



William Scott Sapp

August 21, 1960 - January 19, 2019

W. Scott Sapp of the Wan Chai District of Hong Kong went home to be with the Lord on January 19, 2019, one week after suffering cardiac arrest while jogging near his home in Happy Valley. He was 58.

Born and raised in Mount Holly, NJ, Scott was the eldest son of William (Bill) and Shirley (nee Rogers) Sapp. He graduated from Rancocas Valley Regional High School in 1978. Scott earned a BA in Economics from Wake Forest University, where he was a writer for the Old Gold & Black newspaper, worked for the university's radio station WFDD, was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity, and active in the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship campus ministry. After graduating in 1982 Scott spent an additional semester studying in Italy at Casa Artom as part of Wake Forest's Venice Program.

Scott began his professional career in journalism, as a freelance stringer for the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper covering southern New Jersey. In 1985 he was selected for the National Broadcasting Company's highly-competitive Page Program at the network's corporate headquarters at 30 Rockefeller Plaza in New York. After completing the initial 12-month rotation Scott was promoted to Manager of the East Coast Page Program, a position he held for three years. In 1989 he joined cable business news network CNBC as a founding employee. In 1995 he moved to Hong Kong to produce the regional

version of The Money Wheel broadcast on NBC's new CNBC Asia channel. He covered the changeover in control of Hong Kong from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China, as well as an editorial assignment in the Philippines that included his producing an interview with the former first lady Imelda Marcos. In 1998 Scott left journalism to work in press relations with Indosuez W.I. Carr Securities' office in Hong Kong. A year later he joined the corporate communications department of the Hong Kong Futures Exchange, which was merged into the parent company Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) in 2000. During his 19 years with HKEX, Scott was highly regarded for his excellent editing skills and ability to balance the needs of business journalists to gather information without sacrificing the confidentiality of the Exchange and its members. His dedication, professionalism, and hard work contributed to his promotion to the senior role of Vice President of Media, Corporate Communications.

Scott maintained an enduring faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which impacted every aspect of his life. He was a 23-year member of the International Baptist Church Hong Kong, and also attended St. Andrew's Church and St. John's Cathedral. He led a group after the Sunday worship service on how to apply the weekly sermon message to everyday life. He was also active in the Bible Study Fellowship international ministry, where in recent years he led study groups for both children and adults. An avid hiker, Scott spent many weekends and holidays exploring the extensive network of trails throughout Hong Kong and its surroundings. He completed several Oxfam Trailwalker endurance events, fundraisers for famine relief in which teams of four must complete a 100 kilometer (62 miles) course in 48 hours. His interest in travel took him to Mainland China, Viet Nam, India, Singapore, Thailand, Poland, and the Czech Republic. Closer to home he favored weekends in Macau, where he said he was drawn to its slower pace, colonial architecture, and Portuguese-influenced cuisine. In Hong Kong Scott was a member of the Foreign Correspondents' Club, the Royal Asiatic Society, and the Fringe Club.

Scott is survived by his girlfriend Faryn Hoi Yee Lee of Kowloon, Hong Kong, his mother Shirley Sapp of Medford Lakes, NJ, his brother Jeffrey and wife Michelle of Medford, NJ, sister Cynthia and husband Steven Greer of Lumberton, NJ, nieces Virginia Sapp and Olivia Greer, and nephews W. Fletcher Sapp and P. Cooper Greer. He also leaves an aunt, G. Penny Worrell-Sapp of Stuart, FL, and numerous cousins. He is predeceased by his father William (Bill) Sapp.

A memorial service for Scott was held on January 23, 2019 at the International Baptist Church Hong Kong. Internment was at the Mount Holly Cemetery on February 2, 2019.

A service celebrating the life of William Scott Sapp will be held in the United States on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Mount Holly, 1341 Woodlane Road, Mount Holly, NJ 08060.

Donations in Scott's memory may be made to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, P.O. Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707-7895.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
1341 Woodlane Rd.
Eastampton, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ I just learned of Scott’s passing...It was a shock to me!!..Scott was my friend way back in 3rd and 4th grade we would always during break time play paper football on those old Folwell wooden desks and went to his house on many occasions to play electric football he had every football team and I was amazed at his collection.. His Mom was so nice to me and made after school snacks as we played..Such memories will never be forgotten with me and Scott will be missed...RIP Scott!!!

Peace,

Jim Strucko
Mt Holly/Leland NC

James Strucko - November 06, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ William Scott Sapp

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ William Scott Sapp

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM

 Victor Hastings

“ *Scott and I met at Wake Forest and bonded over the Old Gold & Black campus newspaper, Theta Chi fraternity and Philadelphia Phillies (I came of age on the Main Line, about an hour from Mount Holly). He was a genuinely kind person, intelligent and engaging, and in his faith he always walked the walk.*

I don't know anybody who didn't like Scott, and even though we lost him far too soon, he squeezed a lot of life out of the years God gave him.

Victor Hastings - February 15, 2019 at 10:12 PM

RH

Very nice words Victor. Scott was a true brother to me at Wake, traveling home to DE & NJ from Wake a few times. I just learned of his passing onto Glory yesterday when reading the Wake Magazine. I plan to contact his mom. Are you still living in NJ? I'm working & living in Pike Creek, DE outside of Wilmington.

Randy Husbands - June 25, 2019 at 01:01 PM

DC

“ *When we both worked for NBC, Scott and I were commuter buddies, taking the long bus ride from Westampton to NYC every day. During those years, we enjoyed some great discussions on a variety of subjects and I will always remember Scott's insights, brilliance and candor. What a great guy.*

I am saddened over his passing and my deepest condolences to Scott's family.

Rest in the loving arms of Christ, forever, my friend.

Deacon Jim Casa - February 02, 2019 at 10:57 PM

LL

For a short life lived her surely impacted a lot of people. We are saddened to hear of his passing but we know we are just passing through this side of Heaven. He must have been a wonderful child because of the Lord and his Loving Parents. Lifting your family in Prayers and Hugs from the Heart. Bobby And Lori Lyons

Lori Lyons - February 02, 2019 at 11:35 PM

BH

I have never met this young man but as I read his obituary I see what an amazing person he was. I have known his aunt Penny for quite a number of years and I know how much she loves him and how proud she is of him and all of his acknowledgements. My condolences to the family. You love him but God loves him best.

BARBARA HORNSBY - February 03, 2019 at 12:54 AM

AP

Scott sat behind me when I was a very anxious freshman among many upoerclassmen in journalism class at RVRHS. He was kind and friendly to me as I adjusted to being in high school and the rigors of what turned out to be a terrific class. We went our separate ways once the class was finished, but I always remembered how he helped to mentor me. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. Blessings to his family—I wanted you to know he had such a positive impact on me (I went on to become an editor and journalist, too).

Audrey Peterson - February 03, 2019 at 09:57 AM

BL

I have known Scott and his parents for many years. Shocked and saddened when learning of his passing at such a young age. I really did not know the details of his amazing life in journalism. He was a sweet and gentle man with a strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Always looked forward to seeing him when he was back home mostly during Christmas holidays He certainly will be missed by many. God bless and comfort his family during this difficult time.

barbara lindsey - February 03, 2019 at 12:10 PM

DM

Scott and I were dormmates, fraternity brothers, fellow members of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and most of all friends at Wake Forest and long after. In 1983, Scott's dad helped to arrange for us to get World Series tickets to the Orioles game 5 in Philadelphia. Years later we hiked together in Hong Kong while he was there on business. I look forward to reuniting with him in Heaven (and hope the baseball games there are awesome!). Until then, Scott, will be missed. Blessings to your family.

David Myers

David Myers - February 04, 2019 at 08:56 PM

PC

Wake Forest paired us up as freshmen and we remained roommates until he took off to Italy in our senior year. So many happy memories. I really enjoyed visiting his beloved town of Mt. Holly and spending time with his family. My parents adopted him as their own. He absolutely loved his parents and little brother and sister. I learned so much from Scott; he forever changed my life. He was truly a gentleman and a scholar.

Perry Cumbie - February 05, 2019 at 04:59 PM

MB

I was good friends with Scott at Wake Forest and have recently been going through college memorabilia and came across letters from Scott... this prompted me to try to get in touch and I am so saddened to find this obituary Scott was such a good friend during my college years ... we attended Intervarsity events and fraternity parties together, met for lunch often and jogged through and explored Reynolda Gardens regularly. During these times we talked of our life ahead and our desire to travel and experience different places in the world. I am glad that Scott achieved this dream and he lived his life on earth well and honored God with this time and talents. I wish I had the opportunity to reconnect with him here on earth but look forward to exploring heaven with him.

Melanie White Barrett (Franklin, Tennessee)

Melanie Barrett - May 20, 2019 at 11:48 AM

FM

I was saddened to learn of Scott's passing. He was my friend and Theta Chi brother at Wake Forest. He was funny and smart -- always great to hang out with! My deepest condolences to his family. Also greetings to Perry, Victor, Randy and David.

Francisco Forrest Martin - June 28, 2019 at 07:11 AM

MJ

I was not aware of this until this past weekend when I went to WFU Homecoming. Scott was a freshman suitemate and one of a kind. I wish could have stayed in closer contact, but I look forward to our heavenly reunion one day. I agree with everything the others have posted here.

Mark Johnson - September 19, 2022 at 04:05 PM

CB

I was a friend of Scott's at WFU, including at Casa Artom in Venice. We traveled a lot together that semester. I have so, so many great memories and funny stories. I regret that after some years passed we no longer stayed in touch. He was a wonderful letter writer. I can still visualize his handwriting! And the type of envelopes they would come in. The last time I saw him he surprised me by driving down to NC from NJ to my wedding.

I'm headed back to Venice next week, complete with a visit at Casa Artom. I sure, sure wish you could join me, Scott. I always thought we would have a reunion there.

Cheryl Blackwell - September 10, 2024 at 02:52 PM