



## Scott P. Denett

March 12, 1970 - October 30, 2020

Scott P. Denett, 50, of Estero, passed away unexpectedly on October 30, 2020. He was the son of Paul A. and the late Linda (Paradis) Denett.

Scott was born March 12, 1970 in Bethesda, MD at the National Naval Medical Center and grew up in Reston, VA. He graduated from South Lakes High School in Reston and from William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music and he then moved to New York City to play jazz. In the 20 years he resided in New York he won several National Jazz Music Awards and played with Dizzy Gillespie as well as Pat Martino. He was a computer consultant for Apple and opened the very first Apple Store in new York City. He was the lead national presenter for Apple on FINAL CUT PRO. He then branched out into his own business, serving as a consultant and servicing computer needs for several billionaire clients. He relocated to Florida in 2015, in order to be closer to his father and help care for him. He continued his computer consulting and playing jazz at various venues, earning a regular rotation playing at the Lighthouse, Burns, and the Peach Pit. He also provided customer services for Artists Naples.

Scott had a love and passion for the arts, particularly music. He enjoyed playing jazz guitar, painting playing chess, even producing his own public television show, "Denett's Trash Can" in New York City.

Scott is survived by his father, Paul A. and his wife Lucy Querques Denett of FL, his brother, Michael P. Denett of VA and aunt, Lucille Morton of VA. He was preceded in death by his mother, the late Linda (Paradis) Denett.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 11:00am in Our Lady of Light Catholic Church located at 19680 Cypress View Drive in Fort Myers, FL.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations in memory of Scott may be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society, Our Lady of Light Conference, 19680 Cypress View Drive in Fort Myers, FL , 33967.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr  
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201  
(239) 267-7088

# Tribute Wall



“ *Scott P. Denett*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ I just found out today that my dear friend and phenomenal jazz guitarist from high school died unexpectedly in October of 2020. We lost touch after college... for no reason. That just happens. However, I have tried many times to find him online over the last 15 years to catch up... but to no avail. I'm so sorry for my failure, life is too short. To his wife and his brother Michael, I am so sorry for your loss.

So... Scott and I became close friends at 15ish and would hang out often. He was soooo into Jazz and the guitar. He taught me so much. We would get our parents to drive us to seedy jazz clubs in DC and drop us off. Somehow, the bars let these under age kids in! I would also sit in his room as he played guitar, he would write songs, and we would hang out and talk about all the girls in school we had crushes on. Fast forward to 2007 when he video made in 2007 in New York City, where he moved after college. Look up on YouTube “Scott Denett The New Yorker” (157k views!) I'm not sure the link below will work. Side note I just learned, he got into computer/IT and actually owned the first Apply Store in NYC! Well, in this set, he plays many songs that he wrote between 16 and 18 years old. The second song is Take Five! One of my favorites... His first composition I remember as a kid is “Ove Cott Ennet” (drop the L, S, D) get it? “Love Scott Denett”. That was Scott's sense of humor! He was a huge Pat Martino and Pat Methany, hence the Martino cover, which he nailed! Next, was “March to Dia's Waltz”. I don't remember who she was, but he had a crush on her. I remember him explaining the four different parts of the melody (head) had some meaning, but my memory can't recall exactly what that was. But you feel the teenage lust/longing/willing to do whatever she said! A common topic we both talked about often! Next song is “Sandwich Day at the Bigelows”! I think he was 16 when he wrote that... about a crush on September Bigelow, who was in our class, but she was dating my older brother, a senior. The next song Amy's Blue Hues, I don't remember exactly from high school, but it really sounds familiar. The last song A False September, was about, yes, you guessed it, getting turned down by September! LOL. You can hear his angst and confusion and hurt.

*But it really is a great song! September just know that you inspired great art! Scott, I'm so sorry we didn't get a chance to talk again once we became adults. Thank you for being my friend. The world has lost a legend. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTM67UhBVxk>*

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**Sean Gould** - May 12, 2022 at 01:31 AM

BR

*I knew him in high school as well. A wonderful human being and an unbelievable talent. That SLHS jazz band when it was under Jim Hoch was incredible. They could have made records.*

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**Brian Thomas Roberson** - October 30, 2024 at 06:56 PM

MN

“ *This is Mike Nichols from the old Interplay days in Reston/Chantilly...I was so saddened to see this page when I was looking up Scott's name. Michael, I lost my brother 11 years ago and am acquainted with the grief you must have felt/are feeling. I always hoped to see your brother again..he was a dear friend to me during a difficult time way back in 86-88...indeed a man I am proud to have known.  
Praying for you and your family...*

*Mike*

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**Mike Nichols** - November 10, 2021 at 02:52 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear the news of Scott's sudden passing. Here are some pictures from December 19, 2019. I play trumpet in the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra at Artis-Naples. Our guest was the great Jazz guitarist Peter Bernstein, who was an old friend of Scott's from New York City. He came to both concerts as my guest and then we hung out afterward late at a party. Always great to talk and play music with Scott. He was incredibly creative and a beautiful human being.



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**Dan Miller** - November 25, 2020 at 10:16 PM

LD

“ Celebrating Scott's 50th birthday at the Capital Grill. He enjoyed every bite! He could be so funny and charming. Had his dad and I laughing at his comic routine. Such a large talent and such a great loss.



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**Lucy Denett** - November 09, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Billy Crooks** - November 08, 2020 at 03:42 PM

DB

“ As a Michigander, I met Scott through a friend during my frequent visits to Florida. Scott remains among the most interesting, eccentric and kind hearted people I've had the privilege to know. In the limited time we had, he shared his wonderful music, art and always welcoming hospitality with me. He will be missed ... and heaven just got more interesting.

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**Dave Beagle** - November 06, 2020 at 11:54 AM

DI

“ Scott was such a great guy! So friendly and talented beyond measure. Fly high with the angels, I'm sure they will be dancing in the sky to your music. We love you. Love Eric and Dina

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**Dina** - November 04, 2020 at 07:34 PM

MR

“ Really enjoyed listening to Scott's music at the Peach Pit, and the couple times I got to talk to him. A great musician! His family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Mike Reynolds** - November 04, 2020 at 04:59 PM

PD

“ *Many fond memories at Old Orchard Beach, Maine eating Bill's pizza and Pier French fries. Also his playing jazz in DC area at Wolf Trap and Blues Alley. His winning best jazz trio in Chicago from Downbeat Magazine. Miss you terribly. Dad*

Paul Denett - November 04, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DI

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Dina - November 04, 2020 at 04:49 PM

FB

*I have such good memories of Paul bringing Scott and Michael to my house to have a good time with my kids of the same age. Thanks for the memories.*

Frank Bowers - November 05, 2020 at 08:59 PM

MD

*I do and will always love and miss my older brother Scott Denett rest in peace Love Michael Denett*

michael denett - November 09, 2020 at 08:37 AM



*I simply have no words of comfort at this time. Too young and too soon. So much still  
To offer so many others with your gifted talents. Beautiful memories from years gone by. So wish the years and miles had not distanced us so much. I have no doubts your mother was there to greet you with open and loving arms. May your soul Rest In Peace!*

*Love, Aunt Debi*

Debi Shackowsky - November 19, 2020 at 08:10 AM

DR

*So sorry to hear of Scott's passing and my condolences to his family. I remember playing bass on his senior recital at William Paterson. I was always in awe of Scott's talent. We played many times in NYC over the years, too - in trio and duo contexts - his music was always challenging and adventurous! I was always glad to hear from him and looked forward to the next time we'd get together...I still do... Scott had a reverence for his musical heroes, Pat Martino and Harold Mabern, Wes Montgomery - Scott would always play, "Road Song". Thinking of Scott and writing this brings a smile to my face. We played a lot of notes together... I'll keep listening to and playing, "Road Song", too. When I do, I'll fondly remember Scott.*

*David Ruffels*

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**David Ruffels** - November 29, 2020 at 07:07 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Brian** - November 03, 2020 at 05:45 PM