



Dale Edward Wilkening

August 26, 1946 - March 23, 2016

Funeral services for Dale will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 10:30 AM at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, NE with Father Rudy Oborny conducting services.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 from 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM with Dale's family being present from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM to greet family and friends.

Memorials are to be directed to Dale's family for a later designation.

Dale Edward Wilkening, 69, of Bruning, NE, died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 23rd in rural Bruning.

He was born August 26, 1946 to Edward Wilhelm August and Alma Rebecca Margaret (Finke) Wilkening in Geneva, Nebraska. He graduated from Bruning High School and served in the Navy from 1964-1968. On May 11, 1969 he married Patricia Brady and to them three daughters were born. He spent much of his life working at and managing grain elevators in the surrounding area.

Dale loved sports. When his daughters were young the whole family could be found at the softball field most summer nights. During the school year Dale would be sitting in the bleachers cheering on the girls with a loud, "That's my

kid!" He especially loved the Huskers and instilled that Nebraska pride in his daughters.

He also loved his garden. Digging potatoes was like a treasure hunt to Dale, excitement with each potato he uncovered. He would often call someone just to share that first crunch of a nice, crisp radish straight from the garden.

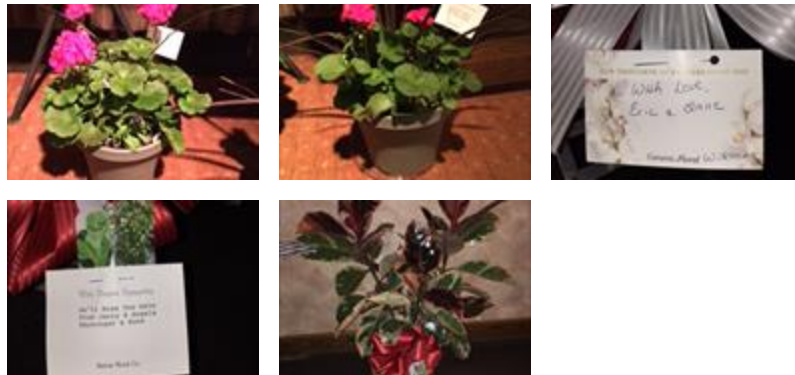
Dale found great contentment in helping those around him who needed help. As that became more difficult for him, he missed it very much.

Dale is survived by his three daughters, Penny (Devin) Doremus, Jennifer (Travis) Hinrichs, and Julee (Martin) Borgerding; eight grandchildren, Dorian, Delaney, Deighton and Diara Grace Doremus, Samantha and Brett Hinrichs, Logan and River Borgerding; two sisters, Lola Johnson and Nancy Swanson; a sister-in-law, Linda Wilkening and many loving nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Roger, and his sister Kathy.

Tribute Wall



“ 56 files added to the album Flower Arrangments



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 30, 2016 at 02:48 PM

SC

“ Sincerely from Mercer colleagues purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dale Edward Wilkening.



Sincerely from Mercer colleagues - March 29, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Wilkening.



March 28, 2016 at 09:50 PM

DE

“ *Deanna lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Wilkening*



Deanna - March 28, 2016 at 07:39 PM

DE

Had to go with Husker Red for Uncle Dale. Thankful for the memories and pep talks. You had courage when I didn't, standing beside me at Dad's bedside, love for those who were often overlooked or cast aside, steak dinner once a year in celebration, and shed tears over losses. Shared love for the furry pups in our lives. May God's peace be with those whose lives you touched.

Deanna - March 28, 2016 at 07:55 PM

MA

Loved knowing you these past eight years, what a good friend. Love, Mary

Mary Alley - March 30, 2016 at 11:20 AM

CF

“ *Colleen & Family lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Wilkening*



Colleen & Family - March 28, 2016 at 04:40 PM

MF

“ Marge & Families lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Wilkening



Marge & Families - March 28, 2016 at 04:40 PM

BF

“ Bill, Marge, Colleen & Families lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Wilkening



Bill, Marge, Colleen & Families - March 28, 2016 at 04:38 PM

RN

“ Randy and Jean Needham purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dale Edward Wilkening.



Randy and Jean Needham - March 28, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Wilkening.



March 28, 2016 at 11:20 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Wilkening.*



March 28, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ *Marj Pederson (along with Brent, Micah & Keegan) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dale Edward Wilkening.*



Marj Pederson (along with Brent, Micah & Keegan) - March 28, 2016 at 10:20 AM

NI

“ I don't know where to start... You stepped up for me when I was little. Comforted me while Dad was dying, advocated with Pastor Damorrow to let me see him one more time. How I'd love to see you one more time. You gave me driving tips, fishing and gardening tips, were there for me during a very dark time of my life and helped me snap out of it. You were a fun softball coach, always welcomed me into your home to hang out with Julee! You also took me to do things my dad couldn't be here to do- Husker football games and even a pro-football game! I'll never forget driving home from a game in highway 81, you let me drive and we're trying to teach me by quizzing me, "Pilot to co-pilot, what would you do if..." Well, Pilot to co-pilot- what do I do now? I hope I can help your girls out in some way, their pain must be horrible, if My heart is hurting so much right now. I promise, I'll keep helping the veterans like you! Love you Uncle Dale and thank you so much for stepping in quietly when mom & I needed you most!

Niecer - March 27, 2016 at 10:31 PM