



Dale Kenneth Foote Jr.

February 4, 1929 - January 17, 2020

Dale "Sonny" Kenneth Foote, Jr., of Vermontville, Michigan, died on January 17, 2020. Dale was born on February 4, 1929 to Dale K. and Irene (Frank) Foote. Dale lived a simple life and was proud of the farm work that he did and the improvements that he made to his land throughout his life. He loved working with his tractor: planting seed and watching his crops grow. He also loved driving his semi across the country, which he did for 30 years before retiring in 1992 from Fleet Carrier of Pontiac, MI. At home he loved fishing in his pond with his granddaughter, Shamarr.

Westerns were a favorite of his, especially anything with Clint Eastwood. He could watch them over and over and never tire of them. He truly was a "cowboy at heart." Dale enlisted in the Navy in 1946 serving two years on the east coast. In 1948, he married Patricia Dickey, divorcing in 1953. In 1968 he married Lorraine Grzadzinski. Dale was a proud member of the American Legion, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, and the N.R.A.

Dale is survived by his son, Ken (Anne) Foote; daughter, Charlotte Garlinger and Deborah (Jack) Vineyard; step-daughters, Jodie (Steve) Kilpatrick and Tammi Gearhart; brothers, Raymond (Mary) Foote and Edwin (Alice) Foote; sister, Phyllis (Leo) Trumble; 4 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 1 step-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. Dale was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lorraine; sisters, Barbara Hess and Pat Sayles; brother-in-law, Kendal Sayles; son-in-law, Jerry Garlinger, and step-daughter, Lauren Coddington.

The family will receive visitors at Pray Funeral Home Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Kevin Barker officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Vermontville. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Dale on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com.

Cemetery

Woodlawn Cemetery

10911 Vermontville Hwy
Vermontville, MI, 49096

Events

JAN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pray Funeral Home

401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

JAN **Funeral Ceremony** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ So many memories of Uncle Son at the house with my dad. Talking farming or trucking. He would say “well look who it is” when I walked in the house. He’ll be missed by all of us.

Lisa Huver (Foote) - January 22 at 08:50 PM



“ Our Dear friend Nate and I have had countless memories with you and we will truly miss you!

Nate and Stacey Dickinson - January 22 at 03:27 PM



“ Uncle Son ~ My brothers and I always looked up to you. You were one of our few mentors. We always wanted to be like you. You were so cool all the time and had more class in your little finger than most people had in their whole body. We were so blessed to have a family with you in it. I have so many vivid memories of doing things with you. They will always be some of my finest treasures. I'm going to miss you Uncle Son and I'm going to look forward to seeing you again. We love you very much
~ Jeff & Dee
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JeffandDee Foote - January 21 at 11:32 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Kenneth Foote Jr..



January 21 at 10:11 AM



“ Loved Uncle Son and especially loved going back and forth with him! He never batted an eye at my unfiltered approach, I think he enjoyed the banter. I know I did! He will be missed.

Kimberly Rodriguez - January 20 at 10:29 PM



“ My condolences to Dale’s family. Dale and my dad, Rex, were great friends. They called and checked on each other several times a week during the last couple of years. I’ve heard many trucker tales about their adventures and pranks. What a guy Dale was! He was so enjoyable to talk to. He always made me smile with his candid comments and laugh.

Deb Fredline Marquardt - January 20 at 09:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Kenneth Foote Jr..



January 20 at 07:09 PM



“ I have many many memories of Uncle Son...growing up and having him come in the house and ask why I was not outside instead of watching TV! Haha and giving Lisa and I quarters...all the time. And he was so faithful to visiting his brother Ed, Thank you Uncle Son for loving your family so! You will be missed for sure.

Kelly Jones - January 20 at 02:01 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of Uncle Son, you were much loved by our family and will be truly missed.

Becky Knoll - January 20 at 12:02 PM



“ Grandpa,

You and grams truly made my childhood special. I’ll never forget the countless hours of fishing out of your pond together, swinging on the swings you made for me (which made grams a bit nervous), and being pulled through your fields behind your snowmobile in that big red sled with snow spraying right in my face (smiling the whole time). I even remember when I was especially young the first thing I would do when I came over would be to find you and grab your trucker hats off your head then run and hide them- you’d grunt about it but never failed to entertain the game by getting up from your chair and going to search for them. We had a special bond that I

know filled your heart as much as it filled mine and I will hold onto that forever.

I love you so much and I know you and grams are holding hands in heaven now.

Shamarr Gearhart - January 20 at 11:45 AM



“ Ray, Mary, Jeff, Dee, Brad, Darryl, Jane & Families. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dale Kenneth Foote Jr..



Ray, Mary, Jeff, Dee, Brad, Darryl, Jane & Families. - January 20 at 11:27 AM



“ We've had great times together. You will be forever missed.
Thanks for the memories Dear Brother. Till we meet again.
REST IN PEACE. LOVE YOU,
RAY & Mary



Ray & Mary Foote - January 20 at 10:26 AM