



## Scott Alexander Lekas

February 1, 1957 - June 8, 2023

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It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Scott Lekas on June 8th, 2023, at the age of 66. Scott was born to Michael and Patricia (née Crossman) Lekas in Sackville, New Brunswick, on February 1st, 1957. An avid musician, he was a familiar face on stage alongside his long-time bandmate and best friend, Terry Brennan. It was at a gig that Scott met Nancy Price with whom he would share the last 15 years of his life.

In his youth and young adulthood, Scott played left wing on hockey teams in Sackville, Toronto, and Halifax. As an adult, he studied education at Saint Mary's University. He went on to teach in the school system, and later delivered the GED and adult education programs to Indigenous students at the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre.

Scott poured his talent and time into his 18 years at the Friendship Centre where he was Program Manager for the Seven Sparks Justice Program. Seven Sparks seeks to assist Indigenous offenders with reintegration into their urban environment. It also provides support for past offenders and those currently at risk of involvement in the justice system. His respect and compassion for the community served by the Friendship Centre were felt by all who knew and worked with him.

Beyond his work, Scott's interests were vast. His gameness to explore the brightest and darkest corners of any topic, in any conversation, with any person made him uniquely affable and endearing. He listened without

judgement as a friend, a father, and an ally. He gave generously of his time, particularly as a passionate enforcer of the rules of grammar, always a champion for the finer nuances of the English language.

Scott will be forever missed by his dearest Nancy; beloved children Lekas (Shannon MacDougall) Bell, Ashley (John) Faddoul, and Jacob (Sophia Allen-Rice) Lekas; former wife Holly Bell with whom he shared 20 years as partners followed by 26 years as friends; their grandchildren Aiden and Ella Faddoul, Ziggy and Jovie Bell, Harry and baby girl Lekas; brother Steven (Patricia neé Downe) Lekas, and their children Nick and Emily. Scott is predeceased by his parents and his dog Juniper.

He will be greatly missed by friends and extended family in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and by many worthy intellectual opponents on social media. He will be remembered for his wry humour, his passion for really big bonfires, and his unflappable constitution. He was a deep and placid man who, at his core, was about the simple things. He treasured his family, his music, the arts, and all the beauty and grit this world holds.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre in Scott's name. To make a donation or to learn about the current MNFC programs, visit: <https://mymnfc.com/donation/>

A celebration of Scott's life will take place on July 27th at the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre in Halifax. Further details will be made public at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ I attended the celebration for Scott at the MFCentre but did not have the opportunity to write in the memory book.

Not having had much contact over the last many years, I learned so much that day about the fullness of Scott's life, that I wished I had known him better.

I do remember the glorious furniture he built on Willow St, the Eagle he drove, the speaking voice that easily filled a room or a church.

Sending with love to all of Scott's family and friends who miss his presence.

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**Sylvia Gard** - August 06, 2023 at 10:49 AM

DM

“ Scott: I only got to work with you for a couple of summers but what a wonderful time it was. Thank you for our brief time together.

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**Daniel MacKay** - July 30, 2023 at 10:24 AM

EJ

“ I worked with Scott decades ago, in construction; he was the best crew mate you could ask for. I only just heard and can't quite believe he's gone. I'll miss running into him. I won't be with you tomorrow in body but will be thinking of you all.

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**Emanuel Jannasch** - July 26, 2023 at 07:17 PM

AM

“ I was saddened to hear of Scott's passing. He was such an intelligent man, and quick witted. He has three wonderful children. My sincerest condolences to Lekas, Ashley and Jacob, the grandchildren and Holly. xoxo Anna Pollock Migas

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**anna migas** - June 21, 2023 at 06:11 PM

KR

“ Ashley and family, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. xo Kristen Cockerill

kristen - June 20, 2023 at 02:30 PM

AC

“ My brother Anthony, Scott and his brother Stephen and I were neighbours and friends for several years growing up in Sackville. I have great memories of the fun times the four of us had!!  
Condolences to Scott's family and friends.

Alison Cran - June 20, 2023 at 09:20 AM

SL

“ Sending my condolences to Scott's family. Scott was an absolute professional who was committed to helping people everyday in such a genuine way. He has touched so many lives on his short time on earth. I am grateful for knowing him.

Susan Leadbetter

Susan Leadbetter - June 16, 2023 at 06:28 AM

TL

“ Our heartfelt condolences on such a profound loss to the family and community. It was evident how much Scott's children and grandchildren meant to him and no doubt this leaves a huge void but he has enriched all and may that and all the fond memories help the healing. Let the love of family and friends hold you up during this difficult time.

Tina and Barry Lewis - June 15, 2023 at 11:49 PM

MC

“ I feel so very fortunate to have known Scott, we were colleagues and most importantly friends. I will miss our many debates on life, our banter on what to get for lunch, our war of memes at the office and most of all the laughter we shared on a daily basis. Scott made such an impact in the work he did and was so dedicated to making a difference in the lives of the people he was supporting. I will miss seeing his face and hearing his words of wisdom. My deepest condolences go out to his family and friends. The world lost an amazing human being. RIP my friend.

*Michelle Cuvelier*

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**Michelle Cuvelier** - June 15, 2023 at 10:24 PM

CD

“ Hi to all: I just saw that Scott has passed. Scott and I shared an office at the MNFC for many years. I so enjoyed his company and I came to depend on him for his wisdom and support. He was usually at his desk when I would arrive in the morning and he would always greet me with a loud "Hey Chuck" and would then proceed to tell me about some argument he was having with someone on one of his chat groups. It would always make me laugh. He was a very talented man and a huge asset to the Friendship Centre. They, like all of us, will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take care. Chuck Duncan

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**Chuck Duncan** - June 15, 2023 at 04:24 PM

CW

*To Holly, Lekas, Ashley, Jacob, Nancy, and all your families, may this time of sorrow be as kindly as possible, and may your wonderful memories of Scott bring you comfort as you go forward in your lives without him. Sending you all love and hugs. Cheri*

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**Cheri Wilson** - June 15, 2023 at 07:10 PM

NS

*Dear Nancy and also Scott's Family. We only spent a few fun evenings with Scott over the years and it involved music, of course. It is evident that he was so loved by family and friends and so talented and giving. Thinking of you all at this difficult time. Love, Nancy and Ernie*

**Nancy Jean Saunders** - June 17, 2023 at 03:55 PM

TZ

*“ Dear Ashley, Lekus and Jacob. I'm so sorry for your loss. Such fond memories of your Dad from Willow Street days, woven into the tapestry of my life. Sending love a healing thoughts.*

**Theresa Zukauskas** - June 15, 2023 at 12:53 PM

GC

*“ Ashley, my heart is broken for you and your family. Please know that my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Please accept my heartfelt condolences, Gina*

**Gina Crane-Wilson** - June 15, 2023 at 12:45 PM

JC

*“ My heartfelt condolences & prayers to Nancy, Scott's family & friends. As a former coworker at the Mi'kmaw Friendship Centre it was an honour to work with Scott and to witness how much he truly cared for the clients who came to see him either for school or for the Justice Program. He was always so compassionate, helpful and kind to all and he will truly be missed.*

**Joanne Sylliboy Cooke** - June 15, 2023 at 12:06 PM