



## Scott Hamilton

March 27, 1957 - December 9, 2013

Carolina Shores, NC...Scott Cameron Hamilton, 56, of Cobblers Circle, died Monday, December 9, 2013 at the Medical University of SC.

Scott was born in Mineola, NY, a son of the late John C. and Nancy J. Hamilton. He attended Mattituck High School where he met his best friend and future wife Beth, whom he married in 1976. Collectively, Scott and Beth were together nearly 40 years. They had two sons Chris and Steve. Scott loved warm days at the beach and had many triumphs deep sea fishing and on the golf course. Above all, he cherished the time he spent with family and friends.

Scott dedicated 36 years of service to the Cornell University Police Department serving as a patrol officer and an investigator with the Major Crimes Unit. He left the department in 2012 at the rank of Senior Investigator. Scott was honored and privileged to work with agencies including the US Marshalls Service, Scotland Yard, FBI, US Secret Service, DEA, Department of State, Justice Department, Israeli Secret Service, as well as several local and state law enforcement agencies throughout New York. Scott had also been the Tompkins County representative for the New York State Counter Terrorism Committee Zone 6. He also proudly served as a patrol officer with the Dryden Police Department in New York for over 11 years. Upon moving to North Carolina, he became a proud member of the Coastal Carolina Shields. Despite a bustling career, above all, Scott's first love was always his family; his devotion to his wife was unmatched. He took great pride in his profession

and was honored by the family's legacy in public safety. Without exception Scott could not be more pleased with his two son's careers in emergency service, the men that they have become, and the fathers that they are. Honest and sincere, he was a loyal friend and a man of great integrity. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Beth Heaney Hamilton; two sons, Christopher Cameron Hamilton (Qi Zhang) and their son, Jack Cameron Hamilton and Steven Cameron Hamilton (Jenny Riebe) and their daughter, Gracyn Elizabeth Hamilton and a God Child, Matthew Scott Poletti; sister, Dana Hamilton Willis (Jeff); brother, Brett Cameron Hamilton (Alicia) and their children, Katie, Maya and Ross Cameron Hamilton.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Saturday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Robert Harper officiating with a burial to follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 PM Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to Folds of Honor Foundation, 5800 N. Patriot Drive, Owasso, OK 74055.

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Beth Was so sorry and shocked to hear about Scott My condolences to you and your family. Sincerely Deb Monahan

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**Debbie Monahan** - January 06, 2014 at 04:34 PM

CD

“ Dear Beth, Christopher and Steven,

*We were shocked to hear about Scott. Each of us cherishes the childhood memories we have with our cousins. So many visits to Mattituck and time spent with Nana. Scott had the most infectious laugh!-you couldn't help but join in. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Kevin O'Connor  
Lauren Pucillo  
Caryn Delmonico*

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**Caryn Delmonico** - January 04, 2014 at 03:08 PM

JW

“ Jacquie Wright lit a candle in memory of Scott Hamilton



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**Jacquie Wright** - December 19, 2013 at 09:38 AM

JW

*Dear Beth and Scott's entire family -- Scott walked among us as one amazing, kind, caring, intelligent, observant, terrific, fantastic, loving man who always knew how to make you smile with that amazing smile of his. I will always remember his hugs and the many events we attended as he watched over all of us insuring the safety of all. That is what he dedicated his life doing. He is gone too soon, but as Janet said, you have a special guardian angel watching over you. I am so very sorry. Scott had more to do, however, through the example he and Beth illustrated, your children and grandchildren are good, giving, people because of that. May Scott rest in peace. He was just simply a great man.*

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**Jacquie Wright** - December 19, 2013 at 09:46 AM

JB

“ *Beth and Family, I was shocked to hear of Scott's passing. I will keep him in my prayers. He will always be with you in heart and spirit. Joe Busuttil*

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**Joe Busuttil** - December 17, 2013 at 08:55 PM

LG

“ *Dear Beth and family,*

*I had the privilege of working with Scott for more than 10 years at Cornell. He was a great guy, very smart and dedicated to making the world a safer and better place. My heart is with you at this sad time. Please know that he made a difference in the lives of the people -- especially the students and young people -- that he helped. With all my sympathy, Linda Grace-Kobas*

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**Linda Grace-Kobas** - December 17, 2013 at 11:28 AM

SM

“ Dear Beth and family,

*We are so sorry to hear about Scott. We pray that your most precious memories bring you all peace and comfort during the difficult days ahead.*

*With our sympathy and friendship,  
Nick and Sandy McCabe*

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**Sandy McCabe** - December 15, 2013 at 05:51 AM

JH

“ Beth, Chris, and Steve, ... I cannot imagine this world without that quick smile and little chuckle! But how lucky we all have been because Scott came into our lives, in so many different ways but always with friendship, loyalty and love. I will cherish him forever and thank God I had the opportunity to call him my dear friend. With all my love to each of you for peace in your heart....be consoled that you will have a very special guardian angel watching over you always, he will never leave your side. –J.



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**Janet Heinis** - December 14, 2013 at 11:27 PM

LH

“ Beth, Chris and Steve,  
*My heart goes out to you all. I can't think of a finer person or one that I would rather have there to back me up during the 28 years we worked together. He will be greatly missed. Too young, too soon.*

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**Lin Hurd** - December 14, 2013 at 04:49 PM

KE

“ Dear Beth and Family,  
Matt and I are sharing in your loss. Scott always made us laugh -  
we will miss him.  
Hugs, Kelly Jackson & Matt Sloan

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**Kelly** - December 14, 2013 at 01:29 PM

KM

“ Kelly & Matt lit a candle in memory of Scott  
Hamilton



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**Kelly & Matt** - December 14, 2013 at 01:24 PM

DD

“ Dear Beth,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Love to all,  
Debbie

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**Debra Dolan** - December 14, 2013 at 10:45 AM

DD

“ Debra Dolan purchased the Cheryl's Classic Bakery  
Tower for the family of Scott Hamilton.



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**Debra Dolan** - December 14, 2013 at 10:41 AM

DG

“ *Beth and all,  
I was very saddened to hear of Scott's passing. He was a respected professional in his field and a wonderful person. My deepest sympathy.*

*Donna Goss*

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**Donna Goss** - December 14, 2013 at 08:56 AM

DD

“ *Beth and all -  
Shocked when I saw the Ithaca Journal today. Scott was always friendly with the same smile on his face as on his picture here and we will always be friends.*

*He and I had many occasions backing each other up, especially when he was working at Dryden. He took his job seriously and was just as serious in partaking in some of the off hours social critique of the affairs of the world and sports. Just plain fun in simpler terms from simpler times.*

*Sorry to say we lost touch when I retired except for a few various other events.*

*May he rest in peace and may you all be sustained by your memories of your very special relationships with each other.*

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**Dewey Dawson** - December 13, 2013 at 03:47 PM

RD

“ *Beth, Chris & Steve:  
Words can't express the great loss we all feel. Your husband, father  
was a fine man dedicated to his career and family. We all have lost  
a good friend.  
Bob & Kathleen Day*

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**Robert Day** - December 13, 2013 at 01:43 PM



“ *Glorious Memories Garland was purchased for  
the family of Scott Hamilton.*



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December 13, 2013 at 01:23 PM

ML

“ *Beth, Chris and Steven,  
I was shocked and left with a feeling of loss for a fellow officer and  
friend. I was always impressed with Scott's knowledge and  
professionalism and willingness to help anyone that needed it. I'll  
miss not stopping by and saying "Hi Scottie". May God bless your  
family and help you through this time of need.  
Mike Lummuka*

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**Michael Lummuka** - December 13, 2013 at 01:15 PM

CD

“ *Beth, Chris and Steven,  
There are no words to tell you how sorry we are at hearing of  
Scott's passing. Over the many years we have all known each other  
one thing was always evident...his love for his family. May memories  
comfort you all during this difficult time. Sending love and strength  
to all of you.*

*~ John and Cindy Durbin*

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**Cindy Durbin** - December 13, 2013 at 12:51 PM

MU

“ *Maureen Updike purchased the Rose Tribute for  
the family of Scott Hamilton.*



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**Maureen Updike** - December 13, 2013 at 12:50 PM

LC

“ *Dear Beth,  
I am so sorry. I am grieving for the loss of your man, your soulmate  
and your best friend.  
What a tremendous, important loss for you, your family and  
everyone who knew him.*

*With love and hugs coming from north to south,*

*Lynne Conway*

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**Lynne Conway** - December 13, 2013 at 12:36 PM

KM

“ *Kristin MacHenry purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Scott Hamilton.*



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**Kristin MacHenry** - December 13, 2013 at 12:28 PM

MM

“ *So many Cornell events, so many dinners in Barton Hall, so many memories we could never share it all but we cherish all the beautiful memories he left us with.  
Praying for strength for Beth and your beautiful family.  
love & big hugs,  
Marty Moses,  
Cornell University*

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**Marty Moses** - December 13, 2013 at 11:47 AM

TG

“ *In the many years I worked with Scott dealing with people with mental health problems at Cornell, he treated everyone with kindness and respect. He was an example to us all. Terry Garahan*

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**Terry Garahan** - December 13, 2013 at 10:53 AM

PS

“ *Beth and family,  
I was sadden to hear of Scott's passing, you were such a great couple. My sympathy to you and your family.  
Peggy Smith*

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**Peggy Smith** - December 13, 2013 at 10:52 AM

KW

“ Thinking of you all and the beautiful legacy Scott leaves in his family, and with all whom he touched.

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**Karen Weiss** - December 13, 2013 at 09:37 AM

LM

“ Thinking of you all at this time with much love.  
-Loreal Maguire

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**Loreal Maguire** - December 13, 2013 at 08:52 AM

SH

“ Beth and family,  
I was shocked to hear of Scott's passing at such a young age. He was a truly nice guy and I always remember that big smile. My sympathy to you all.  
Sheila Haddad

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**Sheila Haddad** - December 13, 2013 at 08:35 AM

PA

“ Beth, Chris and Steve. Words cannot express how saddened I am to hear of Scott passing. Scott was a man of honor and so proud of his two sons accomplishments. He will be greatly missed by all. Husband, father and grandfather, Scott was a person to look up to. I am so sorry for you loss.

*Patty (Hutchings) Clement*

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**Patty** - December 13, 2013 at 08:23 AM

TK

“ Timothy K. purchased the *Let It Snow* for the family of Scott Hamilton.



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**Timothy K.** - December 13, 2013 at 08:07 AM

BT

“ Beth, Chris and Steve,

*I was shocked when I saw that Scott had passed. He was always a true friend and did many things over the years to make my job easier. I remember when he first came to work for us at Cornell. He was very enthusiastic and wanted to get involved in everything he could. He was always a true professional.*

*Bob Tvaroha*

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**Bob Tvaroha** - December 13, 2013 at 07:50 AM

CR

“ Chief Forrester and Renee purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Scott Hamilton.



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**Chief Forrester and Renee** - December 13, 2013 at 07:24 AM

BR

“ Chris, Steve, and Mrs. Hamilton,  
Very sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I fully enjoyed by time spent with the Hamilton family while growing up. I will always treasure the memories of my interactions with Scott. He will be greatly missed by many.

Brian Rizzo  
Homer, NY

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**Brian Rizzo** - December 13, 2013 at 06:28 AM

BC

“ My thoughts and condolences go to Scott's family. From police basic school in Binghamton through retirement Scott has always been a trusted and respected friend and colleague.  
Bill Cornell Dryden, NY

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**Bill Cornell** - December 13, 2013 at 05:54 AM

LC

“ My sympathies go out to all of Scott's family. Heaven now has one of its greatest angels.

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**Lynette Chappell-Williams** - December 13, 2013 at 05:36 AM

TE

“ Trumansburg Fire & E.M.S. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Scott Hamilton.



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**Trumansburg Fire & E.M.S.** - December 12, 2013 at 08:00 PM

LJ

“ Love, Jolene purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Scott Hamilton.



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**Love, Jolene** - December 12, 2013 at 05:12 PM

TS

“ I learned a great deal from Scott as a new agent working financial crimes. He was humble and grateful for good company. He and Beth were very hospitable to me when i was new to CNY. The family is in my prayers.

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**Tim Kirk - U.S. Secret Service** - December 12, 2013 at 03:31 PM



“ A *Full Life* was purchased for the family of Scott Hamilton.



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December 12, 2013 at 03:25 PM



“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Scott Hamilton.



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December 12, 2013 at 02:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Scott Hamilton.* ”



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December 12, 2013 at 01:35 PM



“ *Annemarie Heaney Chouinard lit a candle in memory of Scott Hamilton* ”



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**Annemarie Heaney Chouinard** - December 12, 2013 at 01:33 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Scott was a wonderful man and will be missed by many.* ”

*Cathy & Michele Lee*

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**Cathy Lee** - December 12, 2013 at 01:00 PM



“ *DENISE & MARK KING purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Scott Hamilton.* ”



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**DENISE & MARK KING** - December 12, 2013 at 12:38 PM

TF

“ *THE VAIL FAMILY purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Scott Hamilton.*



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**THE VAIL FAMILY** - December 12, 2013 at 12:24 PM