



Donald Lee Scales

December 2, 1940 - April 27, 2014

Donald Lee Scales, 73, of Bloomington passed away April 27, 2014, at home. Don was born December 2, 1940, in Martinsville, IN, the youngest son of Shirley Sylvanus and Anna (Bowman) Scales.

Don attended Martinsville High School and was active in band, the amateur radio club, and the science club. He was always proud to be part of "The Class of 1959." In 1962, he received his Electronic Engineering Degree from Valparaiso Technical Institute (Valparaiso, IN). After graduating, he worked for Indiana University as the Audio Engineer of the Audio Visual Recording Studio. He left IU in 1988 to pursue his own freelance career Scales Film and Sound as an Audio Recordist/Mixer until he retired in 2011. During his career, he was known and respected for being a perfectionist, his attention to detail, and the quality of the work he produced. In return, he expected others to strive for the same work ethic. His careers enabled him to travel and meet many dignitaries, actors, performers, and professionals.

In 1980, he married Aileen (Teague) Marsee and immediately became a father to Janette (Marsee) Bruner. He became a grandfather in 1993 to Kayla Bruner, who quickly learned how to wrap her "Pappy" around her little finger, which amazed many people.

Don is survived by his wife of 34 years; daughter Janette (David)

Bruner; granddaughter Kayla Bruner; brothers-in-law William Lawrance of Indianapolis and Jeff (Andrea) Teague of Louisville, KY; nieces and nephews scattered across the country.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Shirley Scales (1945); mother, Anna Scales (1994); sister Bonita Lawrance (2009); brothers Dale Scales (2002), Gilbert (Gib) Scales (1987), Ronnie (1932); nephew Kenny Scales (2009); niece Sue Ann Lawrance (1991).

For 30 years, Don spent every 4th of July on top of the Martinsville City (Jimmy Nash) Park hill setting up and shooting the aerial fireworks for the community and visitors to enjoy. Don was hired by Dave Keister to design, install, set up, and put the WCBK radio (Martinsville) station on the air in 1967. WCBK continues to operate today, but now in a digital format.

Over the years, Don enjoyed designing and building just about anything electronic, scuba diving, flying/building radio-controlled airplanes, amateur radio (K9PYI), chess, traveling, and "good" food. He was an avid reader, always keeping himself current on technology as it evolved or changed.

Don will be remembered as a companion, friend, the go-to electronics guy, and the person who wasn't afraid to push you to excel and strive for the best you could be.

Funeral services for Donald will be held Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 1:00PM at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37. Burial will follow in the Clear Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday May 2, 2014 from 3:00PM until 8:00PM also at Allen Funeral Home, as well as an hour before the funeral on Saturday from 12 Noon until 1:00PM.

Memorial contributions may be made in Donald's honor to the Bloomington Lions Club, P.O. Box 5962, Bloomington, IN 47407 and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Aileen & Family,
May the warmest memories of Don fill your heart and bring you
much needed comfort. May God Bless you and keep you close. Our
hearts & prayers are with you. Michele & John*

Michele Branch Calabro - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

CA

“ *Eileen & family,
When I heard this news, my heart skipped a beat! I cannot express
my feelings of sadness. He was always my bud on the out of town
shoots. We solved a lot of worlds problems in many of our talks. My
email changed so didn't receive notice & am sorry I can't be there.
My thoughts, prayers are with you & god bless & watch over his
family always.*

Carole Scheidler - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

CO

“ *Janette and Aileen -- My sincere and heartfelt sympathy is with you.
May your wonderful memories give you comfort and friends and
family give you strength during this difficult time. Keeping you in my
thoughts and prayers.*

Connie Strange - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

JO

“ *Aileen- so sorry to hear this news. Our thoughts and prayers are
with you!*

John Pfeffer - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

KA

“ Dear Aileen and family,
I am so sorry that your husband died. From the information in the HeraldTimes he must have been a wonderful husband and farther. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.

Kate O'shea
Retired RPS IU

Kate OShea - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DA

“ So sorry to hear about Don. My thoughts and prayers go out for all those that were blessed to have known him , his success in business and and striving to do his best whatever in life he did. I am sure he will be missed immensely of those that knew him. Aileen i wii be thinking and praying for you, can't say I know how feel, because I haven't lost a close one as you have , a husband of 34 years. Just try to remember all the special memories God gave you together. Janette , David Kayla , you a did the best you could helping and taking care of Don, I am sure you will never how much of comfort and help it was for him and Aileen. Others that knew may God give you peace and strength through today and the days and weeks coming.

David Marsee - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

BR

“ Aileen and Janette, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband and dad. I know this is a difficult time for your family. Please know that I am keeping all of you in my prayers. God Bless you all during this difficult time. Brenda

Brenda Hanners - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

SH

“ Aileen,

I'm so sorry to learn this news. Don was the sound guy on many of my shoots. He took such pride in his work. I remember the perfectionist coming out in him when he wasn't happy with what he was hearing through the headphones. He would work quickly and diligently to fix things so his standards were met. And I remember you being on some of the shoots working with him.

I'm sending my condolences to you and your family. May your memories spent with Don help to comfort you.

Sherry Boyle

Sherry Boyle - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

KE

“ Aileen, My heart is heavy with sadness with the news of Don's passing. Please except my sincere condolences to you and your family. I've known Don as a friend and a professional in film production. Been on hundreds of film shoots with Don over many years and always enjoyed his company and friendship. Don was a true professional and valued engineer in the field of audio recording and well respected in the film community. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Keith Hall - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DA

“ I am so very sorry to hear of this news Aileen. Since Don retired in 2011 I have missed him very, very much. He was always such a wonderful addition to the crew, both as a professional and as a friend. We had many wonderful talks during down times on set about IU basketball and a variety of things going on in the world. I will remember them fondly. Lucy and I will be out of town this weekend but please accept my sincere condolences and prayers.

David Weyls - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

MI

“ Aileen, I'm sorry to hear about the death of your husband. The extended illness of a spouse can be exhausting for the caregiver(s). I hope you'll have some time to grieve and recover.

Mike Wood

Mike Wood - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DO

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, but know he is at peace now. Prayers to you entire family during this trying time.

Donna Woodruff - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

JU

“ Aileen,

My deepest sympathies are with you and the family at this time. Don was one of dad's oldest friends... how many times was he over to play chess with dad, or to plan activities associated with amateur radio? Don had touched so many lives through his volunteer efforts and professional life. I will always remember that sweet, gentle smile, his humor, and what a great friend and family man he was. He loved you, Janette, and all his family dearly. He is deeply loved and admired by those who knew him.

My prayers for God to be with you and comfort you. God Bless you and your family.

And I hope that he and dad are playing a game of chess now in heaven.

Julie Elkes - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

CR

“ Sorry for your loss. Are prayers are with you.

Carl & Raquel Schweibinz - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

KR

“ Janette, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. He looks like a very sweet man, and he was lucky to have such a great gal as a daughter. I will keep your family in my thoughts.

Kristin Martindale - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

ST

“ So sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you and yours.

Stephen Masterson - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

SS

“ *What a sweet, gentle person named Don Scales was. We loved him and will always hold dear our memories of him. The MHS Class of '59 will miss him but we look forward to having you, Aileen, as part of our class. Thank you for letting us be with him recently. What a precious hour to talk and remember. Our reunions just won't be the same without Don. I will always cherish that sweet, sweet smile that I knew from our school days and beyond. God give you strength and rest in the days ahead. Love, Sharon and Steve*

Steve and Sharon Kain - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DA

“ *I'm very sorry to hear about Don's passing. I have many fond memories of him. He was a great sound engineer who always brought out the best in us in the recording studio, Full-Scale Studio, way back when.*

Dave Rugenstein - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DE

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Don passing. He was a true professional. I am very proud of having worked with him. Please accept my condolences.*

Dean Crow - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

JW

“ Aileen & Family...so sorry to hear of Don's passing. As you know, Aileen, Don and I have been thru many projects together and he was always so professional and a very caring person. I shall never forget when my Mother passed away in 1994...I was on a shoot and Don came to me, we talked and he was so caring. I had forgotten or had not realized that he lost his own Mother that same year. Heaven will have no MOS signs with Don on the job. Wish I could be there for the calling or service, but I now live in Ohio. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jacque Workman - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

CH

“ Don was a true gentleman and achieved excellence in what he did. He is one of the unsung heroes of the Indiana film industry. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, my friend.

Chris Hodapp - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

AN

“ Dear Aileen, I am so very sorry to learn of your loss and wish you and your family all the strength and support you need in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Anthony Helm - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

KB

“ Don recorded many of my commercials and I never worried about whether the audio would be of high quality. He was a perfectionist, something I greatly appreciated. My prayers for comfort and strength are with Aileen and family.

Ken Beckley - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

GR

“ *My heart is heavy with this news. I worked with Don his whole freelance career...he was always my first call. Much love to you and your whole family at this trying time.*

Greg Malone - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

BA

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your husband.*

*Sincerely,
Barbara Isacson
Bloomfield College*

Barbara Isacson - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

KE

“ *I am really thankful that I got to spend those few hours with Don recently. We talked about all of the times gone by; Don's mind was sharp and he still had his wit. In years passed, Don engineered many demo-recordings for my band and went with me to Nashville to pitch them to A&R men who made an art out of saying no. I never had a brother; but Don came about as close as a brother can be. My sympathy to Aileen and the family and god bless Don Scales.*

Ken Fowler - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

GS

“ *Very sorry to learn of Don's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Gary Swanson - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

JA

“ Dear Aileen, My deepest sympathy to you and the family. I know that the past few years have been challenging, yet rewarding having him with you. May you remember all the good times and cherish the memories of your life together. May God bless. Jane

Jane Hutchison - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

BO

“ Aileen,

*My condolences to you and your family on the passing of Don.
Prayers for all during this time of grief.*

*Hugs,
Bob Trybalski
CCUMC
Columbia State Community College*

Bob Trybalski - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

LO

“ *Sending our sincere condolences, and wishing you peace in the memories you've created over the years.*

With Sympathy from all of us at the Association for Quality in Audio Visual Technology (AQAV)

Lorrie Morrow - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DO

“ *May God's peace and nearness be with you at this difficult time as we reflect on our own walk with the One who loves us most, my friend.*

Doug Marsee - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

KI

“ Aileen,

Sending so many prayers of peace and comfort to you and your family. We are blessed to have known Don and to have you guys in our life. I loved seeing the balance you two shared together. You both brought out the best in one another. He will be greatly missed.

We love you, Meemaw!

Kirsten, Aaron and Aly Phillips

Kirsten Phillips - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

JS

“ To Aileen, Janette, David & Kayla:

Jack and I will always and never forget the wonderful memories we had with Don (a.k.a. pappy).

Card games, cook outs, New Years Eve. etc. were always memorable. He will be missed by all that knew him and tremendously by all that loved him.

We are so deeply saddened by the loss. Our prayers are with you all, family and friends.

Deepest Sympathy

Jack & Sandy

Jack & Sandy Kirby - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

PO

“ *Aileen, I cannot find words to express my condolences. You and Don have been a part of my "family" (yes, the old AVC was a family) for nearly my entire adult life. Just know that I care...a lot. Janette, your mother's loss is also yours and I grieve for you also. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Polly Jean - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM