



Dale O. Spell

July 15, 1937 - July 13, 2021

Dale O. Spell, a resident of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, passed away peacefully at Saint Francis Medical Center on Tuesday July 13, 2021. He was born July 15, 1937, in Goodman, Mississippi, to L.U. Spell and Christine Burrell Spell. He spent his childhood moving to numerous states where his Dad helped complete the massive interstate building programs during the 1960's and 1970's.

Dale's family moved to Cape Girardeau in 1955, where he graduated from Central High School in 1956. He attended Southeast Missouri State College from 1956-1958, studying Civil Engineering. He married Mary Louise Welch on August 16, 1958, at Maple Avenue United Methodist Church.

Dale was employed as a heavy equipment diesel master mechanic for R. B. Potashnick Co., and later Delta Asphalt, building roads and dams across the central United States until returning to Cape Girardeau in 1974. Dale was an active member of Maple United Methodist Church where he was a founding member of the famous J.O.Y. Sunday School class. He served many years as an usher, chairman of the trustees, and the finance committee. He assisted with many church activities and bereavement dinners. Dale served his community as a volunteer at Saint Francis Medical Center, Meals on Wheels, and Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee where he assisted Melvin Gately with his efforts to plant roses throughout the city. When he was not working or volunteering, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, and spending time with his family and dear friends.

He is survived by his wife, Mary L. Spell, and daughters Stacy Jansen (Jim) of Brentwood, MO., Chris Hulseay (Dave) of Eureka, MO., and Beth Friedrich (Scott) of Perkins, MO. His daughters would like to note he was the best girl dad ever.

He is also survived by his sister, Judy Fischer (Dennis) of Villa Ridge, MO, and nieces and nephew, the Reverend Alecia Fischer, Carrie (Allen) Pack, and Keith (Jill) Fischer, and Sara Sprouse (Matt).

Poppy Dale was adored by his ten grandchildren: Nick Jansen (Katie), Carly Jansen, Jon Blank (Mila), Adam Hulseay, Ellen Hulseay, Hanna Hulseay Nettlesheim (Jay), Paige Hulseay, Will Friedrich (Claudia), Kyle Friedrich, and Stephen Dowdy (Noah).

He also was great-grandfather to Alleyson and Lorelei Hulseay, Logan Blank, Brooklyn and Asher Nettlesheim, Ryker Friedrich, and Freya Jansen.

Dale was preceded in death by parents, his older brother Kyle I. Spell, and his youngest and much-loved daughter Jennifer Spell Dowdy.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 11:00 am Friday at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

His Celebration of Life will follow at 11:00 am Friday at the funeral home, led by the Reverend Jeff Estes, Pastor of Maple United Methodist Church.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Maple United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JUL 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Sorry to hear of Dales passing Mary. Prayers for you and yours.
Mark Rankin

Mark Rankin - July 16, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dale's passing. Mary, I always enjoyed the conversations I had with you and Dale. I am glad I got to see you both at Saxony earlier this year. Marcia and I send our love and blessings. May God grant you peace.

Mark Bliss

Mark Bliss - July 16, 2021 at 08:29 AM

JJ

“ Mary and family, Bruce and I are out of town but want you to know how much we love you and send our prayers to you for the loss of Dale. He was a humble man so giving and full of love for his family and his God! He will be missed until your great reunion in Heaven! Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers!Jana and Bruce

jana jateff - July 15, 2021 at 08:58 PM

KN

Mary and family I am so sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to have met your loving husband , grandfather and great grandpa. He was a kind man who loved his family above all else. A true role model who we can learn from. May god give you the strength and love you need in these difficult days ahead.

kevin nettesheim - July 17, 2021 at 09:33 AM

LD

“ Dear Mary....I am so sorry for your loss....you all are in our thoughts and prayers

Linda Dickey - July 15, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale O. Spell.



July 15, 2021 at 09:46 AM

PS

“ Beth,
I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.
May the Holy Spirit wrap your hearts with God's love.

Sincerely,
Pamela Roth Saucier

Pamela Roth Saucier - July 14, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale O. Spell.



July 14, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale O. Spell.* ”



July 14, 2021 at 02:46 PM