

Frances W. Scott | 1934-2015

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Frances (Fran) W. Scott

Frances (Fran) W. Scott, 81, died Monday, March 23, 2015, in Austin.

The family will hold a private service in April.

Fran Scott was born in 1934 to Curtis A. Williams and Nola Johnson Williams in Pittsburgh, Pa. She and her older brother, Curtis Williams, grew up in Philadelphia, and she met her future husband, O.V. Scott, while she was a student at Cornell University and he was a marine fighter pilot. After graduating from Cornell, Fran furthered her education and earned a master's degree in philosophy and a doctorate in fine arts from Texas Tech University.

Fran and O.V. moved to Lubbock in 1961, and she devoted time to her family, including two sons, Curtis T. Scott and John M. Scott. From 1975 to 1987, she was a professor in the philosophy department at Texas Tech. From 1990 to 1997, she was vice president of the United Way of Lubbock, and in 1997, she became the assistant dean of the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech. In 2002, Fran and O.V. moved to Austin to be closer to their son and grandchildren.

Fran will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew her. She was accepting of all people, giving of herself, and tireless in her commitment to help those around her. She was a civil rights supporter, set up an endowment within the United Way to prevent addiction and substance abuse and lent her time and energy to numerous causes within the Rotary Club and United Way.

Her motto was "Care deeply for others, have a vision for yourself and what you would like to be, and follow that dream."

Fran was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis A. Williams and Nola Johnson Williams; brother Curtis Williams; and children Curtis T. Scott and Kristin Scott. She is survived by her husband, O.V. Scott; son John M. Scott and daughter-in-law Jessica N. Scott; grandsons Cade C. Scott and Beck M. Scott; and nieces and nephew Jennifer Williams, Lisa and Christoph Schmidt and Scott and Diana Williams. Memorial donations may be made to the United Way of Austin, United Way of Lubbock or the building fund at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur.