



## Wesley Scovanner

July 5, 1946 - October 28, 2024

Wesley Scovanner, 78, of St. Augustine, passed away on Monday, October 28, 2024.

Wes was born to Rev. Daniel and Martha Scovanner on July 5, 1946, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his two younger brothers, Dennis and Doug, enjoyed a childhood of family fun and adventures. Wes attended the University of Pennsylvania where he was a member of Kappa Sigma and played football, serving as captain his senior year. After college he was commissioned as a naval line officer on an amphibious ship and a guided missile frigate. While based in Norfolk, Virginia, Wes met his wife of 52 years, Cathy, who was teaching school in Virginia Beach. Coincidentally, as young children they both lived in the town of Madeira, Ohio, where they attended the same elementary school and his father's church.

Following his navy service, Wes returned to Penn and earned an MBA from Penn's Wharton School.

He began his business career with Arthur Andersen in Orlando and later formed Wesley D. Scovanner & Associates, a consulting firm. He had a true entrepreneurial spirit and had many side ventures along the way including a cinema pub, an executive airport, and a boat factory where he had the exclusive right to manufacture Hobie's power skiffs. Wes spent the last

several years of his career with Insurance Office of America where he was a director and Vice Chairman and also served as CFO. With his business and finance background, Wes kept control of the company's spending, earning him the title of "CF NO" among the employees.

Wes and Cathy raised their family in Orlando and had a life full of family fun, travel, and community service. He had a long association with Children's Home Society of Florida where he participated as president for both the Central Florida Division and State of Florida boards. Sports were a big part of Wes' life and he enjoyed boating, snow skiing, tennis, and later, pickleball. He spent many years coaching Little League and Pop Warner football.

Upon retirement Wes and Cathy moved to St. Augustine, thoroughly enjoying life there and weeks during the summers in Western North Carolina. Wes treasured the deep friendships he made and maintained throughout his life. He also loved his church and was proud to serve as a trustee, on several committees, and recently on the Presbyterian Foundation and the A Corp.

Wes loved his family dearly leaving behind his wife Cathy, daughter Dana and her husband Frankie, son Matt and his wife Carolyn, grandchildren Frankie Jr, Tiffany and Kendall and her mom Sam. He was also blessed with his nephews Paul, John and Jesse, late nephews Tim, Jeff, and Chris and his niece Jill.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024, at

Memorial Presbyterian Church, 32 Sevilla St., in St. Augustine.

Flowers are gratefully declined. Those who desire may make a donation in his honor to Community Hospice and Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257, or Wags and Whiskers Pet Rescue, 32 Masters Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to his tribute page at: [www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com).

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Presbyterian Church  
32 Sevilla Street  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Cathy, I was thinking about Navy days, Virginia Beach, and you and Wes, decided to search on his name, and was so saddened to find his obituary. Many fond memories of those times with Wes, Bob Coates, and other shipmates. He was a little after me at Navy OCS, but of course we ended up serving together. Wes was a rock solid, class guy. I sincerely hope you and the family are fully consoled now after losing him. My love and sincere respects to you all. Dale Harris. Dharris581satx@yahoo.com

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**Dale Harris** - November 26, 2025 at 06:32 AM

HH

“ I learned of Wes passing from our UP magazine. Wes was my Kappa Sigma fraternity brother who was always fun to be around. One weekend when I was out of town, he and Raccoon, his roommate, messed up my bedroom slightly. I returned back to campus Sunday night. I then discovered the practical joke, and at 2AM crawled into their bedroom to gather every article of shoes, slippers, flip flops that I could find and secreted them into the grand piano on the main floor of the house. I was awakened at 7:55 Monday morning with Wesley screaming for his shoes, late for an 8AM class. I never did find out what he wore.

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**Heff Heffernan** - March 17, 2025 at 08:15 AM

JP

“ Jerry P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Wesley Scovanner.



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**Jerry P.** - February 16, 2025 at 12:24 PM

JP

“ Dear Cathy and family, I just learned of his passing this week while having dinner with one of his former colleagues at IOA. I am terribly saddened by the news and had always hoped I'd get to see you both again. What a surprise to move to Florida in 1980, and find that my neighbor across the street was from Springfield, Ohio! Wes was one of the most outstanding men I have met in my 78 years. I know his memory will be cherished by all who knew him. Jerry Palmer Lake Mary, FL



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**Jerry Palmer** - February 16, 2025 at 12:11 PM

TF

“ Matt & Dana...

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad! He was such a kind man and was always willing to smile and say hello...I know you and your children will miss him dearly! Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days, weeks and months.*

*God Bless You and Your Family!*

*Theresa*

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**Theresa Fenwick** - November 15, 2024 at 01:24 PM

AD

“ *Cathy, there are no words to tell you how much you and Wes mean to us and what a tremendous loss he is. God bless you and your family.*

*Ann and Bob*

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**Ann Decker** - November 11, 2024 at 02:54 PM

BI

“ *Dear Cathy, Matt and Dana,  
What in honor to call Wes a friend. I met him in Naval OCS in 1968 and we have maintained a friendship since then. An outstanding individual in all phases smart, kind, great athlete, wonderful Christian, loyal friend. I'm going to miss him terribly. I think of all the entrepreneurs that he helped with his discipline and financial conservatism keeping them on the rails. I will miss our conversations on athletics and politics and world happenings. He was just the best of the best. Rest in peace Brother. Bob and Linda Ittner*

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**Bob Ittner** - November 09, 2024 at 10:03 AM

MG

“ To the Scovanner Family: My sincere condolences. I will always be indebted to Wes for introducing me to the Pop Warner Football program. Some of my best memories in life were coaching with Wes. I don't think that I have met a more well-rounded individual. His enthusiasm for life was very infectious. I will always regret not spending more time around him after the Pop Warner days were over. He truly was a class act. We should all aspire to be more like him.

*Mike Good*

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**Mike Good** - November 07, 2024 at 01:29 PM

ML

“ Cathy, Dana and Matt, my heart goes out to all of you with the passing of Wes. He was one of the greatest mentors in my professional career. Always witty, kind and willing to take you under his wing to help you navigate your career. Wes was gentleman in every sense and he will be missed immensely.

*Mary Lawless*

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**Mary Lawless** - November 05, 2024 at 06:56 AM

CC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Scovanner Family.  
We feel extremely fortunate to have know Wes and Cathy.*

*I was really lucky that Wes allowed my firm to work with him on the purchase and sale of some property. --After meeting Wes, we spent some time riding around SJ County and looking at other properties - -and mostly talking sports.*

*Wes was a top notch person - outstanding athlete -- and all around great guy!*

*We will miss him --and take away so many positives from knowing him.*

*Craig Cunningham & Jill Mangum*

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**Craig Cunningham** - November 03, 2024 at 10:00 AM