

In the early hours of December 5, 2023, the world lost a true friend. Scott Thorwart Forbes (born Sumner Thorwart Forbes) passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Crystal River, Florida. He was 84 years old. Scott was a deeply kind, intelligent and generous man, a genuine soul who illuminated the lives of all who knew him. His loss echoes profoundly throughout his family and community, as our collective light now shines a little dimmer.

Scott was born on August 4, 1939, to Gordon Cleaver Forbes and Olive Thorwart Forbes of Greenwich, Connecticut. He had an older brother, Cleaver. The brothers split their time between New York and Greenwich, with summer camps in the country. In his early years, Scott developed a fascination for trains, ocean liners, and cycling, passions that followed him throughout his life. Scott was attending the University of Miami when he volunteered to join the United States Armed Forces. He courageously served a year in the Vietnam War as an engine mechanic, where he achieved the rank of Private First Class.

After his return from Vietnam, Scott saw a lifelong dream realized when he became Captain of The Peregrine IV, a 57' Grebe cruiser, and began his yacht-chartering business. He often sailed between Manhattan and South Florida. Scott met his first wife, Rose Ferrer, in Deerfield Beach, and the couple wed in 1972. They welcomed their son, Scott Allan Forbes, in 1976. During this time in his life, Scott was an avid cyclist and runner. He preferred to cycle or take trains rather than drive a car. He began to attend the Unitarian Universalist fellowship in Hallandale, Florida, where he met his second wife, Jacqueline Evans. For several years, Scott and Jackie lived in Washington, D.C., where Scott taught special needs students and volunteered with underprivileged children. Scott and Jackie then made their home in Crystal River in 1993, where Scott was also a father to Jackie's six children: David, Kathy, Debbie, Danny, Amy, and Peggy.

In his later years, Scott enjoyed his home life in Crystal River. He was a member of the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists congregation in Citrus Springs. His fellowship with the Unitarian Universalists community reflected his dedication to knowledge, reason, science and spirituality. Scott was markedly unconcerned with status, and he loved studying and discussing social issues and ways to improve equality. He was an enthusiastic reader, often taking book recommendations from his beloved NPR and reading them in a few days. Scott also continued his passion for historic ocean liners and trains, collecting and studying many books about them.

Scott bravely coped with some medical issues that resulted in the loss of both of his legs between 2006-2009. Even after this difficult loss, Scott was dedicated to his physical fitness and kept exercising and walking around his neighborhood, where he was greeted by many neighbors who knew him. Scott had an offbeat sense of humor and loved joking with everyone he met that he hoped they "won the lottery soon." He enjoyed visits from his friends and family, including his son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter. He was also devoted to many dogs throughout his life, most recently his beloved Buttons and Raven. Scott's wife, Jackie, passed away in 2015. Scott was looked after by his caretaker and friend, Elizabeth Napolitano, for fourteen years.

Scott is preceded in death by his wife, Jackie, his brother Cleaver Forbes and sister-in-law, Zelig Forbes. Scott is survived by his son, Scott Allan Forbes (Elisabeth) and his granddaughter, Jane Allyn Forbes, as well as his wife Jackie's family. The family would like to thank Scott's caretaker, Elizabeth Napolitano, and Scott's trusted advisor, Carol Baillie, for their years of dedicated service. Family will receive friends from 2PM-3PM, with a Memorial Service beginning at 3 PM, Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL.