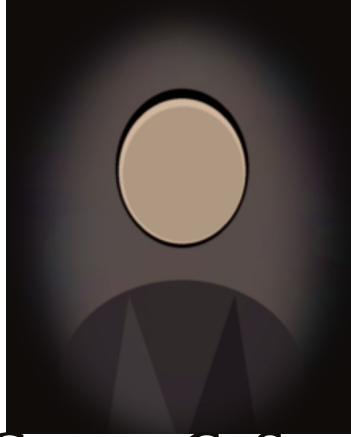




George C. Scott

October 18, 1927 - September 22, 1999

Westlake Village, California

George C. Scott - George Campbell Scott - American stage and screen actor whose Patton performance won an Academy Award he refused to accept, died of a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm at his home in Westlake Village, California, on September 22, 1999. He was seventy-one. Born October 18, 1927, in Wise, Virginia, and raised partly in Detroit, he served in the Marines, studied journalism, and then turned to theater with a ferocity directors both feared and booked.

Broadway work in *The Andersonville Trial* and films including *Anatomy of a Murder*, *Dr. Strangelove*, and *The Hustler* built a reputation for volcanic concentration. *Patton* (1970) made him internationally famous; he rejected the Oscar as a protest against competitive awards for acting. Later television and stage roles never softened the intensity - audiences felt he might break a scene open rather than merely finish it.

Westlake Village was a quieter California chapter after decades of New York stages and studio lots. Colleagues remembered the craft more than the controversy: an actor who treated every role as combat worth preparing for.

He died in Westlake Village on September 22, 1999. The Patton speech still opens film courses; the refused statue still defines an ethic.

Scott's gift was controlled fury - making authority figures feel dangerous and human at once. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 22 remembers the Virginia-born actor who redefined screen intensity and declined Hollywood's highest prize on principle.

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