



David Scott Manley passed away suddenly from complications of pneumonia on January 9, 2009 in Oklahoma City. When Scott was born, on December 13, 1939, his father, Samuel Guy Manley, dedicated him to the service of God, and, from that day forward, Scott's life was defined by the pursuit of an intimate relationship with the Lord, a determination to share His love with others, and a deliberate living of the Word. Scott was the firstborn of Guy and Lucille Manley's two children. He grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, and while completing his degree in Psychology at the University of Tennessee, he started the first Young Life Club at West High School in Knoxville. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. During that time, he became the Area Director of Young Life in Fort Worth and established that ministry, which allowed him to demonstrate his considerable gifts for relating to young people and sharing with them his love of God. When he was transferred to the Young Life organization in Oklahoma City, God provided Scott with a partner, Ann Shearer, who became not only his wife, but his best friend, his faithful collaborator, and his greatest fan. Together they built a growing ministry and a home filled with hospitality. They welcomed two treasured children into their lives, Monica and Guy Robert. Monica has two children of her own, Jayson and Joel, both of whom regarded "Papaw Scott" as their favorite playmate. The Manleys' son, Guy, passed away in the summer of 2008. In addition to their own children, Scott and Ann formed an extended family of young people whose lives they enhanced and influenced in ways beyond counting. In 1976, Scott helped found Our Lord's Community Church in Oklahoma City, where he trained, taught, pastored and preached to both youth and adults. When his tenure at Young Life came to an end, Scott accepted a position at Merrill Lynch, where he worked for 24 years, developing both the financial and spiritual well-being of his clients. He retired from Merrill Lynch in 1997 and founded and became the Executive Director of Cornerstone Assistance Network of OKC, the mission of which was to enable the church to take a more active role in liberating people from both physical and spiritual poverty. To accomplish this mission, Scott focused on connecting people in need with Christians who care. ShareFest, an annual event sponsored by Cornerstone, highlights and celebrates the numerous ways in which the faith community meets the needs of our city with hope and help. Scott continued to direct this ministry until his death. Through Young Life, Our Lord's Community Church, and Cornerstone Assistance Network, Scott has left his indelible mark on hundreds of lives and on the character of his community. Scott is survived by his wife of 40 years, his beloved daughter and her husband, Topher Owen, his grandsons and their father, Terry Adkins his sister and brother-in-law, Dana and Keith Forsyth of Knoxville, Tennessee and numerous nieces and nephews. His much-loved extended family includes Robert and Linda Shearer, Bruce and Jean Shearer, and Stephani and Lily Suhre. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m., Saturday, January 17, at Our Lord's Community Church, 11400 N. Portland, OKC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornerstone Assistance Network, P.O. Box 20629, OKC, OK, 73156, or to Young Life of Oklahoma City, 2933 W. Hefner Road, OKC, OK 73120.

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