



Gordon E. Scott

July 24, 1922 - October 9, 2020

Service Gordon Eugene Scott Obituary--

Born 07-24-1922 Died 10-09-2020

Gordon Eugene Scott was born into adversity and overcame it to achieve success in many fields. Two months before his birth, his father was killed in an accident, leaving his mother with three children and Scotty on the way. She had little means and few relatives to assist. As a kid, Scotty took up shoe shining in front of the cigar store to pick up money to help with expenses.

Scotty graduated from Kingsburg High School in 1940. That is where he met his future wife, Dorothy Jean Danielson. Upon turning 18 Scotty enlisted in the United States Navy. His first ship assignment was on the USS Arizona. He was transferred to the aircraft carrier USS Lexington prior to the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. On December 7 th , 1941, the Lexington was out to sea and missed being placed in harms way when its home base was attacked. However, a close call ensued. On May 8 th , 1942, the Lexington was sunk in the Battle of the Coral Sea. When the order came, Scotty and his fellow seamen abandoned ship by jumping into the waters. 216 crewmen lost their lives.

Before being assigned to his next ship, Scotty was furloughed briefly and

returned to Kingsburg. At that time, the Navy did not reveal the sinking of the Lexington, so Scotty could not tell a soul. Imagine how difficult that must have been.

Thereafter Scotty served on the USS Suwanee. As luck would have it, he was on furlough and had come to Kingsburg to marry his sweetheart, Dorothy Jean Danielson, when his former ship was devastated by Japanese warplanes and kamikaze fighters. The ship was not sunk, but lost 107 crewmen, with another 160 seriously wounded. The date they were married was October 28th, 1944. Scotty and his new wife were stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas until his discharge from the Navy in 1945. In total Scotty served 30 years in the military; six active duty and 24 years as a member of the Naval Reserves.

The year 1945 also brought the couple their firstborn son, Fredrick. After discharge from the Navy Scotty, Dorothy and Fred came back to Kingsburg to start their post-war life. They built their house on the corner of 16th and Ventura and lived in it until moving to Monterey, Ca. One year to the day after Fred was born, in 1946, their daughter, Peggy, arrived. Scotty took up employment at his father-in-law's business, Danielson's Auto Supply and Sporting Goods. After his father-in-law, Fred Danielson passed away, Scotty became the owner. He retired gradually in the early eighties, turning over the operation of the business to his son-in-law, David Meyer.

Over the years, Scotty and his wife Dorothy had many interests. They traveled extensively. They also became accomplished skeet shooters. But dearest to Scotty's heart was the game of golf. He was one of the original members of the Kings River Golf and Country Club and served as its president. Because of his love of the game, he became a member of the board of directors of the Northern California Golf Association. He also served as president of NCGA. After retirement he and Dorothy purchased a condominium on 17 Mile Drive in

Monterey. This was his paradise. He became a member of both Spyglass Country Club and Monterey Golf and Country Club. As a board member of the Northern California Golf Association, he was able to play at many more golf courses, including Poppy Hills, which was owned by the association. Imagine having three world class golf courses to choose from on any given day. None of them more than five minutes from home.

Scotty eventually became president of the Northern California Golf Association. He played in the A T & T Golf Tournament twice. This gave him a chance to play with top pros, but also with well-known amateurs. One year he played with Charles Shultz, author of the Peanuts comic strip. He took his grandson, Christopher Meyer as his caddy. Pretty heady stuff for a teenager to be walking the famous Pebble Beach Resort Golf Course with golfing elites and celebrities, and of course with his grandpa.

In 2014, at the age of 91, Scotty was featured on Paul Loeffler's Hometown Heroes radio program and was honored to be part of the Central Valley Honor Flight program where he expressed such elation at seeing thousands of people, including his family and friends, waiting for their return to Fresno.

A few years after Dorothy passed, Scotty decided it was time to come home to Kingsburg. For a number of years, he lived by himself, but as age made its presence known, he decided to take up residence at the California Veterans Home in Fresno, Ca. He enjoyed the company of his fellow veterans, and had access to good food, entertainment, all the assistance he would need. He was quite happy there. Scotty would drive to Kingsburg for services at Kingsburg Community Church, and several times a week to have coffee with the boys at McDonald's. He renewed his driver's license at age 95!

Scotty was predeceased by his father (Robert) and mother, Anna (nee Sjostrand), brothers James, and Robert, as well as a sister Margaret Bopp, and his son Fredrick. He is survived by his daughter, Peggy (husband David) of Kingsburg. Three grandsons, Danny Scott of San Francisco, Eric Scott of Visalia, and Christopher Meyer of Selma, as well as his daughter in law, Nancy (nee Pacheco) of Visalia. Scotty also is survived by two great grandchildren, Alex and Allison of Kingsburg.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to The Kingsburg Historical Society, Box 282, Kingsburg, Ca. 93631.

A Graveside services will be held at 10:00 AM Thursday, October 15th, 2020 at Kingsburg Cemetery, 12782 E. Clarkson Avenue, Kingsburg.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Graveside

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Kingsburg Cemetery
12782 E. Clarkson Avenue
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Gordon once-in 1989 I think. My name is Gordon Bopp, and I think I was named after Gordon. My dad-Edward Bopp was married to Margaret when she was killed by a drunk driver in 1941, along with their unborn boy, George. I think George was named after my dad's brother, George. My condolences to the family.

Gordon Bopp - March 30, 2021 at 08:46 AM

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“ Uncle Gene and Aunt Dorothy will always be an integral part of my childhood; along with Fred, Nancy, Dave, Peggy, and the cousins. Christmas Eve was so much fun...especially when the warm rice pudding came out and we knew Santa would soon be at the door. After our Grandpa (Robert) had his stroke, his little brother visited him at the hospital and Grandpa would be so happy. He visited almost every time Grandpa is in hospital, even when he was all the way in Monterey. He also checked often in Grandma when he was in Fresno to make sure she was all right. Uncle Gene represented the last of the generation that made us 5 generations of family. He was a treasure.

Kimberly (Tensmeyer) Vinson - October 18, 2020 at 11:58 PM

CJ

“ Walt and I had many good rounds of golf with Scottie and Dorothy. On New Year's Eve we played gin rummy and the ladies always won. We were in England and got into our elevator. Scottie and Dorothy! What a nice surprise. So many great memories.
Carleata Jensen

carleata jensen - October 17, 2020 at 10:59 PM

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“ I have many memories of Christmases past, spent together as a huge family. Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Gene always made us feel welcome and loved. That feeling still exists in my heart. To Peggy, David, Nancy, Christopher, Danny, and all who are feeling the loss, we send our love and support. Though we cannot be there in person, just know you all will be in our prayers and on our minds. Rest in Peace Uncle Gene...your memory will live on.

Kristine Tensmeyer Nixon - October 13, 2020 at 12:16 AM