



## Dale Avery Fairbotham

December 3, 1921 - September 20, 2015

Dale Avery Fairbotham, 93, of Mason, MI, died peacefully after a short illness on September 20, 2015, in Charlotte, MI. Dale was born December 3, 1921 in Grayling, MI, the son of Hersel Lloyd and Beatrice Pearl (Richardson) Fairbotham. He graduated from Mason High School before enlisting with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Following his service, he returned to Michigan to work in Jackson and, later, in Lansing at Precision Boring Tool Company, a tungsten-carbide tool fabricator. In 1957, Dale became co-owner of the company until his retirement in 1988. He also organized the West Columbia Church of the Nazarene in Mason, MI, and was the first pastor there from 1961-1964. Later, Dale served as Associate Pastor at the Church of God in Grand Ledge, MI, from 1982-1988. After retirement, he and his wife, Dorna, moved to Palmetto, FL, where he was a member of the Palmetto Church of God.

While in Florida, Dale enjoyed bowling, golf and became a talented shuffle board player, earning the status of pro player. He served as President of the Shuffle Board Club in Palm Bay Mobile Home Club and also at the Palmetto Mobile Home Club, both in Palmetto. He also served as President of the Southwest Coast District of the Florida State Shuffleboard Association from 1998-1999. Eventually, Dale and Dorna returned to Michigan due to health complications.

Dale is survived by his wife of 37 years, Dorna; son, Leroy (Louise) Fairbotham of Allegan, MI; daughters, Diana Troutman of Ellenton, FL, Joanna (Matt) Rens of Mason, and Susan (Harry) Domrase of Mason; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; sisters, Audrey Woodman and Patricia (Ted) Hall; brother-in-law, Lyle Darling; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Neil Fairbotham; sisters, Marilyn Darling and Hazel Sutton; and grandson, Scott Mosher.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, with Pastor Dan Stoneham officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on Friday, just prior to the service. Interment will take place in Meadowbrook Cemetery in Mulliken, MI. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Dale on his tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Meadowbrook Cemetery-Roxand Twp

100 Ionia Street  
PO Box 127  
Mulliken, MI 48861

# Tribute Wall

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“ From Alan & Kathleen Fiedler. Sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. My parents were good friends of Dale and share many happy times down through the years.

Alan & Kathleen Fiedler - September 28, 2015 at 08:36 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about Dale going Home. He will greatly missed. Parys go out to Dorna and family. Larry and Donna van Houten



Larry - September 25, 2015 at 12:03 PM

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“ Love, Shawn, Lori, Erica and Tommy Gavan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dale Avery Fairbotham .



Love, Shawn, Lori, Erica and Tommy Gavan - September 24, 2015 at 07:58 AM

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“ Grandpa, you will be missed. I am so grateful that grandpa Fairbotham officiated my our wedding ceremony. I have so many memories I could share, but the most recent that was special was attending church with him this Easter in Florida. He was asked to give the benediction and I was so moved. I loved hearing grandpa pray. Lori

Lori Gavan - September 24, 2015 at 07:03 AM