



Gary Allen Scott

October 14, 1946 - July 8, 2024

Gary Allen Scott, age 77, of Mount Dora, Florida passed away peacefully after a period of illness, on Monday, July 8th, 2024.

Gary was born on the 14th October 1946 in Portland, Oregon to William and Edith Scott, a U.S navy (Battle of Iwo Jima) WWII veteran, and homemaker. Gary attended Centennial High School and started college locally, but his sense of adventure and entrepreneurial spirit soon took him beyond suburban America to a life as a businessman and financial writer in Hong Kong. From there he travelled around the far east, investing in and selling real estate and building businesses from Singapore to Fiji. In the 70's and 80's he became a pioneer in global investment strategies, researching and writing about international property and financial investment opportunities, based out of London, England. He was a monthly columnist for "On Wall Street", one of the largest circulation magazines for international investors under the bi-line "The Global Guru," along with writing a newsletter on global investing for over 25,000 clients in 82 countries. From his first publication "Passport to International Profit" he also authored 40 books and organized in-person seminars on working, investing and living internationally. These seminars were held across the U.S, Canada, U.K, Europe, at his beloved farm retreat in North Carolina's Blue Ridge mountains, and especially in Ecuador, where he lived with his wife Merri, during the 1990s and 2000s.

Whilst based in Ecuador Gary became the inspiration and community coordinator for a cosmopolitan group of ex-pat' Americans and Europeans wanting to relocate to live a simpler, healthier and more community-oriented way of life, centered around the towns of Cuenca and Cotacachi. He purchased a local hotel and founded the publication "Ecuador Living." He wrote extensively about his love for Ecuador, its people and culture, co-founding the "Land of the Sun Foundation" with its mission of fostering cultural and economic links between North and South America. The foundation funded local projects including building a rural school, supporting sustainable Andean forestry projects and making improvements to water supplies at indigenous Quichuan farms. Gary was the quintessential small-town dreamer made good, becoming a visionary entrepreneur, internationally recognized author, global citizen, educator and mentor to many, and above all a much-loved family man. In his later years Gary was a devoted grandfather and loved nothing more than teaching his grandchildren how to fish, ride them around on his small tractor and bake them cakes.

Gary was predeceased by his wife of 37 years, Merri. He is survived by his five children Cheri Hall, Cinda Scott, Jacob Scott, Francesca Scott and Eleanor Marsden, his sister Sandra and his nine grandchildren, who reside in the U.S and U.K, and who will miss him dearly.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 24, 11:00 AM at Beyers Funeral Home, 279 S. Central Ave, Umatilla, FL 32784 with Pastor Brooks Braswell officiating. After the service, please join us for light appetizers from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Lakeside Inn, 100 Alexander Street, Mt. Dora, FL 32757.

"Fly free and happy beyond birthdays and across forever, and we'll meet now and then when we wish, in the midst of the one celebration that never can end."

-Richard Bach

To livestream the service:

Topic: Gary Scott's Celebration of Life

Time: Aug 24, 2024 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87014430457?pwd=UIGa0X8kH1cRE45Hvc9qJuS75mGTbr.1>

Meeting ID: 870 1443 0457

Passcode: 020687

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Umatilla, Florida.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory - Umatilla
279 South Central Avenue
Umatilla, FL 32784
(352) 669-2146

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Meeting ID: 870 1443 0457
Passcode: 020687 in memory of Gary Allen Scott*



Beyers Funeral Home - August 12, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary
Allen Scott*



Beyers Funeral Home - August 12, 2024 at 09:52 AM

JA

Beautiful 🍷❤️

Janet Allen - August 17, 2024 at 02:12 PM

LL

Sorry to learn of his passing. I just read a wonderful article he wrote in 2022 for a real estate investors group. I was looking him up to reach out for advice. May he be resting peacefully in paradise.

LLM - September 19, 2024 at 12:41 AM

JJ

Just found out that Gary Scott has passed away. Such a true gentleme. He will be sorely missed.

Jitesh - December 27, 2024 at 09:28 AM

GW

Gary Scott introduced me to international investments and lifestyles through his numerous publications. A real pioneer.

Greg Wolf - April 18, 2025 at 03:44 PM



Great video. Thanks for posting. Sorry to hear of his passing. I met `Gary and Merri at their North Carolina farm and had a great time.

D - May 02, 2025 at 10:49 AM

RF

Very sorry to hear belatedly of Gary's passing. His enthusiasm for Ecuador along with publications and a seminar, led me to invest and reside in this gorgeous country and establish strong bonds with many of its beautiful people. Gary's influence like ripples in a huge pond was truly worldwide...and I thank him for sharing with so many during his amazing journey.

Robert C Faske - January 17 at 07:15 AM

ST

*A sharp reminder that property and wealth is not everything in life 🙏
RIP Gary*

Steve - January 24 at 07:20 PM

SA

“ While researching some past details for a travel book I'm writing and hoping to find out what Gary and Merri were doing now, I, sadly, stumbled across Gary's obituary.

Gary and Merri were so many things to so many different people. To me, they were an inspiration... They were builders of dreams. While I never met them in person, I spoke with them on the phone once many years ago at their NC home. I followed Gary on his Ecuador Living and his Gary A. Scott websites. I even traveled to Ecuador after being inspired by Gary and Merri.

I didn't know if Gary's family can ever comprehend the number of lives Gary and Merri impacted or the global legacy they left behind. I am grateful for the impact they had on my life.

Sandi Bird Aldridge - December 28, 2025 at 10:00 PM

LG

“ Was looking for an G.A.S internet page and I found this obituaries instead.

My rest in peace, but nobody disappears forever, the life form is only different ! Since. Larus I Gudmundsson

Larus I Gudmundsson - December 03, 2024 at 01:11 PM

SM

“ Oh, I am absolutely shocked to learn of Gary's death. I lived at their little horse creek farm and worked with Gary and Merri in 2006 helping them what was called International Service Center. And I have reflected numerous times over the years on my experiences with them and their brilliant wisdom shared with me. I always felt blessed to live and work with them.
I had not been in touch with them since Merri passed. Just didn't know what to say to Gary that wouldn't hurt. Never have I seen a couple more connected, loving and respecting of each other. I was looking up Gary today because of the recent flooding from hurricane hellene because I thought he might still live at LHC. But found this obituary instead. My heart sunk.
Both Gary and Merri were two of the most interesting, brilliant minded, genuine, caring, ambitious, wise people I know. My memories of them are fond and enlightening.
Love you Gary and Merri,
Sharon McGill
P.S. If anyone reads this and would be willing to share more information with me my email address is: smcgill5707@gmail.com

Sharon McGill - October 02, 2024 at 01:02 AM

TF

“ The Sabo Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary Allen Scott.



The Sabo Family - August 23, 2024 at 08:04 PM

TF

“ The Sabo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Allen Scott.

The Sabo Family - August 23, 2024 at 08:04 PM

ES

“ Our family was neighbors with Gary and Merri at their North Carolina Farm. Gary took us fishing in his trout pond, and he always had something interesting going on the property. The conversation was always exciting and refreshing and his guidance was always appreciated. He was a great friend and had a well-lived life. Gary (and Merri) will be missed, and the Mountain will never be the same. Rest in peace, my friend. With Love, the Sabo Family (Ed, Phyllis, and Dawn)

Ed Sabo - August 23, 2024 at 08:01 PM

SM

Hi Ed. I hope you, Phyllis and Dawn are all doing well. I remember working with you, Ed, selling advertising for your Natural Awakenings magazine while I lived at LHC.

Sharon McGill
smcgill5707@gmail.com

Sharon McGill - October 02, 2024 at 01:06 AM

“ My fond remembrances of Gary and Merri

I first met Gary and Merri fifteen years ago through my wife Kiana who had known them for thirty years. We were long time subscribers to Gary's newsletter enjoying his take on the world while we were living in the out islands of the Bahamas. I became interested in the real estate tours Gary and Merri organized in Ecuador and decided to sign up for one.

Upon my arrival at their hotel in Cotacachi, although we had never met personally, Merri and Gary greeted me like an old friend. That began what blossomed into a close and valued friendship.

When Merri and Gary learned that Kiana and I were thinking of buying a house in the states, they said, "You must come and check out Mount Dora, you will love it." They followed up with an invitation to not only visit but to stay as long as we wanted at their guest cottage on their beautiful estate in Umatilla. They even provided us with a Mustang convertible to drive while we were there. Such was the extent of their hospitality and generosity.

After several such exploratory visits, we found our home. Once we moved to Mount Dora, our friendship deepened. When we took delivery of a truckload of household goods and furnishings from the Bahamas, Gary and Merri, their son Jake, and friends Mark Owen and Derek Hylands were there to work like longshoremen emptying the huge truck into the house. That is the kind of thing that only real friends do.

When Kiana and I first moved to Mount Dora, we knew no one but Merri and Gary. Thanksgiving and Christmas would have been a bit sad and lonely had they not invited us to join them at their holiday feasts with their family and lots of other interesting friends.

So, who is Gary Scott as I see him? Eclectic in the extreme. A prolific writer with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Gary was a

philosopher and intellectual, but not of the ivory tower variety. His interests included such diverse subjects as economics, business and investing, native culture, shamanism and natural healthcare, physical fitness, exercise and nutrition. He had strong political views. He was not afraid of hard work or getting his hands dirty.

In closing, Gary and Merri were a wonderful unique couple who personified the yin/yang principle. They were kind, generous and loving friends. They will be missed and not forgotten by those of us who had the honor of knowing them well.

Sincere condolences to Gary's family.

Dr. Bill Koch

Dr. William Koch - August 23, 2024 at 12:07 PM

BC

“*Perla and I are saddened over the loss of our dear friend Gary. He and Merri were very supportive of Perla's venture into the creation and publishing of My Sanford Magazine, Sanford, FL. They also travelled over to Sanford to join us at Perla's Best of Sanford annual event at the Ritz Theater. Gary was a remarkable man with whom I instantly connected. I attended a number of the seminars hosted by Gary. Over the years, Gary and I would regularly meet in Mt. Dora or Sanford for coffee and just to chat. Perla and I unabashedly proclaim that our lives are much richer for have had both Gary and Merri in our lives We send much love and our deepest sympathy to all of Gary's children/family. As each of you pass through this veil of tears, please know that we, too, mourn your loss.*

Benny & Perla Crosby - August 21, 2024 at 05:18 PM

BS

“ It is with a feeling of great loss that I am jotting down some of the multitude of memories flooding back from the past many years.....it is of course impossible to talk about Gary without Merri as well since they were inseparable. It all started when I attended one of Gary's International Investing seminars in Florida in the early 1990's.....as per usual I went to the seminar room an hour early to energetically analyze the room for the best place to sit for optimal learning.....no one is ever there that early but much to my surprise Gary and Merri were at the back table using a radionic instrument to balance the room for a completely successful seminar.....they were shocked when I asked how they liked their SE5 instrument because no one attending investing seminars in those days knew about quantum energetic aspects of investing.From that moment on I traveled with Gary & Merri to most of their international seminars keeping them balanced and energized as well as optimizing probabilities of a successful seminar and balancing the weather on the days of excursions to view property investments opportunities-places like Vienna, Budapest, Luxemburg, Isle of Mann, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, etc. Gary had me talk on how Quantum Physics principles could influence the probabilities of successful investing. Later as their interests shifted more into natural health, alternative healing, yoga, Transcendental Meditation and Ayurvedic medicine we lectured together along with Blaine Watson and other practitioners on principles of natural medicine. Gary & Merri were great humanitarians and were especially effective in Ecuador-founding the Foundation of the Sun to support the indigenous peoples and their lands. Gary & Merri and others of us working with the Foundation were recognized for this valuable work by being Knighted by Grand Prior Prince Alfred von Habsburg-Hohenberg into the Order of St. John, Order of George and the Knights Templar. Gary & Merri are solely missed by their numerous friends and for their never-ending efforts to improve the lives of everyone they met no matter what their station in life. Bob & Lorraine Shane

Bob & Lorraine Shane - August 21, 2024 at 04:47 PM

TB

“ Bought my farm house from Gary (and Merri) a few years ago and loved having them as neighbors.

I found Gary to be a good, modest man considering all his accomplishments.

*The mountain doesn't feel the same.
They both will be missed.*

Tom Buongiorne - August 19, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JA

“ Gary was looking for someone to help take care of Merri and a mutual friend introduced us. Gary and Merri welcomed Charlie and I into their family instantly. We have lots of memories with them both and will miss him terribly. My heart hurts but I find peace knowing he is no longer suffering and he is with Merri again and they are both happy and smiling. I thank God for bringing them both and their family into my life. You will be forever missed Gary. Sending my love to heaven and to his entire family.



Janet Allen - August 17, 2024 at 02:51 PM

SS

“ Sandra S. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Gary Allen Scott.



Sandra S. - August 15, 2024 at 05:34 PM

SS

“ Sandra S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Allen Scott.

Sandra S. - August 15, 2024 at 05:34 PM

MF

“ Mark F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Allen Scott.

Mark F. - August 13, 2024 at 01:57 PM

HW

“ Haskell W. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Allen Scott.



Haskell W. - August 12, 2024 at 09:27 AM

LK

“ I am so sorry to hear about Gary leaving this life but now he is with Merri. I subscribed to his newsletters in 2013. Gary is the reason my husband, my son and I moved to Puerto Cayo, Ecuador for five years. Some of the best years of my life. Gary and Merri were wonderful people with so many adventures and accomplishments in their lives. My son has a lot on the same lake as Gary has his house and property (East Lake) in Umatilla, Florida. God Bless his family. Lowanda, Frank and Wesley Keir



Lowanda Keir - August 11, 2024 at 09:06 PM

BG

“ I met Gary several years ago at a Spanish course he and Merri gave in Mt. Dora. I didn't retain much Spanish, but I learned that Gary was a unique human being — an advanced thinker, philosopher, linguist, entrepreneur, adventurer, writer, and a bit of a mystic. Over the years my wife and I became good friends with Gary and Merri, spending time in their NC farm, in Umatilla, participating in several of their seminars. Gary and I hiked together, debated politics and literature and life, and co-authored a book, *Mastery*. Gary was a special guy. We are all the better for having known him.

Bob Gandt - August 06, 2024 at 04:30 PM

TV

“ Mr Gary I will forever miss, I had the pleasure of meeting you for the first time when you were out on your patio. I asked you "do you know the owner of this property? " And you replied "I am" as we both laughed out loud. I will always remember you, *Fly Free My Friend...*

Tracy Velasquez - July 25, 2024 at 07:51 PM

BC

“ I met Gary and Merri years ago in one of their many seminars that I attended. We became instant friends frequently meeting in Mt Dora or Sanford (my hometown) for coffee and conversation. My wife Perla, published a magazine in Italy previously, and when she announced her intention to publish a magazine (*My Sanford Magazine*), Gary and Merri offered their full support. We shall be forever grateful for their friendship and I will personally miss my chat sessions, over coffee, with Gary. A true gentleman and a true friend who has enriched our lives for having known him.

Benny and Perla Crosby - July 25, 2024 at 10:46 AM

LP

“ I worked for Gary and Merri for 24 plus years here in the mountains of Ashe county. They truly liked it here and were very happy whenever they were here. They watched my children grow and were there for my whole family. Truly some of the best people I know. Me and my family will miss them both and give our condolences to their family. Though he will be missed he is now with Merri starting their new adventure in which I'm sure they are both happy. So blessed to know this family, sincerely Lester and Lesley Pennington



Lester Pennington - July 24, 2024 at 09:30 PM

RA

“ Thanks for letting me know that Gary has returned to spirit to join Merri. I had the honor of serving the Scott family as the Unity minister celebrating Merri's life when Merri returned to spirit. Gary and I remained friends, emailing or calling one another to check in until he said he would be travelling. He invited my husband and me to use his home and pool in Umatilla which, unfortunately, never came to pass. I loved playing his beautiful piano! Gary's kindness and generosity were second to none! His family was everything to him! I'm giving thanks that current health challenges in my life and not being able to drive won't prevent me from celebrating Gary's life with you in-person. His very open and loving spirit was truly a gift I will always treasure! Rev. Ann Marie Acacio

Rev. Ann Marie Acacio - July 24, 2024 at 12:04 AM

LG

“ Gary Scott and I began to work together after the death of Mary and Shirley peacock. We were both grieving. After selling one of his Mount Dora properties that he had trouble with he asked me to help him on the big house in Umatilla. The kindness and generosity whether it was lemon curd or a bag of figs or just all the kindness I witness that he had for others but the most memorable for me quote Lynn you are such a tool. I found that totally hysterical as I was 2 years older than him and he never once doubted my ability.

Lynn Gagnon - July 22, 2024 at 05:40 PM

WP

“ I extend my condolences to Gary’s family. I want you to know that he (and Merri) were a sweet source of information on many subjects and yet more importantly lovely friends. My husband Gene and I, and my sister Heidi and I, spent time with Gary and Merri both in FL and in North Carolina. We appreciated their hospitality, their insights, the education (on financial issues, learning Spanish, health practices, and more) and their kindness. We watched with appreciation the devotion with which Gary cared for Merri in her later years. We shall miss this fine man as a friend and an example of the wonderful world of learning and exploring. Best wishes, Wendy Pressoir



Wendy Pressoir - July 22, 2024 at 05:29 PM

HJ

And that lovely trip to Cotacachi, Ecuador! Such beautiful kind people learning hospitality at G & M's hotel there.

Heidi Jurka - July 22, 2024 at 08:19 PM

BS

“ To all who loved Gary, may you remember only the good and the great, there are many many of us who will miss him.

Gary and I attended Rockwood Elementary 5th grade together and shared hundreds of hours together, mostly playing games and inventing games, but also it was the starting point of philosophy for us both. We stayed in touch consistently through the years and I knew the end must be near when he stopped answering my emails and texts in Feb or Mar 2024 (shortly after his surgery and final cross country travels).

Over 65+ years we mostly debated and laughed and debated some more .. I the cynic, he the mystic .. we didn't just do this as friends .. we did it as life-long and life-bonded friends. Perhaps he'll ring a tiny bell in my ear or send the scent of gardenias to my nose from 'the other side' to say "see, you were wrong and I was right". I hope so.

I am unable to travel to Florida. But please feel free to contact me if anyone is so inclined.

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Buzz Steger - July 22, 2024 at 02:31 PM

BH

“ *Bob Humphrey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Allen Scott.*



Bob Humphrey - July 22, 2024 at 01:22 PM