



Dr. Lance David Scalf

January 20, 1943 - February 25, 2021

Lance David Scalf (78) passed away on February 25, 2021. He was born January 20, 1943 to Dorothy and Vernon Scalf in Goshen, Indiana. His family later moved to Metaline, Washington where he grew up.

In his youth, Lance spent his summers on his grandparents' farm in Iowa. There he learned to love the land and developed a serious work ethic. Lance was an Eagle Scout and the Valedictorian of his high school class. He attended Central Washington University where he received his degree in history. Later he attended Florida State University where he received his Masters and PhD in counseling and psychology.

Serving in the Air Force was a life-changing event. His service in Viet Nam and Thailand created a deep passion for veterans and for the love of his country. Lance attained the rank of Captain.

Lance often said that his life really began when he met Heidi, his wife of almost 50 years. Their love was deep and filled with respect. The Scalfs had one daughter, Heather. Heather was a source of wonder to her father. He enjoyed each of her "developmental stages." Their relationship was special. He loved Heather first as a dad and guided her with his heart and his wisdom.

Professionally, Lance was a whirlwind. He started some significant programs

in Tallahassee such as Turn About, the drug and rehab center, and the Vet Center. After 43 years as a practicing psychologist he retired. Lance helped many people during those years. He listened well and cared deeply. Lance was always there to help them through their issues.

Lance's special gift was teaching. For many years he taught a popular parenting class at Faith Presbyterian Church. Many young adults in Tallahassee were raised with some of Lance's tips. Training the staff at Chattahoochee State Hospital and teaching graduate counseling classes at Troy University were part of his resume.

Lance was unique and special. His charm and wit will be missed.

His parents and two brothers, Larry and Michael, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Heidi of Tallahassee and his daughter Heather of Fort Worth, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. He will be privately interred at Tallahassee National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Faith Presbyterian Church: www.faithpcusa.org/give

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church
2200 North Meridian Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Heidi and Heather,
We were so sorry to learn of the passing of Lance. There are no words we write that will ease your burden of grief : hope time and memories give some comfort.! He was an amazing man and his legacy will continue through Heather , the girl with the “rose berry shoes”. With our sympathy, Cecilia and Harry O Thomas, Jr.

Cecilia Thomas - March 09, 2021 at 06:18 PM

SS

“ Dr. Scalf was a dedicated professional that was such a help to so many in the course of his life. His knowledge of psychology and the human condition proved invaluable to the many individuals and couples that he helped over the years. Many of us can attribute adjustments in our lives to his care. Rest in peace dear, Dr. Scalf.
S. Scott

S. Scott - March 03, 2021 at 06:15 AM

HD

I was one of Dr. Scalf's students at FSH! He was a great instructor!! Sending hugs and prayers to his family!! Hilda deSercey

Hilda deSercey - March 04, 2021 at 12:57 PM

DL

Dr Scalf was a man of great integrity and passion for those that he taught. He always had a positive attitude even in negative situation. He made leading fun and he respected the opinions of others and was a true leader.

Denise Lacy - March 05, 2021 at 05:06 AM

DL

Dr. Scalf was a man of great integrity and compassion for those he taught. He was always positive even in negative situations. He really enjoyed working with people and encouraged so many to think outside the box. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. He surly will be missed.

Denise Lacy - March 05, 2021 at 05:13 AM

LT

When I was a young psychology teacher at Leon High School Lance would volunteer to come and talk with my classes. The students loved his insightful and personable instruction. He also graciously gave me support and creative ideas for the Student Government/ Leadership classes that I taught. Any time I called Lance with questions he always had the time to talk. He was such an encouragement to me through the years. I feel blessed to have known him. Dr. Linda Rogers Teague

Linda Rogers Teague - August 21, 2022 at 10:56 AM