



Scott Robert Boileau

April 24, 1951 - December 10, 2025

Scott Robert Boileau, 74, of Ghent, WV, died on December 10, 2025. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he grew up the oldest brother of three and went on to spend his life advocating for children in his adopted home state of West Virginia. For 40 years—from his start in child protective services in Mercer County, to regional director of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, to state commissioner for the Bureau of Children and Families, to executive director of the Alliance for Children—he dedicated his life’s work, his voice, and his energy to protecting and uplifting the children of West Virginia.

An ardent optimist, he believed deeply in the purpose and progress of humankind and the importance of hope, pushing back against complacency and cynicism. He was known for cheering on his Mountaineers, Phillies and Eagles (“Go Birds!”), savoring a bourbon while listening to his favorite artists (“Janis Joplin is a 10!”), working in his yard or the pottery studio, and holding court at the dining room table. He will be remembered for his generosity, the unmistakable volume of his voice, and his love of a good time.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne Boileau, of Ghent (by way of Bluefield); his daughter, Jamie Boileau, her husband Josh Moeller, and their children Leo and Audrey of Brooklyn, NY; his son, Zack Boileau, his wife Raven Bradburn, and their daughter Camille of Hyattsville, MD; his brother, Bill Boileau, of Las Vegas, NV; and his nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Robert Scott Boileau; his mother, Lois

Sharp; his stepfather, Ralph Sharp; and his brother, Jeffrey Boileau.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Mercer Funeral Home, in Bluefield, WV. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Children's Home Society of West Virginia.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Memorial Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GK

“ So sorry for your loss. Scott and I were in the Bluefield Jaycees many years ago and had lots of memories. Greg!!! gkanode@hotmail.com

Greg Kanode - December 28, 2025 at 07:22 AM

MR

“ My sister and brothers remember Scott via our mother Margaret Ann Rucker, when he worked at the Department of Social Services in Princeton WV years ago. Our mother spoke highly of him and his family. As a retired social worker, I, along with my siblings, had nothing but respect for the man and professional he was. May he rest in peace. Prayers to the family. The Children of Larkin Sr and Margaret Ann Rucker.

Mary Rucker - December 25, 2025 at 01:43 PM

FG

“ from your friends at Smithsonian Gardens purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Scott Robert Boileau.



from your friends at Smithsonian Gardens - December 20, 2025 at 09:06 AM

BW

“ So very sorry to learn of Scotts passing.....I have many fond memories of Scott at LC. May peace be with him and his wife and family.

Bob Wendig - December 18, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Scott Robert Boileau.*



December 17, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ *Joanne, I am so sorry to hear of Scotts passing. I loved going to church with you and your family at Bland Street United Methodist Church. You both were so active, and I admired your participation with the children and church. I pray you feel God's loving arms holding you up at this time. Take care and God Bless.*
Sue Luterick



Susan Luterick - December 17, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ *I remember Scott very well. We were members of the Bluefield Chapter of the Jaycees. He was a good person. May you enjoy Heaven Scott.*

JR Moore - December 15, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *A friendship that spanned time and miles. Families that paralleled each other from weddings to children to grandchildren. Our love of the Philly sports teams. A very special friendship that made so many beautiful and lasting memories. Scott, we love you and will miss you.*
Joanne and Bob Doganiero

Bob Doganiero - December 15, 2025 at 08:27 AM

JW

“ Scott was sharp. He was extremely opinionated. He was a child advocate. He was highly organized and efficient. He was passionate in his endeavors. He was a bulldog, the best of the breed. I am privileged to call you my friend. You leave a legacy for children and families.

Janet Williamson - December 14, 2025 at 09:48 PM

BG

“ First off, Scott told me he is from Moorestown, New Jersey. Yes, it's the burbs of Philadelphia and Scott was the ultimate Phillie fanatic. Nonetheless on behalf of all New Jerseyans, I am claiming Scott Robert Boileau as one of our own. And with good reason. Scott & I had many discussions regarding child protective services. As an attorney I needed to work with Scott and his staff. I never ran into anyone at Social Services, particularly Protective Services, more passionate and knowledgeable than Scott. Even when in adversary roles, you had to appreciate a very bright, hard-working guy who cared deeply about children. I am proud to say that Scott & I were friends. He was athletic; I was not. We would play racquetball. He would graciously let me win one now and then .But we teamed up on volleyball and had fun playing family softball. We also partied. (Another Scott Boileau skill.)

Joanne, Jamie, Zach, my condolences. But know you got the most time with a very special guy. I miss you all. - Bob Golcheski

Bob Golcheski - December 14, 2025 at 12:00 PM

MJ

Joanna, So sorry to hear that Scott has left this world. May he rest in . peace. Myrlon. "Myrt" Johnson

Myrlon Johnson - December 15, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ *Incessantly hopeful, could wear down most any resistance, from any sector, bring folks along until they internalized the change to the point that they never knew it wasn't their idea in the first place. Sometimes he'd have to remind us. Would always go the extra mile. An exceptionally good human being.*

Marion-David Lowman - December 14, 2025 at 05:06 AM

NR

“ *Joanne and family,
I am so very sorry to hear about Scott. He will be dearly missed.
Prayers and hugs sent your way.
Nancy Scott Roten*

Nancy Roten - December 13, 2025 at 02:25 PM

MG

“ *It was a pleasure to know Scott and an honor to work with him. There was no stronger advocate for children than Scott. My sympathy to Joanne, Jamie, and Zach and family. Judge Mary Ellen Griffith*

Mary Griffith - December 13, 2025 at 09:01 AM

SC

“ *Scott made me laugh, made me think, and made me question. I am among the many whose lives are better for having known him, and that will miss him.*

Sam Craig - December 12, 2025 at 05:14 PM