



Scott Bradley McKee

January 15, 1966 - March 26, 2026

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Scott Bradley McKee. Though our hearts are heavy, we have a confident hope: Scott won his long-fought battle against cancer and now stands victorious, strong and whole, in the presence of Jesus, his Savior. Scott passed on peacefully at home, surrounded by his wife, children, and grandson. He was 60 years old.

Scott had a way of filling a room with laughter, often using humor to bring lightness and connection to everyday moments. The love and awe he had for Jesus was beautifully reflected in the way he loved his family and his church family.

He was also a man of deep faith, whose life was shaped by his love for Christ and his desire to help others know Him. He cared deeply about people and had a gift for meeting them where they were, offering encouragement, wisdom, and hope. He loved the Church and poured his heart into it.

Scott was born in Detroit, Michigan, to Ken, a GM Autoworker, and Lee McKee. The family lived in Warren, Michigan. Scott told stories of a happy childhood with family camping trips, travel, and playing with the neighborhood kids and his twin sister, Sheila. Scott encountered Jesus for the first time at a local VBS down the street from the family home at Warren Missionary Church. He showed aptitude in his lifelong ministry calling, preaching at the age of 16

in his church and providing leadership in his youth group. In high school, he also enjoyed taking part in the theatre, choirs, and barbershop quartet. When he was 19, he was chosen to spend a year travelling with Up with People, an international organization promoting unity, positivity, and community service. He even had the opportunity to perform at the halftime show for Super Bowl XX!

Scott had fond memories of his summer in Hollywood, where he performed in a professional children's travelling theatre show. In fact, he briefly (and fairly seriously) considered a professional acting career. Throughout college, he performed stand-up comedy in various venues and spoke at large youth assemblies to promote drug prevention, weaving his winsome humor, personal faith, and positivity to motivate and inspire the next generation.

When Scott returned from his adventures, he settled into studies at Wayne State University, where he majored in Communications with a view towards entering law school. It was at Wayne State that, as Scott liked to say, "This downtown Warren dude landed his uptown Grosse Pointe girl." Scott and Angie married in 1992. Upon graduation, Scott, who had been working part-time as the youth director at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills, decided to take a year before law school to do something "completely different" and accepted a full-time position at the Kirk as the youth director. It was during this year that he realized ministry was not just a temporary detour; it was a lifelong calling.

Always exceptionally bright, Scott was awarded a full scholarship to Princeton Seminary, where he earned his Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree. He was popular and well-liked by his classmates and professors alike. During seminary years, he was invited to speak at the seminary chapel, and in the evenings and on weekends he performed stand-up comedy and provided occasional pulpit supply. At graduation, he was recognized with the Arthur

Paul Rech Memorial Award in Theology and Pastoral Ministry: His gentle humility, outstanding communication skills, and passion for God's people—specifically the local church—was commended by the president of the seminary.

Scott accepted his first call in Princeton to Princeton Alliance Church, where he served in Youth and Family Ministry. It was during this chapter that he and his wife Angie welcomed their son Duncan. Scott was a proud and devoted young father, and he loved making up funny songs to sing to all his children—which are still sung around his family to this day!

When Scott was ordained by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1996, he, Angie, and Duncan packed up and moved to suburban London, England, where Scott would serve as the associate pastor of International Community Church in Cobham, Surrey. While living in England, Scott had many opportunities to travel, including his first visit to the Holy Land. His second son, Connor, was also born while the family was living in the U.K.

Scott and the family returned to the United States when Scott was invited to be part of the very selective Beeson Doctor of Ministry Program at Asbury Theological Seminary. It was a formative year: The small group of pastor-students visited large churches worldwide, engaged in intensive study, and learned from the top church leaders of the time. At Beeson, Scott once again stood out for his giftedness, and he was well loved and admired by his classmates. He was bright and talented but never boastful. It was so important to Scott to collaborate and learn from one another. Of his Beeson classmates, he often said, “Iron sharpens iron.” He was humbled and proud to be learning alongside such fine church leaders! He received his Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree from Asbury in 2001.

After his time at Asbury, Scott transferred his ordination to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) when he accepted the position of Senior Pastor at Mt. Pleasant Community Church. Under his leadership, the church grew from 200 to over 1000 regular attenders. Yet, he always said MPCC was not a "turn-around church," but rather a "tweak-around church," as the ministry staff already had so much set in place. He was quick to give credit to others, viewing himself simply as the "final piece" to help lead the church to make a larger community impact.

He became a community leader there as well, and he loved tapping into his comedy talents for outreach programs. He was even a "celebrity judge" at the city-wide chili cook-off, alongside the mayor and other city leaders—an honor which bemused and delighted him. The entire city of Mt. Pleasant loved him, and he loved them. He also worked diligently to bring the pastors of all the local churches in Mt. Pleasant together. For Scott, it was about loving and leading people into Jesus Christ's Church, not just the local church of which he was the pastor.

Scott and Angie's daughter, Gracie, was born in Mt. Pleasant. Scott loved to quip, "We collect children wherever we go...which is why we are never moving again!" And in Michigan the family would stay...

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, Michigan, reached out to Scott during the 2009 economic downturn. Initially, they contacted him to "ask for advice and guidance" in their search for a new senior pastor. It was during these discussions that Scott began to feel that perhaps God was calling him to be the next senior pastor at Ward. He told his wife, Angie, "I think I have one more church in me." And so, the family moved to Ward Church, where Dr. Scott McKee was installed as Senior Pastor in 2010.

The early days were a period of healing and renewal, and Scott led with his

gentle humility, his collaborative leadership approach, and his love for God's people, the Church. In his years at Ward, he continued in his passion for community collaboration, intergenerational worship, loving God and serving others, and creating a church community with open doors, leading others to live and love like Jesus. He won the hearts of the worshippers at Ward, and he loved the people of the Ward Community truly, as his own family.

Those who knew Scott will remember his steady presence, his genuine kindness, and the joy he carried into every space. He lived his faith not just in what he said but in how he loved, led, and showed up for others each day.

Scott was a devoted husband to Angie; a loving father to Duncan (Kristin), Connor, and Gracie; and a proud grandfather to Aiden. The family loved camping adventures in their travel trailer, summer barbecues and campfires, big family breakfasts and travel adventures. His faithful provision and sage advice were a steady rock and anchor for his family.

He was especially proud of the many pastors and ministry leaders he had the opportunity to mentor and serve alongside over the years. Scott's life leaves a lasting impact on his family, his church, and the many lives he touched along the way.

Scott is preceded in death by his father, Ken, and his mother, Lanora. He is survived by his wife, Angie; his children, Duncan (Kristin), Connor, and Gracie; his brother, Glenn (Sandi) McKee, and his sisters, Patty (Rob) MacLeod and Sheila (Bob) Lyne; his grandson, Aiden McKee; many beloved nieces and nephews; and a host of lifelong friends who were part of his extended "family."

Even in our grief, we hold onto the hope he believed in so deeply—that through Jesus, death is not the end. "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

He will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Visitation will be held on Friday April 3, 2026 from 3 PM to 7 PM at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday April 4, 2026 at 10 AM at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Scott lived a life marked by faith, service, and a deep love for his family. In honor of his legacy and the lasting impact he made on so many, the family has established a private scholarship fund to support the education of his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers or meals, the family invites you to consider honoring Scott's legacy through a gift to the McKee Family Education Fund. If you would like to celebrate Scott's life and legacy in this meaningful way, gifts may be made to his wife, Estelle "Angie" McKee. Gifts may be mailed to the church or placed in the giving boxes or offering plates with a note indicating it is for the McKee family. Please note that all checks and gifts should be made payable to Estelle McKee and should not be made payable to the church.

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ward Church
40000 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

Funeral Service

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ward Church
40000 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Pastor Scott was one of the godliest, most joyful, funny, men that our family ever knew! He was always so kind to us. May he rest-in-peace. Our loss, heaven's gain.*

All of our sympathies to his family, friends and loved ones. May you find comfort in knowing that Scott ran his race with bravery, courage, and the utmost integrity. He was a warrior and an inspiration! He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Jill Bonnell - May 04 at 09:37 AM

KK

“ *Kathy K lit a candle in memory of Scott Bradley McKee*



Kathy K - April 25 at 04:58 PM

CL

“ I am saddened at the loss of Scott, though I know he is with Jesus and that is the greatest place to be; there is an emptiness within. Despite having so many duties as Senior Pastor, he always had time for my mother and me. He was not just our pastor, he was our friend. When trouble came, his openness and caring brought us comfort. My prayers are with his precious family, may they find peace in their time of grief. I am so very glad he got the opportunity to be a grandpa, such a perfect gift from our Lord.

Carol Lucas and Jane Pewtress



Carol Lucas - April 17 at 04:07 PM

KS

“ We are sorry for your loss at such a young age. Clearly, Scott’s faith in a loving and sovereign God was strong throughout all adversity. We are glad we had the honor of sitting under his ministry leadership in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Mark & Karen Skeith

Karen Skeith - April 11 at 08:43 AM

EH

“ We moved to Livonia during Covid. There were no churches available so once they opened up a good friend of our son (semi adopted son ..another story) recommended Ward Church. This was our first church while “church shopping”. Our former church was a small portable church out a high school , that my husband and I were deeply involved in. We decided we would never do a portable church again lol. After hearing, Pastor Scott preach we both looked at each other and said we don’t have to look any further. This is our church.. I told Scott when we first met that Ward “was a big church with a small church feel”. He promptly said “we should put that on a T-shirt, “which I now regret , I never did . Although I only got to know him within the last five years, he has made a great impact on myself and my family. I have connected within the church , and I’ve become to know so many nice people who serve the church . Although I know he is home in heaven, I’m little selfish. I wish he could’ve stayed here on earth for a little longer.. we know Jesus is a great healer and we are so honored and blessed to have known him Many healing prayers for his family. He will be greatly missed by so many..what a good and faithful servant he was!
Ellen Hossack-Brummett and Travis Brummett

Ellen Hossack - April 05 at 06:41 PM

CP

“ Scott was (and continues to be) an amazing blessing to us. We thank God for sharing him with us. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Prayers for grace, comfort and peace for Angie and the family. Keep his joy close to your heart. It's the one thing he never lost, and neither will we.

Craig and Sandy Priskorn - April 05 at 07:59 AM

VG

“ Scott was a really nice person. He was a classmate of mine in high school. Although we did not know each other very well I could tell he was a genuinely decent human being. I'm saddened to hear of his passing. Condolences Vincent Giangrande

Vincent Giangrande - April 04 at 09:53 AM

CP

“ C Piastowski lit a candle in memory of Scott Bradley McKee



C Piastowski - April 04 at 08:15 AM

CP

“ Pastor McKee personally answered a letter I wrote in, after enjoying a sermon from AM radio church. What a fantastic surprise! He addressed my prayer concerns, thanked me, and prayed for my family. A terrific human being, with a brilliant spirit- a light house of Jesus's kingdom. Thank you for your teaching. I pray for you now, Scott McKee, that you will have many crowns 👑 from this life to put at the feet of King Jesus. May your family have the angels and the Holy Spirit come to comfort them. Amen Rest in Joy pastor Scott!! We are missing you 🙏🕊️💜🙏👤❤️❤️👉❤️ Bless you and your family❤️

C Piastowski - April 04 at 08:12 AM

SM

“ After moving to MP in the year of 2000, my husband and I attended Community church for a few years. Getting to know pastor Scott and his family was such a blessing. Pastor Scott was a wonderful man of God. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children at this difficult time. May God grant you all peace and comfort

Sue Moeller - April 01 at 11:12 AM

CS

My daughter met Scott and Angie which she was a student at CMU. She became very involved in ministry there and babysat for them frequently. I believe they had a big impact on her faith journey. A few years after she graduated and I think Scott was in Northville, he came and officiated her wedding. I am so, so thankful for his impact on her life-and really her subsequent family.

Carla Safie - April 06 at 02:08 PM



“ Pastor Scott was not only a pastor but also a dad. I knew him as Duncan, Conner and Gracie’s dad. When he came to Ward things were difficult and he was able to win us all over and keep Ward going. His humor was with him to the end. When Deaf people came to church and I volunteered to interpret, Pastor Scott went above and beyond to help me be successful. He sent me his sermon notes every Saturday so I could be ready for Sunday. That meant the world to me. I will miss him as one of many who was positively impacted by his ministry and life. I am sending the whole McKee family virtual hugs and will keep them in my prayers.



Katie Johnson - March 30 at 07:53 PM

JS

“ My wife and I came to faith at MPCC in 2001. Scott’s winsome preaching played no small role in that. I would see him on occasion at GA, and we last spoke when GA was hosted by Ward last summer. He never failed to mention how amazed he was by our story of coming to faith in Christ and how proud he was that I had become an ordained pastor. I witnessed his preaching of the gospel one last time on the last night of GA and it took me back to the early days of my walk with Christ. He is in glory and restored in the presence of the Triune God. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Justin Sembler - March 30 at 03:37 PM

DO

“ Pastor Scott was the best! His concern was much more for his wife than for himself. Whenever I would mention praying for him, he would say pray for Angie. And so I did and I will continue to. Committed to praying for his wife, children and grandchildren for great peace and comfort.

Dan & Debbie Ordus - March 30 at 09:39 AM

MA

“ Bob & I moved back to Michigan May of 2025. We began attending Ward immediately until we had to sell our car. The few times we were able to visit Ward, Pastor Scott, which he preferred to just be called “Scott” always showed us his love & even told me he loved seeing my smiling face before getting up to preach & gave me a hug when we came our last time. We love him like we’ve known him forever. Bob & Marilyn Pretty Alder

Marilyn Alder - March 30 at 12:08 AM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of Pastor Scott's passing. He was a great asset to Community Church. I enjoyed his enthusiasm and his involvement in Vacation Bible School.

Ruth Helwig - March 29 at 05:56 PM

JB

“ It is with heavy heart that I am saddened by the passing of “Scottie”. I knew him as a child and little brother of my best friend, Patty. Scott even sang at my wedding! He grew to serve the world in God's name through any means possible. His personality was admirable and there wasn't anybody who could duplicate his depth. His children and those closest to him will carry-on his many teachings. He certainly gave of himself 2000% and his legacy will continue. RIP 🙏

Josie Boike - March 29 at 05:35 PM

CS

“ Wonderful Pastor! I will miss his sermons, they were so inspiring. Prayers to his family.

Carol Saksa - March 29 at 05:35 PM

DB

“ I only knew Scott for a short time but was so blessed by his contagious smile, his gift of humor, and his amazing ability to relate God's word to everyday life for everyone. I never watched the clock when he was speaking, and many times surprised and somewhat saddened that the end of his sermon had come. May God give comfort to his blessed family and to all who were blessed to know him.

Dale Lloyd Bailey - March 29 at 05:14 PM

RR

It was a blessing beyond measure to have Scott as our next door neighbor. His warmth, humility, and smile, always gave us a feeling of being loved. We will deeply miss seeing him in his yard or going for walks in the neighborhood, and the conversations we enjoyed. Our hearts go out to the family.

Rosa and Armin

Rosa Russenberger - March 29 at 07:06 PM

DM

Pastor Scott will be greatly missed, his sermons pulled me out of the darkness. His jokes and the way his story telling led into the sermon of the day was pretty awesome. At the end he looked so tired, and now he is at peace and cancer free. Prayers to his family, rest in peace and thank you for making a difference. Dawn and Dwayne Mikuta

Dawn Mikuta - March 30 at 02:24 PM

MF

Scott was a wonderful pastor, a great leader, a committed husband and father. His was a life well lived by the power of the Holy Spirit! God bless you my brother, you have gone on to your reward. We will miss you here on earth but we, who know Jesus, look forward to being reunited with you in heaven!

Mike Frison

Mike Frison - March 30 at 02:47 PM

DS

We met Scott and Angie when we first moved to Mt. Pleasant in 2000. What a legacy and heritage!!!

We participated in MPCC for a year or so before Holy Spirit moved us elsewhere. January 2026 Holy Spirit moved us back to Community Church MP Campus. Thank you for the foundation, Scott.

David & Linnet Stevens - March 31 at 10:08 PM

CM

Pastor Scott was amazing. He worked joyfully right up to his final days just like I suspected he would. His teachings were powerful especially those that thought us about our final days on this earth. Many times I would listen to them again and again. We will miss his great sense of humor, his insightful and powerful teachings and his kind heart. We are so blessed to have had him in our lives. We pray for the family and for God's healing power.

celeste miedema - April 03 at 11:33 AM

AG

Dr. Scott's spirit will live in all of us that had the privilege to have known him. One of my favorite memories is when he dressed up as Rev. Fred Rogers. The sermon was "Won't you be my neighbor?" Dr. Scott had the gift to make everyone feel the love of God. Thank you Rev. Dr. Scott Mckee. God bless the Mckee family.

Adam Gibson - April 03 at 06:55 PM

BM

Paster Scott we miss you. We praise God for your wonderful witness of His love. God gifted you with incredible communication skills that made your sermons so easy to understand and apply. When talking with folks about you I would say, for me, this man of God "walks on water." Through you Paster Scott I'm a better person. I pray for the McKee family strength and peace. Until we meet again, God Bless us all.

Bruce Miedema - April 04 at 08:12 AM