

# *E-Share*

Living Skies Regional Council of  
The United Church of Canada  
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## Larry William Scott

1951 - August 9, 2025



Grateful for a life well-lived, friends of Larry are invited to a community gathering at Broad View United on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Those unable to attend in person can go to the livestream at – Broad View United. Larry died this past weekend as a result of a cardio event.

Larry was many things and engaged with a diversity of people. He was an intelligent, articulate, witty friend, a dedicated worker in many community organizations. He was an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada, ministering at Cordova Bay United Church and James Bay United Church in Victoria, as well as churches in Banff, Kitimat, Saskatoon, Dundurn-Hanley and Ogema, SK. He served these congregation and the broader church with good humour and an astute understanding of human behaviour. He was always interested in how people build a sense of hope. He was known to walk with others through difficult experiences, showing unconditional love to some who might otherwise be overlooked.

Larry was raised on a mixed farm near Maxville, Glengarry, Ontario, son of Orvel and Eva (Cumming), and younger brother to Mervin and Ronald (all deceased). They lived in a log house built in 1813. The principal income was from shipping cream to a cheese factory, supplemented by cutting pulpwood, making maple syrup and selling berries. A fire destroying the farm machinery shed in 1965 followed by a tornado destroying the main barn the next year, leading to the family relocating to Cornwall and then Brampton. A practical approach to fixing things and gardening was part of his farm background.

Larry excelled in his studies at Trinity College of the University of Toronto (BA Political Economy Hon – also debating) and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv).

Many met Larry through his bagpipes and interest in all things Scottish (he played at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo of 1970). He volunteered with the Highland Games committee, the Saltire society, and Craigdarroch Castle. He produced a Scottish newsletter and was author of “The Ducking House.” Larry’s interests included painting, rose gardening, reading, languages, hiking and keeping parrots (especially “Radar”).

Larry inspired us in how he responded to a diagnosis of Wegener’s (GWP), a rare disease which usually is fatal within 2 years. After that diagnosis, Larry led an active and meaningful life for another 22 years.

As a youth, he had several international pen pals and as an adult he traveled extensively in Scotland, Eastern and Western Europe (this June, he made his final visit there), and Turkey, Israel/Palestine, Cuba, Australia, Costa Rica. Friendships with those both near and far had enriched his life greatly over the years. We give thanks for Larry’s thoughtfulness, courage humour and loyal friendship.

For a more detailed biographical sketch, please see his online obituary at:

<https://island.affordablecremationandburial.ca/obituaries/larry-scott>

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