



Dale Strathman

December 17, 1948 - September 9, 2018

Dale Francis Strathman, 69, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully Sunday, September 9, 2018.

Dale was born December 17, 1948, in Seneca, Kansas, the son of Sylvester and Vivina Holthaus Strathman. He attended St. Michael Grade School and graduated from Axtell Public High School in 1966. He served our country in the Army National Guard and was called to active duty during the Vietnam War.

On September 14, 1968, Dale and Verna Steinlage were united in marriage enjoying almost 50 years together.

Dale retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber in 2006 and he avoided the rocking chair by working part-time at Bumper to Bumper Automotive and retired from Stormont-Vail Health Care in 2017. Dale's goal in life was to make someone's day a little happier. He had a unique gift of connecting with others and used those skills to bring a smile to the faces of those he encountered in his job as a courier and transporter at Stormont-Vail. He made friends wherever he went due to his desire and ability to make others feel special and to feel valued.

Dale had a deep love for his family, especially his wife, his children, his

grandchildren and his great-granddaughter.

Dale was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 534 and the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly. He was a member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church where, due to his love of gardening, he started the Garden Club and Farmers' Market. The proceeds of the Farmers' Market are donated each year to the Topeka Rescue Mission and have totaled \$134,000 over the last 10 years.

Grateful to have shared Dale's life are his wife, Verna; children, Kristine Strathman, Lori Vorhies (Rick), Sheri Freeman (Andy); grandchildren, Brittany, Jarrett, Landon, Kinsley, Trenton and Kyler; great-granddaughter, Breeley; his mother, Vivina Strathman; siblings, Sharon Schmelzle, Marilee Deters, Jeanita Lapa, Don Strathman, Jim Strathman, Mary Jane Deters, Dave Strathman and Ken Strathman. He was preceded in death by his father, Sylvester Strathman, and an infant sister, Jeralyn.

Services for Dale begin Wednesday with a parish rosary prayed at 4:30 p.m. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS 66618. Visitation follows from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at which time the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly will present a Chalice Ceremony followed by the rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Church. Burial will follow in Rochester Cemetery.

Memorial offerings or Mass intentions may be made to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church.

Dale had a passion for serving the homeless and has requested no flowers please, but instead donations of non-perishable food items may be brought to

the Church and will be given to the Topeka Rescue Mission.

Cemetery Details

Rochester Cemetery

1200 NW Menninger Rd
Topeka, KS 66618

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 12. 4:30 PM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Visitation

SEP 12. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Chalice Ceremony and Rosary

SEP 12. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
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Topeka, KS 66618

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
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Topeka, KS 66618

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale Strathman*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - September 11, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ *Dale Strathman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Verna and Family, we just learned of Dale's passing. We had just read in the Leaven of your 50th wedding anniversary. OMG, so sorry. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May your fond memories bring you comfort and peace at this most difficult time. Take care, and may God bless. Joe and Barbara Ruskowitz*

Joe and Barbara Ruskowitz - October 27, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ *My husband, Charlie, and I were so saddened when we heard the news of Dale's passing. We met Dale years ago when he played on our co-rec city league volleyball team. He always had a smile and kind words. He was such a nice man. RIP Dale! Prayers for the family!*

Tracy M. Appelhanz - September 15, 2018 at 07:43 PM

KO

“ Verna and family, I am so sorry. My heart is breaking for you all. Please know you are in my thoughts, my heart and my prayers, in heartfelt sympathy. Karen

Karen S Osborn - September 12, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dale Strathman.



September 12, 2018 at 02:21 PM

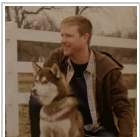
LC

“ Verna, Kris, Lori, Sherry and Family...

I'm so sorry to hear of Dale's passing. I have so many memories of Dale from the neighborhood and playing softball growing up. I was fortunate to see him at my dad's funeral and again one other time after that. He was such a good man! I know you will miss him terribly, but he will always be with you.

Lisa (Milner) Cain

LISA CAIN - September 12, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ Dale was a wonderful person. Always happy and smiling every time that I saw him. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Eric Steinlage - September 12, 2018 at 01:24 PM

CM

“ Dale was a great uncle...always gave good advise. He will be greatly missed. Love and hugs to Verna and all the family.

Carleen Merritt - September 12, 2018 at 08:09 AM

SH

“ The world is a little less today without Dale. I had the pleasure of working with Dale for most of his career at Goodyear and Stormont Vail. Dale was always friendly, caring and cheerful. We shared a lot of laughs and good times. Will miss him greatly.
To Verna, kids and grandkids, my deepest sympathy. Am sure there are many wonderful memories that will keep him close to you. Know his spirit is now with God.
I treasured my times with him as did many others. God bless his soul.
Steve Huston

Steve Huston - September 11, 2018 at 08:18 PM

TG

“ So sorry to learn of Dale's passing. He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers to his family. —Tammy

Tammy Gasperich - September 11, 2018 at 05:17 PM

DM

“ Verna - Your husband was a wonderful and loving man. He will be extremely missed for his goodness, kindness, and smiles that he brought to those in his life. We are so very very sorry to hear of his passing. May his memories bring you comfort during this most difficult time in your life. If you ever need anything, please know that we will be there.

Donna, Rick, Kimberly & Kaitlyn Meader

Donna, Rick, Kimberly & Kaitlyn Meader - September 11, 2018 at 03:28 PM

CP

“ Dear Strathmans: I am sorry for your loss. I know Dale will be missed. I look with fondness as the time we spent as neighbors for ten years on Burnett. I know you will find strength in appreciating the many special memories of Dale at this time.

Cathy Porteous

Cathy Porteous - September 11, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dale Strathman.



September 11, 2018 at 01:50 PM

CM

“ It has been a great pleasure to have known Dale. His outstanding and humorous character is one that always stood out. Deepest condolences to all.

Corey Merritt - September 11, 2018 at 11:40 AM

ML

“ To the entire Strathman family, my sincere condolences. I worked with Dale at Goodyear, and he was always a pleasure to be around. I was blessed knowing him. You are greatly missed, my friend.

Mike LaFontaine

Mike LaFontaine - September 11, 2018 at 09:44 AM

SR

“ I’m so very sorry. I knew this man a little through his daughter Lori whom I have known and loved a long time. May time comfort you in the healing of your loss. Shirley Russell.

Shirley Russell - September 11, 2018 at 09:15 AM

CO

“ Verna, Kris and the rest of the Strathman family. You have my deepest sympathies. I have the fondest memories of Dale. Always smiling, teasing and such a faith filled man. My mom absolutely adored him and he always made sure to speak to her and make her laugh! May God hold you close in times of sorrow and may Dale rest in Eternal Peace and Perpetual Light.

Chris Landry Oshel - September 11, 2018 at 08:13 AM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss, May his strength guide you in this time of sorrow. Dale was a super sweet and nice person. I am so glad that I got to meet him and your family. Prayers to all of you.

Jennifer Perez - September 11, 2018 at 07:11 AM

GS

“ So sorry for your loss,. Prayers for the family.

GARY SPARLING - September 11, 2018 at 07:03 AM

LO

“ So sorry for your loss. May god comfort you all in this time of sorry. Prayers are sent your way.




Lauretta Olberding - September 11, 2018 at 02:41 AM

DS

“ *Debby Shiney lit a candle in memory of Dale Strathman*



Debby Shiney - September 10, 2018 at 09:45 PM

 Eric N
Jaclyn
Rokey

“ *Uncle Dale- You truly did make everyone you met feel special. I feel so lucky to have called you uncle! The legacy that you leave is truly a beautiful testament to the love you had for your Lord and Savior.*



Much Love to Verna, Kris, Lori, Sheri and families!

Eric & Jaclyn Rokey

Eric N Jaclyn Rokey - September 10, 2018 at 04:35 PM