May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be ALWAYS
at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,

And until
we meet again,

May GOD hold you in the
palm of His *hand.*





IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Roger Scott McKee

FEBRUARY 8, 1952 - OCTOBER 8, 2026



Roger "Scott" McKee, age 74, of Perry, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Scott was born on February 8, 1952, at Patrick Air Force Base near Cocoa Beach, Florida, the youngest of two sons born to Byron and Marvel (Davis) McKee. With his father serving 21 years in the military, Scott spent his early childhood in Florida and Virginia before the family settled in Perry, Iowa, in 1961. He attended Perry High School, graduating with the Class of 1970.

On August 28, 1971, Scott was united in marriage to Patty Schmidt. They made their home in Perry and were blessed with one son, Jason. Scott later married Caroline "Carol" Kelley on March 17, 1999, in Dallas County, Iowa.

Scott spent much of his life working with his hands, developing a remarkable talent for detailed and skilled craftsmanship. In 1967, his father, Byron, established the family business, McKee Jewelry, Inc. Scott became involved in the ownership and operation of the business, alongside his brother, Darwin, who joined in 1977. A jeweler and certified watchmaker, Scott dedicated many years to the family business before retiring in 2001. He was especially skilled in repairing and maintaining watches and clocks and also worked as a certified watchmaker for Josephs Jewelers in Des Moines. Beyond his work in jewelry and timepiece repair, Scott was a talented welder, a skill he used both professionally and in his spare time.

Scott was an active member of the Perry community throughout his life. He previously volunteered with the Perry Dive Team and was a longtime member of the Perry Bike Riders. He especially enjoyed bicycling and participated in RAGBRAI for nearly a decade.

One of Scott's greatest joys was dancing with his wife Carol, and the two could often be found spending their Saturday evenings on the dance floor at Lake Robbins Ballroom. Above all, Scott cherished his family and valued the time he spent with those closest to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Byron and Marvel McKee; his brother, Darwin McKee; and his sister-in-law, Suzy Weddle.

Scott is survived by his loving wife, Carol McKee of Perry; his son, Jason (Kara) McKee of Granger; his stepchildren, Jennifer Lechuga of Perry, Amanda Hein of Urbandale, and Dennis Hein of Perry; his grandchildren, Margo and Graham McKee of Granger, Christian and Samantha Hein of Perry, and Joseph Lechuga of Ankeny; his great-grandchildren, Kay Berkley and Marx Corrigan, both of Perry; his sisters-in-law, Terry McKee of Perry and Cindy Kelley of Ankeny; his niece, Stacy (Bob) Bjork of Des Moines; and many other relatives and friends.

In Loving Memory Of

Roger Scott McKee

February 8, 1952 - October 8, 2026

Memorial Service

11:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home • Perry Chapel

Officiating Clergy

Pastor Andrea Brownlee

Recorded Music

Go Rest High On That Mountain • Vince Gill
Far Banks of Jordan • Daniel O'Donnell
The Cowboy Rides Away • George Strait

Honorary Pallbearers

Bob Gittens • Randy Meyer • Scott Whiton
Don Sass • Allan Annear • Les Welch

Final Resting Place

Violet Hill Cemetery • Perry, Iowa

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family for a later designation in Scott's memory.

Caldwell Parrish
Funeral Home & Crematory
PERRY CHAPEL