



Dale E. Smith

April 11, 1944 - August 19, 2014

Hampton, NH – Dale E. Smith, 70, of Hampton, died peacefully Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at Exeter Hospital after a sudden illness.

She was born April 11, 1944 in Washington, DC a daughter of the late Victor J. and Vernona (Heck) Wallace.

Raised in North Haverhill, she graduated from Haverhill Academy with the Class of 1962. Following high school she enrolled at the University of New Hampshire where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 1966.

Dale worked as a teacher for 10 years, before starting her career at Liberty Mutual as an Information Technology Specialist. She retired From Liberty Mutual in 2004 after 23 years.

She met her future husband of 25 years and love of her life Paul DeGrass at a neighbor's house after being "introduced" by her horse Rascal. Together they spent their winters in Florida and loved to travel in there motorhome all over the United States and the Maritime Provinces of Canada. She enjoyed playing cards as well as gardening and was known for her meticulous gardens around her home. She was very devoted to her many friends in both New Hampshire and Florida.

In addition to her husband, family members include her stepsons, Jeffrey of Derry, Christopher and his wife Gail of Cibolo, TX, David and his wife Kristen of Auburn; sisters, Vernona S. Bell and her husband Harold of White River Junction, VT, Lynda C. Wallace and her husband James Connery of Duluth, GA; 7 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

At Dale's request all services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Rockingham VNA & Hospice, 137 Epping Road, Exeter, NH 03833 or Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997.

Tribute Wall



“ Dale E. Smith

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ Dear Paul,

How sad and shocked we were to hear of Dale's passing. I have such fond memories of first meeting Dale with her dear Mom, Vernona, who was a supporter of our mission.

You and Dale always found the time to stop in with a donation of clothes, furniture, etc. and remembered your deceased friends with a donation to the school. You both brightened our lives and blessed us with your gift of compassion and care.

Know that we hold you in our hearts and promise our prayers. Dale's memory as well as her dear Mom's will continue to live on here at Hope Rural. May God give you and Dale's family the strength needed at this time. Be sure to come and see us when you are back in Florida.

With love and sympathy,

Sister Mary Dooley, SSND and all at HOPE RURAL SCHOOL in Indiantown.

Sister Mary Dooley - September 11, 2014 at 01:10 PM

PA

“ *Paul, Vernona, and Lynda*

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart"

Dale was such a very special person. I will miss her, her laughter, her smile, her enthusiasms (particularly in games), her kindness and her thoughtfulness.

We are all fortunate to have wonderful memories to provide some comfort for her much too early departure.

Pat Cameron

Paul - September 08, 2014 at 11:11 PM

DF

“ Paul, Vernona and Lynda,

I have known Dale for over 50 years and loved her like another sister. She was such a dear, sweet person with a fiery side to her that kept us on our toes. As with all people she was full of contradictions. she was very strong in her opinions and convictions but at the same time very tender. The highlights of our visits together were our marathon games (which no one plays anymore) and our occasional huddles together to talk about things & just catch up and share our lives. Dale was the most beautiful woman I have ever known (all natural) & totally unaware of it. I have tried so often to photograph her (which she hated) and happily, got lucky a few times.

She kept track of all dates & her old & new friends. She was the best person I know for keeping in touch with family and friends by whatever means. We got in the habit of spending Thanksgivings with each other & assorted family & friends & I remember being so surprised one year when she told me we had spent 48 Thanksgivings together ! I will miss her dearly. There are so many things around me that remind me of Dale and make me so sad now but I know in time they will just make me smile & remember. Dale was truly a special person and memories of her will live forever.

Dot. Fabry

Dot. Fabry - September 01, 2014 at 12:44 PM

BB

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Betty Burke - August 29, 2014 at 04:06 PM

BB

“ *Paul, Vernona, Lynda and families,*

There are so many wonderful memories we have because of Dale, the fun things she use to plan for all of us to do, the visits we use to get from her and end up doing puzzles.

And then the afternoons the girls use to spend together playing games or going to the movies while the guys played golf. There is so much more but let me end by saying we will all miss her and Florida will not be the same.

We are so sorry for your loss.

Betty and Don Burke

Betty Burke - August 29, 2014 at 02:21 PM

TM

“ Dale there are so many wonderful things I don't know how I could possible list them all. How do you say goodbye to someone you love? Why would God just take her away. Well I believe the answer is he wanted his beautiful angel to come home. She was so kind, gentle, loving, caring, fun, exciting. Most of all she cared more about other people than herself. She is someone I looked up to and still do someday I wanna be like her she's a role model for everyone.

Dale was my step grandma. Grampa and dale would come down every Christmas to see us New Hampshire all the way to texas. That's a long way just for us. I remeber in the winter we would sit in the R.V. And she would teach me all the card games and I pretended like I new how to play. And how she would always keep grandpa in check. My favorite memory was the day before Christmas. We where doing a charity called elf Louise it's and organization for family's who don't have enough money to buy presents. My dad dressed up as Santa and we where all his elfs. Her and grandpa would sit there and fight about what presents to bring to them right until we got to the door and when they opened it we would act all happy and then it continued after but the reason behind that is because she wanted those children's Christmas to be so perfect! That was on of the best things we did as a family. Dale May have been step grandma but to me she was like an actual grandma the way she loved me and my family is like a mothers love for her child. She's will forever be my role model. I love you(:

Taylor Montgomery

taylor montgoemry - August 28, 2014 at 06:43 PM

JE

“ Dear Dale, you left us way too soon! You were a beautiful, kind and thoughtful person, and a good friend through the years, and I will miss you. May you be blessed with eternal peace.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Paul, sisters Vernona and Lynda, and all the family.

Jim Esberg

Jim Esberg - August 28, 2014 at 12:57 PM

TE

“ Dear Paul
We were so thrilled to meet both you and Dale this past year. We both felt a new and lasting friendship had formed and we are so grateful for the short time we had getting to know and love your Dale. She was a genuine good person and we will miss all the much anticipated good times we had planned. We were blessed to have met her.
Bob and Tammy



Tammy & Bob Ekmarck - August 26, 2014 at 09:35 PM



“ Patrick Seymour sent a virtual gift in memory of Dale E. Smith



Patrick Seymour - August 26, 2014 at 01:22 PM



“ *Patrick Seymour lit a candle in memory of Dale E. Smith*



Patrick Seymour - August 26, 2014 at 01:21 PM



“ *I will never forget her willingness to help me under all and any circumstances in both my personal and work life. She was the most upbeat positive person I know. She will be missed greatly. I am sad to see her go, but she has left me with lots of memories to keep her alive and with me.*

Patrick (Nick) Seymour

Patrick Seymour - August 26, 2014 at 01:20 PM



“ *A terrible loss of one of our very best friends,. We will never forget the laughter, the games, the sunset drinks, the quiet times on the beach, sharing private thoughts, the eonderful trips the four of us took together. She gave a part of her heart to everyone she knew. We will miss her terribly. All our support to you Paul. Vernon a and Lynda.*

Jane & John Fritz

j fritz - August 26, 2014 at 10:40 AM

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Walter Murch - August 26, 2014 at 07:31 AM

SS

“ *Paul, Vernona and Lynda,
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you all. We will miss Dale
so much. Our Florida family will never be the same. We are lucky to
have gotten to know her and to have had her in our life. Love Rick
and Susie*

Susan Shields - August 26, 2014 at 07:04 AM

BB

“ *Paul, Denny and I will miss Dale so much. She was always ready to
play dominoes or Mahjong. We spent many happy hours playing
games and talking and laughing. Florida won't be the same without
her. Wishing you all our love, Brenda and Denny*

Brenda Balsler - August 25, 2014 at 08:10 PM

ST

“ Paul, when we would see you & Dale together - biking through the park, visiting friends or having a sunset drink, and especially when you held her in your arms at the dances - the love between the two of you was palpable and unmistakable. People are not often granted a love like yours. How wonderful that you two were able to share 25 glorious years. Everyone who was lucky enough to count her as a friend was blessed. We will miss her terribly. Our hearts grieve for you, and for all of us who will no longer share some small part of her joy of life.

Sandy & Tom Tapler

Sandy & Tom Tapler - August 25, 2014 at 01:38 PM

GM

“ Dale was such a kind hearted, sincere, genuine person. My family had the privilege of spending the last few Christmas' with her. She had such a happy spirit and loving heart. My kids loved her so much! We will miss her so much. We love you Paul and are here for you! Your granddaughters are sending you special hugs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gail Montgomery - August 25, 2014 at 09:51 AM

JP

“ Paul, Vernona, Lynda and families,
Many years ago, shortly after Dennis the goat butted me in the behind, I was riding Dale's beloved horse Shadow in North Haverhill in the January snow. Shadow lost his footing and down we went. I thought momentarily, and incorrectly, that I had broken my leg. And then I thought "a broken leg will be nothing compared to what Dale will do to me if Shadow is hurt." Dale always had a special connection to the animal world and an equally strong connection to the human world. We will all miss her terribly.
Jim and Margie

Jim Parker - August 24, 2014 at 01:25 PM

RK

“ Dale was a ray of sunshine that brought joy beauty and laughter every time we saw her. It was a gift to have known her and we will all miss her so very much. Thinking of you Paul and keeping you in our prayers.

Much Love,

Rebecca, Jacob, Errol, Grace and Sophie

Rebecca Kurtz - August 24, 2014 at 01:18 PM

LY

“ I will miss my sister's wonderful smile and love for the rest of my life. She gave so much and so freely and just was so funny sometimes. I can still see her dressed as an Indian riding "Midnite" in the No. Haverhill parade all those years ago, so beautiful!



Lynda - August 24, 2014 at 10:30 AM

 Jim Conery

“ Dale always had the most beautiful smile which she shared with everyone, old friend or new. She will always be loved and deeply missed.

Jim Conery - August 24, 2014 at 07:42 AM

MW

“ *Paul, Vernona, Linda and families*

As we think about Dale and remember her beautiful smile, we also think of all of you and what a loss you will share in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. We will always hold fond memories of Dale; our lives were made richer for having known her.

Tim and Marion

Marion and Tim Webb - August 23, 2014 at 11:09 AM

PA

My dearly beloved,

MiLo and I will miss you very much. We had a fabulous 25 year ride and compressed 30 years into the last ten. I am truly the luckiest man alive for having the privilege of being with you for these wonderful 25 years with not only the most beautiful woman but, the most beautiful human being anyone could ever know.

I will love you always,

Your husband always

Paul - August 24, 2014 at 12:34 PM