



Dale Richard Wendorf

August 14, 1934 - July 14, 2013

Dale Richard Wendorf, 78, passed away on July 14, 2013 at his home surrounded by family and friends in Charlotte, Michigan. Dale was born August 14, 1934 to John and Maude (Holben) Wendorf in North Butler, Michigan. He graduated from Quincy High School, and worked for General Motors until his retirement. On August 5, 1955, Dale married the love of his life, Mary Ellen Brazee, and together they raised four sons, Steven, David, Gregory, and Harold (Jeff). He loved fishing and camping, and especially loved traveling the state on his scooter. Dale is survived by his children, Steven (Sherry) Wendorf of Charlotte, David (Brenda Therrien) Wendorf of Vermontville, Gregory (Christy) Wendorf of Nashville, and Harold "Jeff" (Dawn) Wendorf of Charlotte; 16 grandchildren and 23and1/2 great-grandchildren. He will be missed by his sister Maxine Sebring of Hillsdale and special friend Jean Landis. He is predeceased by his wife Mary Ellen and his parents. The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 from 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday, July 17 from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Charles Jenson officiating. Interment will be at Gresham Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Eaton Community Palliative Care. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale Richard Wendorf*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I wish to express my condolences to the family for your loss. I used to babysit for Dale & Mary many years ago and they were close friends of my parents...I remember them well...I will miss Dale's big smile and laugh; and Mary's great sense of humor, as well. I pray that they are looking down on all of us from their mansion in the sky...they will be sorely missed.*

Joyce Ann Hotchkiss - August 13, 2013 at 08:18 PM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Wendorf family. Sincerely Dave & Brinda Hawkins*

Dave Hawkins - July 18, 2013 at 08:34 PM

JP

“ *sorry for your loss god bless your family and your in are prayers.*

Jeff & Karen primm - July 18, 2013 at 08:54 AM

BC

“ We have been friends with the family for countless years. Attended many parties and don't know for sure how we ever got home that night. But we had a very good time. It is going to be hard now because we have spent a lot of time at Dale's during his last few weeks. Dale was not only a friend but he was a special friend who we will miss dearly. I could write a book about Dale. He was one of a kind. Love you buddy. I know you are parting up there in heaven. Peace be with you.

Barbara Culp - July 17, 2013 at 05:41 PM

MW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Dale. His smile and laughter were contagious. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am sorry to say that Gary is backing with his daughter Emily at this time. At their current location there is no cell reception. He will be heart broken, especially if he can not make the funeral. Thinking of you all,
Melissa Wrozek

Melissa Wrozek - July 17, 2013 at 11:04 AM

BM

“ God bless the Wendorf family. I loved Dale and Mary Ellen so much. Wish our families had spent more time together but there is still the future. He is in Heaven with Mary Ellen and Donna and Ellis now. Bet they got a party going on.

Becky (Gavitt) Murphy - July 17, 2013 at 10:01 AM

MB

“ *My sincerest condolence to all of Dales family. I would usually only see him at Weddings, Anniversaries or Funerals. BUT when I did he was always so friendly and outgoing. He will be missed , but remember the good times when you can. Enjoyed watching the Video Tribute on line. May he RIP. Mary*

Mary Brazee-Cagney - July 16, 2013 at 05:43 PM

SA

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Dale's passing. He was always such a friendly face to see in and around town. He will be missed.*

Stanton's Auctioneers - July 16, 2013 at 03:49 PM

DD

“ *I am sorry to hear of Dale's passing. I will always appreciate his positive attitude and friendliness. His legacy will live on through his sons!!!*

Doug Durkee - July 16, 2013 at 02:17 PM

TI

“ I will always remember our precious times as "tenants" at 2986 W Gresham! One night in particular, I was a new mom, exhausted and frustrated. Dale was on 2nd shift and I heard him come home. It was around 1 or 2 am and I just did not know what to do because my darling Tessa would not go to sleep! I went downstairs and knocked on the door. Here I am in pjs, hair every which way, holding out a baby! He took her and we went inside. He laid on the floor and she just played. Crawled all over him for about an hour while I laid on the couch! Mary woke up and assessed the situation and told me Tessa had her days and nights turned around! Well we fixed that, but somehow at 20 I think she has backslid! So grateful to these 2 people for all they taught us and for their family treating us as family. We love you all! Tim Trina Tessa Trenton

Trina Imes - July 16, 2013 at 12:31 PM

CW

“ I can't imagine the days ahead without him being here. I have spent alot of time with him recently, and we talked about so many things. He was such a strong man, loved by everyone. I just know there is a party going on in heaven right now (in fact god is probably calling security) as he reunited with many loved ones and friends that have passed before him. Over the past almost 25 years I have so many memories, I could write a book. I am proud to say that I had the best Father In-law a girl could ask for, I love him more than words can say. And I will miss him dearly.

Christy Wendorf - July 16, 2013 at 12:10 PM

TF

“ Our condolences to Dale's family, what a wonderful person to ever be called a friend. His smile will forever be ingrained in our memories.

The Hiatt Family - July 16, 2013 at 10:53 AM

GC

“ I am very sorry to hear that Dale has passed away. It is a sad time in downtown Gresham, Dale will be missed. I have known Dale for many years, while I would not see him often, he always greeted me with a smile, was glad to see me, as I was glad to see him. I was always left with a good feeling. Gene

Gene Conley - July 15, 2013 at 11:12 PM

MH

“ My best memory of Dale is poker night in the garage with the boys. For a while, every other week, a poker party at Dale's garage was the place to be, friendly, low stake's games with good food, and good people. Dale was a good host, and a good guy. I have worked with two of Dales boys at the shop for many years, they always spoke fondly of both of their parents, he raised them right. Dale, you will be missed, God speed.....

Michael Hengstebeck - July 15, 2013 at 07:47 PM

RH

“ Margaret Ann called and told us. So sorry to hear about Dale. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ruth Miller, Brian & Darlene Hackett - July 15, 2013 at 05:13 PM

NB

“ My prayers are with you all. Your dad was one of the kindest, most caring men I ever had the pleasure of knowing. I don't think there was ever anything he wouldn't do for his family or a friend in need. He will be sadly missed by us all. He is now reunited with his loved ones and friends who have gone on before him. Love you Dale. Rest in peace.

Natalie Brocieus - July 15, 2013 at 10:33 AM

DS

“ Wendorf Family, We are so Sorry for your loss. We think of your Dad as a kind soul & a fun guy to hang with. I'm sure @ night he's one of those bright shining stars shining down upon you from the Heavens above... Our thoughts & prayers for all of you. Donna & Terry Jones

Donna Schlittenhardt - July 15, 2013 at 08:51 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Dale's passing. Our thoughts are with you all..

Jerry & Loretta Smith - July 15, 2013 at 07:12 AM

TJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Wendorf family at this time. Sorry for the lose of such a great guy! He will be missed by many... Please let me know if theres anything i can do...

Trent Jenson - July 15, 2013 at 07:06 AM

GW

“ During the last few days we have had a very trying time. I would like to give a special Thank You to all the family and friends that came to our side. It showed me how many many people that my father has touch. In the coming days I know I will here from many many more people he has touched and I know I will not possibly be able to remember everyone so I'll say Thank You very very much in advance. I know that he was loved by everyone of you. To me he was the most loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather anyone could ever ask for. To everyone else including his family, a mentor, teacher, brother, father, uncle, and the best friend a person could ever ask for. Our Father DALE will be remembered by everyone as one of the GREATEST people they ever met. I hope you rest in peace. I LOVE YOU DAD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

greg wendorf - July 15, 2013 at 12:55 AM