



Dale D. Matics

November 29, 1935 - April 13, 2026

Dale D. Matics, formerly of Amsterdam, passed away peacefully at Centreville Village in Carrollton on Monday evening, April 13.

Dale was born November 29, 1935, the eldest son of Jarrett and Tillie (Peterson Matics. Along with his parents, his siblings Evelyn, Nancy and Larry all pre-deceased him.

A graduate of Carrollton High School, he met the love of his life, Betty Jane Pepperling, at the Carroll County Fair in 1955. Their meeting was the foundation of a remarkable love story. They married on June 9, 1956. He was so excited to celebrate their 70th anniversary together, but God had other plans and he will miss their special day by less than 2 months. The couple was blessed with 3 sons - Jeff (Diane), Jerry and Joe (Diane) and one daughter, Laurie (Chris) Shepherd, 9 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. The family all knew him as "Pap Dale."

Dale was a simple man with no desire for fancy things. He liked meat and potatoes, cheeseburgers and vanilla milkshakes. He was a hard worker and dedicated 34 years of his work life to TIMET in Toronto, rarely missing a day of work. In his younger years, he was active in the Amsterdam Moose Lodge, Amsterdam Hot Stove Baseball League and the Amsterdam Volunteer Fire Department. His work ethic left an impression on his children and all who

knew him. He had a lifelong fascination with anything on wheels, finding joy in racing and remaining a huge NASCAR fan. If a race was on tv, he was watching, rarely missing a chance to follow the sport he loved. As a young man, he ran the strip at Magnolia and had a room full of trophies that he was so proud of. He was also an avid coin collector. He was a man of few words, but had a penchant for quips and sayings that will be repeated for years, such as "When it snows like meal, it snows a great deal."

Dale was a strong, principled man who believed deeply in the importance of standing up for what you believe in and protecting those you love. He was always active and healthy until 2020 when he had open heart surgery. Since that time, he suffered many health setbacks and his heart was further broken by the Alzheimer's diagnosis of his son, Jerry.

Dale will be lovingly thought of every day by his "2 girls" whom he adored - his loving wife and caring daughter who were at his side for every setback and hospital stay, one on each side of his bed, holding a hand. He also deeply loved his son-in-law, Chris, who tended to his needs and treated him as his own father.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held. He will be honored by family at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers for the family. First met Dale in 1945 when we Lived across the street. in Carrollton.

Joel H. Rogers - April 21 at 08:12 PM