

## Remembering SCOTT LEWIS

The avicultural community has lost another leader and educator, Scott Lewis, 66, of Austin, Texas passed away suddenly, September 6, 2016, after a courageous battle with cancer. Scott was born on April 10, 1950, in Little Rock, Arkansas and grew up in the small farming community in Hereford, Texas.

Scott's true passion and dedication was Aviculture. It started with a couple of margaritas with his wife, Linda at El Rancho Restaurant after which they bought their first African Grey parrot. From there it blossomed into a full-scale parrot operation; together, they raised and cared for over 20 different species and over 75 pairs of parrots in their backyard in East Austin. He could often be found, in the late night hours, diligently hand-feeding baby parrots in the Nursery out behind the house.

Scott, along with his wife Linda, founded "Old World Aviaries" where they kept and bred a collection of parrots predominantly of African origins. From Cape parrots to Congo and Timneh Grey parrots, Scott had a keen interest in parrots and shared his knowledge with anyone, breeder or pet owners alike. Scott contributed to the Avian Community by sharing his knowledge of keeping, breeding, incubation, and hand-rearing of the many species he maintained. Scott always found time to share his personal insights with prospective pet owners about the pros and cons of each species; he moderated a world-wide email list for professional bird breeders, and was always a plethora of information for anyone calling with troubles or concerns about their pet parrot.

Scott loved all of his Facebook friends that he kept amused with his pictures of bizarre and rare critters of all kinds and his off-color comments. Scott was a classic curmudgeon with a wicked sense of humor, but he had a heart of gold. He possessed a huge soft spot for animals of all kinds and

once spent \$100 on a vet bill for a two-dollar sick chicken. One of his favorite pet birds was a Pied Crow named "Edgar". Anyone who knew him well knew that due to his background in history and philosophy, Scott was hard to beat at Trivial Pursuit.

