was a former member of the American Jersey Cattle Club and was a supporter of Wells County 4-H, and encouraged each of his four children as they completed 10 years in 4-H. He was also a longtime member of the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne.

He was born the evening of February 5, 1929, in the Ohio home of his parents, the late Jacob and Eva (Pancake) Scott. He was the fourth of five children, including Margaret (Gorman) Kauffman, Owen Scott and Elizabeth (Jerome) Moser, all of whom preceded him in death, and younger brother Carroll Scott of Bluffton, the sole surviving sibling.

He was a 1947 graduate of Monmouth High School in Adams County, and on March 7, 1953, married the love of his life, Peggy (Hart) Scott. She preceded him in death on Jan. 13, 1989. He later married Marjorie (Brand) Crill, who along with her late husband Charlie had been friends with Peggy and Avon during their early 20s and onward. Scotty was a devoted husband and caretaker throughout Marge's long battle with dementia, including volunteering to help all nursing home residents at mealtime while she lived there and even for several years after her death on Nov. 14, 2013.

He served in the U.S. Army, including his deployment to Korea in the latter years of the Korean Conflict, from December 1954 to December 1955, attaining the rank of Specialist 3 prior to his honorable discharge. He was a longtime member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton.

Upon returning home, he and Peggy moved to Jay County and farmed for several years before moving the family, including four children, to another farm east of Ossian, so that Peggy could be closer to her ailing father. It was at this time "Scotty" also worked part-time at Perfection Bakery while also milking and farming. They later moved to the Southern Wells school area to continue farming until the economic downturns in the 1980s brought that to an end. At that point, he and Peggy moved to the south side of Bluffton, and he worked for several years as a security officer at Peyton Northern, serving there until his retirement and subsequent move to Fort Wayne.

Even in his final days, he never met a stranger. No matter where he went, he struck up conversations with someone and only parted after finding something in common ... and considering them his new friend. He was a man of integrity, a stoic man who kept his word, no matter what. He was also a firm believer in God and follower of Jesus Christ, and his biggest concern was that his family and friends would receive salvation and join him someday in heaven.

He is survived by two sons, Del (wife: Sylvia) Scott of Largo, Florida, and Duane (wife: Kathy) Scott of rural Bluffton; two daughters, Delora (husband: Ed) Hartsock of New Castle, and Diane (husband: Steve) Michael of Zionsville; two stepchildren, Connie (husband: Rich) Thiel of Port Orange, Florida, and Mike (wife: Paula) Crill of Fort Wayne; his brother, Carroll (wife: Carol) Scott of Bluffton; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces and nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Peggy; his second wife, Marge; three siblings; and a great number of other relatives and friends. A funeral service and celebration of life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday (Nov. 4, 2023) at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor

Jerry Ingalls officiating. Calling will be held from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Friday (Nov 3, 2023) at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Brookside Cemetery in Montpelier, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, the Wells County 4-H Association, or Stillwater Hospice, and should be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share online condolences with the Scott family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Cemetery

Cnty Rd 450 E
Montpelier, IN 47359

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

NOV 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Avon Dwight "Scotty" Scott*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 03, 2023 at 03:30 PM



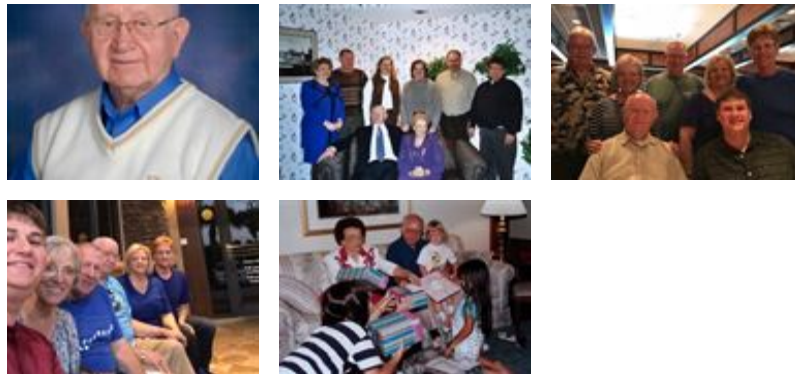
“ *The McGeath Family purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Avon Dwight "Scotty" Scott.*



The McGeath Family - November 02, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *152 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 02, 2023 at 10:23 AM

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“ Avon and Peggy were beautiful friends, caring, hard working, giving, loving and always kind.
Very special folks!
Prayers for all the family!

Glenna Plummer - November 01, 2023 at 10:15 PM

SH

“ I was sad to see that Avon had passed, My condolences to the family. Avon was a great guy. I helped him make hay for a few years back in the late 70's/early 80's and always enjoyed visiting with him. I had lost contact with him after that for many years but in 2017 when we were on vacation, I bumped into him at a gift shop at the Grand Canyon (small world). We had a great visit...i enjoyed catching up with him.

Again, my sympathy to the family.
Scott Harris

Scott Harris - October 31, 2023 at 07:47 AM

PT

Cheryl and I were co-pastors at Lincolnshire. We enjoyed being around Scotty. He was always a good Christian friend. He certainly walked the talk. His Lincolnshire family will certainly miss him. Our sympathy to Scotty's family,
Paul & Cheryl Thomas

Paul Thomas - November 01, 2023 at 07:22 AM

GP

Avon was such a fine, caring, hard working man, as was Peggy, always going the "extra" mile for others.
Prayers to the family, Avon will be greatly missed.

Glenna Plummer - November 01, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Avon Dwight "Scotty" Scott.*



October 29, 2023 at 08:13 PM