



## Nathaniel Covington "Cov" Scotten IV

August 16, 1946 - January 2, 2026

Nathaniel Covington "Cov" Scotten IV, of Galesville, passed away peacefully at home on January 2, 2026, at the age of 79. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nathaniel "Nat" Covington Scotten III and Colleen Smith Scotten, and by his brother, Norman "Buck" Scotten.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bonnie Scotten, with whom he shared a life full of laughter, cherished traditions, and the steady love that shaped their family. He is also survived by his children—Stephanie Pfister (John), Tracy Hughes (Donny Mader), and Nathaniel Covington "Scott" Scotten V (Meghan Day)—who each carry forward his resilience, humor, and unmistakable Scotten spirit.

Cov was a proud "Pop" to eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Gladys (Sears) Clark (Tommy), along with a large extended family of cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He formed deep, lasting friendships throughout his life, and to those he spoke with nearly every day, know that he treasured you and held you close to his heart.

For 63 years, Cov dedicated himself to the Galesville Volunteer Fire Department, serving as a volunteer firefighter and as President for more than four decades. He also served proudly in the United States Navy aboard the USS Charles P. Cecil DD-835 and was a Vietnam War veteran.

Cov loved picking crabs, cooking for his family, spending time with the “boys” at the firehouse, and watching sports—especially Women’s College Basketball and Little League World Series. He was known for sharing his favorite saying, “Finer than frog hair split four ways,” with just about everyone he met. He also took great pride in his honorary degree in “Flipperology” from the University of Wisconsin—if you know, you know.

He will be remembered for his sharp wit, his one-of-a-kind way of expressing himself, his lifelong service, and the unwavering loyalty he showed to family, friends, and community. His legacy lives on in the people he loved, the community he served, and the countless lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Galesville Volunteer Fire Department, 4680 Muddy Creek Rd, Galesville, MD 20765.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 22, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Main Street, Galesville. A private interment will be held at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“Cov I miss you more than words can say. What I'd give to have one more 3 o'clock coffee with you, or just to stop by on the motorcycle on my way though Galesville and talk on the porch. The words of wisdom about women, life, cars, Galesville, and the fire service we shared are worth more than any money can buy. I'll forever miss those times, those talks, and I'll cherish the memories forever. To Mrs. Bonnie, Tracie, Kayla, my prayers for peace, love, and comfort during these most difficult times. Cov was loved by many, including all of us that have ever spent time at station 1. He is and will always be a legend and a light in my life. Much Love,  
Josh Lyons

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**Joshua Lyons** - January 31 at 09:32 AM

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“Bonnie and Family, words cannot ease the pain of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Cov was a good friend and Galesville lost a true icon whose presence will forever be there through the love and stories everyone who knew him will share and keep in their hearts. Bobby & Gini

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**Bobby & Gini** - January 31 at 08:34 AM

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“ I met Cov when I joined Woodland Beach fire Department, He was best friends with Pete Snoots before his untimely passing in a tragic boating accident.

One of my fondest memories other than fighting fire together was kinda like who could hand letter names on the helmets of fellow fire fighters. Between Cov and Bill Purdy, they inspired me to work in the sign industry, I now own a full service sign company on the eastern shore of Maryland.

You will be missed my friend, until we meet again.

*Bobby Deal*

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**Bobby Deal** - January 30 at 08:54 PM