



Dale H. Baertsch

November 22, 1926 - December 19, 2023

Dale H. Baertsch, age 94, of Ramsey, MN passed away from this earth in the early morning hours of Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at Suite Living Senior Care.

Dale was preceded in death by his wife, Ferol Baertsch; daughter, Rebecca Baertsch; son, Roger Baertsch; parents, Walter and Verna Baertsch; sister, Lorraine (LaVerne) Kreher; and brother, Ronald (Deanna) Baertsch.

Dale was born in 1929 in the living room of his family's farm home in Eagle Valley, located near Fountain City, WI. He grew up working on the family farm until he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. Upon return, he married his sweetheart, Ferol, and they were married and inseparable for the next 69 years and two months. They lived in Fountain City, WI; Silver Bay, Fridley, New Brighton, Cottage Grove, Andover, and Ramsey, Mn.

Dale delivered fuel oil for a short time based out of Fountain City, but then heard of good jobs at the new Reserve Mining Company on the north shore of Lake Superior in Silver Bay, MN where he worked as a millwright/maintenance man for the next 30 years, becoming well known to the crew for his "ear-banger poems" that he wrote as many of his friends and co-workers retired. He was also known as pretty much an expert at playing checkers during lunches and break times.

Dale also carried mail for the U.S. Postal service part-time in Silver Bay which meant that he pretty much knew everyone in the entire town of 3,800 people.

After taking early retirement from the mining company, he transferred to be a full-time letter carrier in Fridley, MN until also retiring from the Postal Service.

Dale and Ferol loved to travel, visit their family, and made new friends wherever they went. In 2014 they fulfilled their goal of visiting all fifty states. They also loved to go on cruises and were able to visit multiple foreign countries as well. While traveling they loved meeting new people and kept up correspondence with many of them well after their travels.

Dale loved his wife, family, extended family, neighbors, fellow church attenders, and even strangers very well. He cared deeply for each person he met and loved to sit and talk and laugh with all within his sphere of influence right up until the end.

He is survived by his sons, Randell Baertsch; Walter Scott (Penny) Baertsch; daughter-in-law, Carrie Baertsch; grandchildren, Nancy, Dale, Nick, Dani, Brian, Darrell, Doug, and Shawn; great-grandchildren Cameron, Gianna, and Hallie; as well as many other loving family members and friends.

There will be a graveside service and burial at a later date at Fountain City Public Cemetery. Family and friends will be notified when a service is scheduled.

Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere condolences to all of you. Dale was such a great person to be around, he was always happy. Dale and Ferol came to visit me in New Mexico and we had a great time together. Blessings to all of you. Sonja Gilbertson Crockett (cousin).*

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