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November 19, 1947 - December 6, 2025

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Age 78, of Braidwood, formerly of Mokena, passed away at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL, on Saturday, December 6, 2025. He was born on November 19, 1947, in Ontario, OR, to Raymond C. and Katherine C. (nee Teel) Scott. Eldon married Sheila Williams in 1971, and together they shared more than 45 years of marriage. Although later divorced, they remained an important part of one another's lives. He made his home in Mokena for 30 years, from 1987 until 2017.

Eldon proudly served in the United States Army from November 1967 to October 1969 and was honorably discharged at the rank of Specialist Four. During his time in Vietnam, he carried out the dangerous and critical duty of guarding an ammunition dump and providing security for military convoys. This role placed him directly in harm's way and reflected both his courage and strong sense of responsibility. His service was recognized with the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. During this time, Eldon also showed tremendous compassion by caring for an orphaned boy and looking after stray dogs, acts of kindness that stayed with him always.

He worked for many years as an industrial mechanic at Rheem Manufacturing, where he dedicated over two decades of service. Eldon later worked at Universal Oil Products (UOP) until his retirement. He had a deep love for the outdoors, fast cars, and music. In his younger days, he greatly

enjoyed street racing and often said he missed his calling, as his dream was to race sprint cars. Although he never had the opportunity to do so, that dream stayed close to his heart. He was especially proud of stock car racing at Santa Fe Speedway and took great pride in winning a race there. His 1970 silver Nova held a very special place in his heart and was truly the love of his life. Eldon also had a deep love for 1960s rock music and was a devoted fan of Creedence Clearwater Revival. One of his favorite songs was "Green Onions," which he proudly called his racing song during his street racing days. Eldon also loved animals of all kinds and greatly enjoyed being outdoors. He enjoyed pheasant hunting, fishing, feeding the birds, and spending time hunting and training dogs. For many years, he cared for an elaborate backyard garden that included flowers, a koi pond, a waterfall, and walking trails that he built himself and took great pride in. He was a devoted fan of the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Blackhawks. Eldon enjoyed sharing stories of his past with family and friends and, throughout his life, took great pride in his strength and physical fitness, a commitment he maintained until he became elderly. He also had many close friends.

He was a Christian and a believer in Jesus. Eldon valued honesty and integrity and lived by those principles each day. He was always willing to fix things and lend a hand to a family member, friend, neighbor, or even a stranger. He was chivalrous toward women, valued good manners, and enjoyed gatherings with loved ones. Eldon adored babies and children and donated to St. Jude's whenever he could. He enjoyed being silly with his grandchildren and brought joy wherever he went. He was known as a very hard worker and someone who gave his best in everything he did.

He is survived by his daughters, Marci McCoy (Greg) of Bolingbrook, IL, and Diane Mills (George) of Braidwood, IL; his brother, Byron Scott of TX; his five grandchildren, Kaitlin Mills, Emily Mills (Jacob Lambert), Julia Mills (Hunter Keymon), Breanne McCoy (Carl Flood), and Jackson McCoy; and his three great-grandchildren, Nora Keymon, Scarlet Keymon, and Ava Lambert.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Dennis Scott, whom he

greatly admired, and his beloved dog, Butch.

Cremation rites have been accorded, with inurnment and full military honors to be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date.

To share memories or offer condolences, please visit his online guestbook at www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

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Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

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