



## Scott Alden Balas

*May 25, 1955 - October 20, 2006*

Scott Alden Balas, age 51, of McKinney, Texas passed away October 20, 2006 at his home. He was born May 25, 1955 in Queens Village, New York to William Nicholas and Patricia Anne (Winther) Balas. He was a graduate of Chatham Township High School in New Jersey and of East Carolina University in North Carolina, Class of 1977. Shortly after graduating from college, Scott was paralyzed in a diving accident in 1977. Through the many years of chronic pain, countless illnesses and surgeries, and ultimately cancer, Scott valiantly faced each new challenge head-on, striving for a life of independence. He undertook a variety of jobs, loved sports, and pursued horticulture to become certified as a Master Gardener after he moved to Texas in 2000. Scott cherished the love of his family, his friends, and his dogs. In return, Scott's courage, perseverance, positive attitude, and tremendous sense of humor in the face of such adversity instilled a source of inspiration to all who knew him. Scott is survived by his father William Balas of Salem, North Carolina, his mother Patricia Balas of McKinney, his older brother Steven Balas of Madison, Maine, and his younger sister Karen Hames of McKinney. Preceding him in death were his younger brother Glenn in 1978 and an infant brother in 1954. A Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 PM, Saturday, November 18, 2006 in the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations in Scott's memory may be made to our Collin County SPCA via mail: Dallas SPCS (designate for McKinney facility), 362 S. Industrial Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207; via phone to Jill at 214-651-9611 x 128; or via the internet at [www.spc.org](http://www.spc.org) (select "Donate"). Alternatively, memorials may be donated to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. Donation forms and contact information can be found on their web site at <http://www.themiamiproject.org/> (select "Donate").

## Memorials

*My Memories of Scott are that he was a very Kind, Brave and Compassionate friend.. I have known him most of my life all the back to the day when he struck*

*me out during a little league Baseball game, We laughed about that many times. He was an excellent pitcher as well as an outstanding all around athlete. He was very smart and always made you feel like you were something special. He loved animals especially his dogs Calvin and Cleo. My condolences to his Mom and family. I will miss him Deeply. God Bless You*  
*Scott Paul Otis*

**PAUL ROBERT OTIS, DECEMBER 22, 2006**

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