



Scott McIlvain

August 11, 1951 - April 18, 2023

On April 18, 2023, Scott L. McIlvain, age 71, a beloved father, son, brother, and cousin, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the home of his daughter, Kate Matthews, in Peachtree City, GA. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He is preceded in death by his father, Paul McIlvain. Scott is survived by his daughter Kate Matthews and her husband, Brian, of Peachtree City, GA; his son Craig McIlvain and his wife, Julia, of Carrollton, GA; mother, Cherry McIlvain; sister, Marianne Spalding and her husband, David; grandchildren, Claire McIlvain, Annabelle, Joshua, and Mason Matthews; niece Megan Spalding; and nephew Andrew Spalding.

Scott was born August 11, 1951 in Monmouth IL, but grew up in Rock Island, IL, graduating from Rock Island High School in 1969. During his childhood years, he particularly enjoyed boating on the Mississippi River with his family. His high school years on the track team were also very meaningful to him. Scott attended Elmhurst College, graduating with a degree in history, and obtained a master's degree in International Relations from Florida State University. He was employed in the insurance industry, finishing his career at CNA Financial Corporation in Chicago. Always a hard worker, Scott worked to age 70 applying himself diligently to every task in his methodical and thorough way. Scott's greatest interest and avocation was study of the Civil War and, in addition to collecting an extensive library of Civil War history books, Scott was a member of the Civil War Round Table and took numerous trips to Civil War battlefields. A simple question would often result in a detailed analysis of

battlefield tactics or where this or that general went wrong. Scott's greatest love was for his children, Kate and Craig. He worked hard to be always available and supportive and was immensely proud of the people they have become and what they have accomplished. A gentle soul, Scott enriched the lives of those around him.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Iowa. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers Scott's favorite charities are:

- American Battlefield Trust: Help Save Battlefields / Support Education (<http://www.battlefields.org/give>) 1-800-298-7878

- National Park Foundation: (<https://give.nationalparks.org>) Email: donorservices@nationalparks.org

- Hillsdale College: (<https://www.hillsdale.edu/>) Email: donorservices@hillsdale.edu

Tribute Wall



Mark
Shoop

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my old college friend, Scott McIlvain.

While we had lost contact over the decades, I'll always remember the good times we had in college and in the years immediately following. My sincere sympathy to his family.

*Mark Robert Shoop, Bradenton, Florida
Elmhurst College, Class of 1973*

Mark Shoop - November 30, 2023 at 01:35 PM



RB

“ Apart from the senior McIlvain family, I believe I am among those who have known Scott (who I called “Mac”, at least when his father was not around) the longest, at almost 54 years. In Scotland, what ‘we’ use as a ‘nic’ name was a title there, for gentry or clans. My most sincere thoughts and wishes remain with you all during this time.

I must admit I found out about Scott’s passing in April quite by accident, when I received ‘spam’ call from Athens. On a whim or such, I did a search for Scott in Athens. I received a shocking response from the mortuary.

I do not mourn his passing or loss, but celebrate and remember his life and his long, life-threatening battles with his metastatic cancer(s). He fought as long and bravely as those Civil War soldiers he spent years paying his honors and respects to in so many ways. I am very glad to have visited him while I was in Iowa last year, as well as periodic visits over the years when I returned to the Midwest. Our last short time together did us both very well I believe.

My very best to you all, generations of family and friends. You all hold your own memories of Scott, which you will hold for the rest of your experience in life.

R. Scott Ballard

R Scott Ballard - May 18, 2023 at 03:26 PM

NH

“ Scott was a good friend, we used to talk about retirement and of course battlefields while we shared our love of history. He was someone at work that was always willing to go the extra mile for you and help in any way he could. I leaned on his intelligence ALOT, but boy he was always so patient with me. I will never forget him,



Nancy Hudson - April 25, 2023 at 12:13 PM

KB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Scott's passing. I worked with Scott for many years. He was a very intelligent and focused worker. My condolences to your family

Karen Barry - April 25, 2023 at 12:04 PM

HH

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Scott's passing away. We worked together at CNA over the past 10 years and I always appreciated his diligence and thoughtful hard work. I greatly miss him and his sense of humor. And talking about his battlefield visits. Your family is in my prayers.

Heidi Haerr - April 25, 2023 at 11:12 AM