



Dale Loran Nielson

November 3, 1944 - October 18, 2024

Dale Loran Nielson, 79, of Tumalo, Oregon passed away Friday, October 18, 2024 at home.

Dale was born November 3, 1944 in Portland Oregon to father Edward Nielson and mother Myrtle Belle Soule Nielson.

He received his education in the Portland Adventist school system. He had a successful 20-year career in the U.S. Navy and another 20 years with Deschutes County Sheriff's Office as a Code Enforcement Officer.

Dale joined the Navy in November of 1961 and retired in April of 1986. He met and married Patricia Ann Reagan in Charleston, SC. They, along with Pat's two young sons, Tim and Tom, moved to Maryland. It was there that daughter Lori Ann was born. The family's next home was a small cabin overlooking the ocean in Poulsbo, WA. After just getting settled in, Dale received orders to report to the U.S. Naval Base in Morocco, North Africa . . . then to Sicily, Italy. The family returned to the U.S.A. when Dale was transferred to the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville and then to Orlando, FL, where daughter Paula Christine was born. Over the next several years, the family relocated to Whidbey Island, WA, New Orleans, LA, Ventura, CA, Pocatello, ID, then to La Pine, Redmond, Bend, and finally settling in Tumalo, Oregon.

After Dale retired from 20 years of service in the U.S. Navy, he went on to work 20 years for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office as a Code Enforcement Officer, before giving up the daily grind to spend time with his wife, Jody Chrz Nielson, whom he married in April 2005 in Evanston, WY.

Dale and Jody worked part time for West One Auto Group (Hertz) and various local auto dealerships, shuttling and delivering vehicles throughout the Northwest until Jody's car accident in June 2012.

One would have to search far and wide to find a kinder, gentler, more soft-hearted and soft spoken, more protective, more practical, common-sensed man. As a pleasing person, there was no limit to what he would do for others. Dale enjoyed Intarsia and other wood working projects, RV road trips especially to Wyoming, fishing, gardening, and time spent with family and friends, and his time spent relaxing with our kitty, Poppyseed. Dale had a love of music, loved singing, self-taught to play piano and organ, played harmonica, and wanted to learn to play the accordion.

Being a very detailed and conservative person, he would work for hours trying to revive anything. He had the patience of Job! He was a man of God. He often led the singing in our little country church. When our pastor couldn't be there, Dale would sometimes fill in. He was truly a disciple of Jesus Christ. Dale served as board President of High Country Fellowship (Church) in Brothers, OR for the past 4 years.

Dale was disappointed in how his body was failing him these past two years. He was too proud to ask for help.

Are you a smoker? He would beg you to quit. Smoking was at the bottom of most all his health issues.

Dale's love of God, family, kindness, gentleness, protectiveness, and wisdom will live in perpetuity in the memories of us all.

Dale is survived by his wife, Jody, and Poppyseed, in Tumalo; Dale's children: Timothy (Arleen), Thomas (Lorna) (Tina), Lori, Paula (Robert). Grandchildren: Andrew (Angela), Jessie (Benyapa), Zack (Stephanie), Forest (Heather), Brian (Saowarin), Robert John, Tiffany, Rochell, Donna, Julia, Dale L. II, Alexzander, Jaimin (Christopher), and numerous great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia (1996), father Edward, mother Myrtle, and brother Edward Jr.

Donations in lieu of flowers to:

1. Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607
2. St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105

Tribute Wall



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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - November 01, 2024 at 05:17 PM

“ Dear Dad,

Thank you for being in my life.

As each year comes to a close we spend more time reflecting on memories of those who have passed or of those we have lost touch with over the years.

Too often our lives are unexpectedly cut short and thoughts or feelings that we have are left unsaid. There are things that have been building over the years and, I feel that now is the time to express my thoughts and feelings.

For the times you worked several jobs so that we had the basic necessities, I missed you. This also instilled in me the knowledge that anything could be accomplished if you set your mind to it. For this knowledge I will always be eternally grateful.

For the times that you gave up your only mornings off to drive me on my paper route, I am truly sorry. I realize today that it must have been difficult for you. I need you to know that the time we spent together meant a lot to me back then. For the time we spent together I will always be eternally grateful.

For the time we were separated by continents, I missed you. You coming home was one of my most cherished moments. At times I can still smell the camel jacket or feel your hug. For this moment I will always be eternally grateful.

For the most memorable birthday gift, the bubble bath, when I was seven, thank you. For this birthday memory I will always be eternally grateful.

For the times you helped others, I have learned the importance of lending a helping hand. This has made me a very rich person. For these riches I will always be eternally grateful.

For the times I watched you with your friends and how they would light up when you were around, I have learned the value of great friendships. The friendships that I have developed over the years could not have been as meaningful if not for all that I have learned from you. For these friendships I will always be eternally grateful.

For the times you showed warmth and understanding when I was at my lowest, I have learned to show the same to others in their time of need. For all of the warmth and understanding that you have shown me, I will always be eternally grateful.

As I strive to give of myself (to others) the same values and love that you have shown me over my life, you are always in my heart. For this gift I will always be eternally grateful.

God forbid, if tomorrow never comes, please remember that you are my greatest inspiration in life and I love you.

Your son always,

Tim

Tim Nielson - October 29, 2024 at 09:02 PM

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Dale a super great person. He took on the responsibility of the boys my sister, Patricia at a very young age .He loved and cared for them as tho they were his own. I was with Patricia the day they met. Not many men his age would be so kind and loving to two young boys like he was. Sorry God took him home before I got to see him again but we can't tell God when we want to go. I hope Jody will not grieve over his passing too long. You have my condolences. God bless

Linda Shelley - October 29, 2024 at 09:50 PM

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*Services are 1:00 Sun. 11-3-2024 @ Brothers Grade School Gym
(across from Stage Stop on Hwy 20 E towards Burns.*

Tim Nielson - October 31, 2024 at 01:24 PM