



Scott Kurtis Pettit

January 2, 1979 - March 9, 2026

Scott Kurtis Pettit passed away on March 9, 2026, surrounded by his loving family and friends. Scott was born on January 2, 1979, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to David John Pettit and Sharae Pettit.

Growing up, Scott developed many interests, including a love of history, participating in plays, singing in several choirs, performing with a youth group around the country, and being on the ballroom dance team at Alta High School. He graduated from Alta High School in 1997. After high school, he faithfully served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Germany. Following his mission, Scott attended the University of North Texas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in emergency management. During his time in Texas, Scott met the love of his life, Tracy Pettit. Scott was serving as the secretary in the Residence Hall Association when he met Tracy. They were married in June 2004 and built a life filled with love and devotion. Scott built a successful career working as an HR Manager and later as a Regional Safety Manager. In 2014, Scott and Tracy were blessed through the miracle of adoption when they welcomed their son, Edwin Pettit, into their family.

Later in life, Scott realized he had not yet found his true passion. Determined to follow his calling, he returned to school and graduated from Westminster in 2012 with a master's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in educational leadership from Western Governor's University. After graduating, Scott began working at Summit Academy, where he served in many roles,

including that of a teacher, assistant principal, debate coach, director of safety, director of transportation, bus driver, director of facilities, grant writer and covid specialist. Scott received several awards including District Administrator of the year, District Coach of the year, 2024 Safety Hero, Outstanding Teacher & Debate Coach Award, and Business Employee of the Quarter in 2024. He truly left a lasting impact on his co-workers and students, and everyone he met.

Scott was the kind of person who would give the shirt off his back to help someone in need. He had a remarkable gift for connecting with others without judgment, offering kindness, compassion, and understanding to everyone he met. Scott believed deeply in people and in second chances. He truly embodied charity—the pure love of Christ. A lifelong historian at heart, Scott loved learning about history and sharing that knowledge with others. Scott also had a great sense of humor. He was often funny and sometimes sarcastic. Above all, he had a way of making people smile.

Scott served in many church callings throughout his life, always giving of his time and talents with quiet devotion. He served as Webelos Scout leader, Young Men counselor at both the ward and stake levels, Bishopric financial and membership clerk, Elders Quorum President, and, most recently, second counselor in the bishopric. While he was grateful for every opportunity to serve, his favorite calling was Primary pianist. Scott loved music, and he found special joy in playing the piano for children, a role that perfectly reflected his gentle spirit and love for others.

Scott was first diagnosed with cancer in September of 2024. He courageously fought and won his first battle. Sadly, the cancer later returned. Though he lost the physical battle, he won the spiritual one. We take comfort in knowing he has been joyfully reunited with our Heavenly Father, our Savior, and with family members, friends, and beloved pets who have gone before him.

Scott was preceded in death by his grandparents, Sharon Hatch, Seth Pettit & Neva Pettit.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Tracy Pettit; his son, Edwin Pettit; his

beloved pets, Stella and Wendell; his parents, David and Sharae Pettit; his siblings Marshall Pettit (Shelbi), Brady Pettit (Shantel), Brett Pettit (Jennifer), and Makaylee Racker (Joel); along with many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

All family members, friends, current and former students, and all who were touched by Scott's life are warmly invited to attend the viewings and funeral services.

Cemetery Details

Sandy City Cemetery

700 East 9000 South
Sandy, UT 84070

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

River View Stake Center
12101 South 700 West
Draper, UT 84020

Funeral Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

River View Stake Center
12101 South 700 West
Draper, UT 84020

Graveside Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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700 East 9000 South
Sandy, UT 84070

Tribute Wall



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Chris Webb - March 16 at 11:28 AM

BB

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Buy counterfeit bills - March 16 at 11:15 AM



“ Scott was my teacher, debate coach, student council advisor, mentor, and friend. He believed in his students, encouraging them through struggles and helping them realize their potential. I was lucky to have his advocacy and guidance, which set me on the path to becoming an attorney. More importantly, his example encouraged me to strive to be a good person and always choose kindness.

At Summit, my friends and I would often hang out in his classroom after school because he was gregarious and wonderful to be around, and we considered him a trusted friend. I moved away from Utah after high school, but he had such a profound impact on my character and development that I always tried to see him when I returned to check in, chat, and joke around about all sorts of things. It was amazing to hear how he eventually came to be essentially running Summit from the shadows (lol), but it was always most touching to hear how proud he was of his wife and son and the moments he would share. We are all so lucky to have known him and to have been blessed with his love. YNWA, Scott.



Bryan Williams - March 14 at 01:56 PM

FB

“ *Mr. Pettit was my debate coach, history/geography teacher, and neighbor.*

I would not have had my career in public policy, news, and broadcast TV without him. He was always so helpful and kind, and he always pushed every student to reach their potential. Mr. Pettit was instrumental the debate team win state numerous times, and he advocated for so many students. He saw potential in everyone around him.

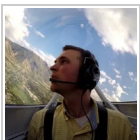
Rest in peace, Mr. Pettit.

Frances Floresca Baldwin - March 13 at 11:28 PM

WE

“ *Scott was a patient, loving, kind person. I enjoyed working with and knowing him. Scott played sports with our son when he was younger. Scott has the perfect example of Christ like person. We talked a lot about our son going through chemo as he was having chemo. I loved working with Scott.*

Wayne Egbert - March 13 at 12:47 PM



“ *Scott and I were ministers in a far country. He exemplified kindness and fortitude.*



Andrew Eldredge - March 13 at 10:18 AM

AW

“ Everyone who got the chance to be a student of Mr. Pettits loved him and knew what a kind, intelligent, hard working man he was. He loved his students. And we love him.

Abby Wroten - March 12 at 01:20 PM

MG

“ Pettit was the best teacher I have ever had, and I know he will be very missed by all his former students. He was endlessly caring, funny, and kind. My heart goes out to his family, and I wish you peace and love during this unimaginable time of grief.

Madi Goddard - March 11 at 11:08 PM

DH

“ Scott was a fantastic human being and an excellent boss. I'm grateful for having worked for him. I will miss him.

David Hitchcock - March 11 at 04:50 PM

JW

“ Mr. Pettit was one of the only teachers that really saw me and believed in me. He wouldn't let me not see my potential, and always helped make sure I had the tools to succeed. He will always be one of my favorite teachers and one of the few that still impacts me today. He will be so missed, but his light will continue to shine through all the people he impacted.

Joie Weaver - March 11 at 03:42 PM

MS

“ Scott was a coach's coach. He served in leadership roles, was ahead of his time with tabroom, and was instrumental in raising standards for Student Congress in the state. Before he asked about your team or a tournament detail, he'd always ask how your family was doing first. He was kind and capable and he will be missed.

Mike Shackelford - March 11 at 02:33 PM

AH

“ Mr. Pettit was the best debate coach and teacher. I learned so much about history, how to structure an argument, and just general life advice from him. I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Adrianna Haight - March 11 at 01:03 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Serenity Funeral Home - March 11 at 12:22 PM

PL

I'm sorry to hear about Scott. I was privileged to work with him at Summit Academy for 3 years. He is a great man and touched many lives. My heartfelt prayers and thoughts go out to his family at this time. May Gods sweetest blessings of comfort and peace fill your souls! Paul Lundberg

Paul Lundberg - March 11 at 01:29 PM

SB

I'm so sorry to hear about Scott! I coached speech and debate at the same time he coached Summit. He was an amazing coach and I learned so much from him about what really mattered. I hope you feel the prayers of the thousands he impacted.

Sarah Bingham - March 11 at 02:25 PM

AN

I was very sorry to hear the news. I went to high school with Scott. I also attended the same singles ward with him. Scott is the kind of guy who makes everyone around him better. I will miss him. I am so sorry for your loss.

Alex Nunes - March 11 at 02:34 PM

DW

Scott had a way of making sure you knew he valued you even when he disagreed with you. He was a guide in so many ways. He is missed.

Daryl Workman - March 11 at 02:36 PM