



## REMEMBERING

# Scott William Sutherland

July 7, 1955 - July 24, 2025



### **Tribute from Haywards Funerals**

Haywards Funerals staff send our condolences to family and friends.

### **Tribute from Andy Reljic**

Relation: A dear friend

It is with deep sadness, we say goodbye to our dear friend Scott, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Scott was a man of many gifts and even greater depth. Curious and adventurous by nature, he brought a lively spark to every conversation and every journey. His sharp wit and infectious sense of humor lit up rooms and hearts alike.

A brilliant writer, Scott, dedicated much of his life to storytelling and public service. He worked with distinction for the Associated Press, Broadcast News/The Canadian Press, and later for the B.C. provincial government in the education department. His words informed, inspired, and often challenged, but always came from a place of honesty, compassion, and clarity.

Scott was both a man of the sea and a man of the soul: a master mariner and devoted steward of his beloved trawler, Scotia Blue. A skilled woodworker and artisan, he found joy and meaning in the careful restoration of vessels and in crafting beauty with his hands. His love for music was boundless. In the last couple of years, he taught himself to play the ukulele. A devout Deadhead, he found connection and transcendence in song, always chasing the next perfect note or lyric.

Above all, Scott was a loving partner, friend, father and grandfather. He gave of himself fully; his wisdom, his kindness, and his unwavering support were constant to those lucky enough to know him. Scott leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, craftsmanship, and deep connection. His spirit lives on in the stories he told, the lives he touched, and the waters he sailed. He taught us not only how to live with curiosity, but how to love with grace.

A friend of Bill W., Scott supported many through the trials of addiction. He was also a quiet anchor for many in the recovery community and a pivotal member of Tuesday Night Esquimalt AA. Just days after gall bladder surgery, Scott boarded a floatplane from Salt Spring Island to Vancouver to attend the 2025 International AA Convention in Vancouver BC 3 - 6 July. Though too weak to attend events or reunite with friends, he made it there, an enduring testament to his devotion to AA and its loving community.

He would say "in order to keep it we have to give it away". Steadfast in his loyalty, generous with his time, and always willing to walk beside those on a journey of healing. He achieved 14,125 days of sobriety: one day at a time. He was fond of saying that getting sober was the best thing he had ever

done and didn't regret it for a nano second. I was privileged to have Scott as my sponsor, mentor, and friend for fifteen years. Rest well, dear friend. You are deeply missed and forever remembered.

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**Tribute from Judy Turner**

Relation: We have mutual friend

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**Tribute from Teresa Thom**

Relation: A music friend.

I enjoyed very much Scott and all his stories about many topics while in his company at our Esquimalt ukulele group. He knew many facts about songs we played and always had a bit of music trivia to share. His dog Blue who we all got to meet came in to see us during our break time, he loved his Blue! Scott did also have a lovely singing voice and thoroughly enjoyed himself at our strums. He will be missed by all of our group,,may he Rest in Peace.

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**Tribute from Steve Fairbairn**

Relation: Coworker

My deepest condolences to Scott's family. I worked with Scott in the 90s when we were both legislative reporters for Broadcast News. Even though he was in Victoria and I was in Fredericton we had a fair amount of interaction and worked on more than one story together. I learned a lot from him and he was an extremely talented, nice and down to earth person. We also shared a love of the sea and ships and boats. I am greatly saddened by his passing.

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**Tribute from Simon Dingley**

Relation: Former co-worker

I worked with Scott at CKO All-News radio in Toronto more than 40 years ago. He had a good sense of humour. Unfortunately I never saw him again after I left CKO. But I was aware of his success in Western Canada. RIP Scott.

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**Tribute from Katherine Walker**

Relation: Neighbours

We send our condolences to Scott's family and all those friends and colleagues who will miss him dearly. My husband and I always enjoyed the engaging conversations we had with Scott and often couldn't get very far on our neighbourhood walks because we'd stop for a quick hello only to stay an hour or more. Scott seemed to enjoy the small pleasures in life and let the burdens of the world roll off his shoulders. He'd drive down the street in his convertible with a smile and a wave, always enthusiastic about life.

Katherine Walker and Tom Benson

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