



Mr. Paul Shane Scott

September 7, 1967 - December 4, 2024

Beloved Florida College professor Paul Shane Scott passed away December 4 after a lengthy battle with ALS, leaving a legacy of love for Christ and the students he served.

“The Lord blessed Shane with the ability to relate to others. He truly could be ‘all things to all men,’” said longtime friend and colleague Phil Robertson, VP of Advancement.

“Growing up in a modest home without a father taught him how to value others, especially those who had been hurt by life. Regardless of the pain, the sin, the attitude, or politics, Shane had a relationship with them. Throw in his self-deprecating humor and amazing intelligence and you had a master communicator of God’s will and love.”

A native of Kentucky, Shane earned a Certificate of Achievement in Biblical Studies

from Florida College in 1989 before pursuing his M.A. in Theology from Cincinnati Bible

Seminary. Prior to his diagnosis, Shane was pursuing his PhD in Humanities

from
Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama. Shane preached for
congregations in
Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Florida before he and his late wife Kristi
joined the
Valrico Church of Christ, where he faithfully served until his death. During his
first tenure
as FC faculty (1998-2001), Shane taught History and Geography of the Old
Testament,
Old Testament Poetry, History and Geography of the New Testament,
Christian
Evidences, Ephesians/Colossians, and Religious Thought (Biblical
Eschatology) Ethics.
He returned in 2022 to teach Great Books.

“Shane was among the most gifted and beloved faculty members ever to
teach at
Florida College, and his legacy at FC will run deepest through the many
students he
taught and befriended so impactfully,” observed Florida College president, Dr.
John
Weaver. “And nothing was more impactful than his faithful endurance of
personal pain
and loss in order to serve others and show the cross-shaped love of Jesus.”

Robertson said teaching at Florida College was a dream come true for Shane
and noted
that he will be remembered for his rare combination of intellect and humility.
“He was
brilliant, and he was truly a Biblical scholar,” Robertson said. “However, he
never made

you feel stupid or inferior. What was even more impressive was how he could communicate challenging principles and instruction from God's Word. He made the 'hard things' easy to understand. Or better yet, he would say 'I don't know the answer.' He was never pretentious or arrogant."

Shane had been writing two books at the time of his death, one on the Lord's Supper (available February 2025) and another on apologetics, taken from his FC course notes and sermons at Valrico church of Christ. "Many brethren have been working with him to edit those books the past few months," said Robertson, who preached alongside Shane at Valrico. "Even with his ALS diagnosis he was still teaching and inspiring all of us to grow in our faith and our ability to reason. I will greatly miss my friend, but I am also rejoicing with him. It's an awesome thought to know that the man who taught us to reason and think through our faith does not need that reason or faith anymore. He is with the One who is the reason for all things. And that's a wonderful thought."

He loved his Lord and savior Jesus Christ, his family, and friends, and enjoyed singing with the Lunch Break Barbershop Quartet. He was preceded in death by wife, Kristi Scott; mother, Frances Ann Scott; grandparents, Homer and Inez (Syck)

Scott. He is survived by mother-in-law, Jackie Bennett, sister-in-law, Kellie Gilchrest (Ryan); niece, Darby Gilchrest; Valrico Church of Christ family; and many other family, and friends.

A funeral service will take place on Saturday, January 11 at 11:00 A.M. at Foundation Christian Academy, 3955 Lithia Pinecrest Rd, Valrico, where the church will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/live/z-IAmZdgGdc>. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City.

In lieu of flowers, those who love him respectfully request that donations be made to Florida College. Contributions may be made by mail to Florida College, 119 N Glen Arven Ave, Temple Terrace, FL 33617, or online here <https://floridacollege.edu/give/make-a-gift/>. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Foundation Christian Academy
3955 Lithia Pinecrest Rd
Valrico, FL 33596

Funeral Service

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Live-Streamed Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

<https://www.youtube.com/live/z-lAmZdgGdc>

Tribute Wall

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“ May the God of peace, love, justice and mercy find the hope that Shane shares with all who are left behind. Not to sorrow as the world does but to rejoice in our hope of the eternal reward. Shane and Darrell were in North Cottage at Florida College, the same time myself and Steve Wilson were there and our doors literally were opposite each others and always open to fun times, pizza nights and of course the songs. Love those memories and was greatly saddened to have lost yet another college brother and fellow upper D Bible student. Rest in Peace and for those left behind I you don't know whom Shane loved and adored and devoted his life to, then you don't know Shane at all.
Fellow student and soldier on Christ,
John Cripps 1987 thru 1988 North Cottage brothers for life.

John Cripps - January 11, 2025 at 08:43 PM

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“ Shane was a dear friend of Joe and I for many years, He married our dear Kristi Bennett whom we had known since she was a baby. Our christian roots have been firmly connected with Kristi's parents for years. Shane was so talented and the world will miss him and his love for the Lord, talents working with others and singing or eating or eating and singing! We will never forget him and the light that shone so brightly even in his loss and illness.

Norma Thiele - January 03, 2025 at 11:25 AM

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“*Shane was not just a brother in faith but also a friend, a compassionate listener, and a source of encouragement for many. His unwavering faith in God shone brightly, illuminating the path for those around him. He lived out the teachings of Christ, demonstrating kindness, humility, and generosity in everything he did.*

His laughter could lift our spirits, and his words often inspired us to draw closer to God. Whether it was through his service in the church, his outreach to those in need, or simply in the quiet moments of fellowship, Shane exemplified what it meant to live a Christ-centered life.

We remember the countless times he prayed with us and reminded us of God's faithfulness. His love for Scripture was evident, and he had a unique ability to make the Word come alive in our hearts. faithful, loving, and devoted to the Kingdom. Shane is now in the presence of our Lord, free from pain and filled with eternal joy.

Phil and Pat Hunt - December 20, 2024 at 09:46 AM