



Dale Perry Reese

December 27, 1945 - September 1, 2021

Dale Perry Reese, 75, of Taylorsville, NC, left his earthly tasks and entered the Church Triumphant on September 1, 2021. He was a devout Christian and a lifetime member of St. Luke Lutheran Church. Affectionally known as “Pops” by most, his quick wit and wisdom will be deeply missed by his family and the many friends he touched and influenced.

Dale was born in Alexander County on December 27, 1945, to the late Clarence and Blanche (White) Reese growing up on the family dairy farm. He graduated from Taylorsville High School in 1964 and continued his education at Catawba Valley Community College where he completed the auto mechanics program in 1966. After CVCC, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force serving from 1966-1970 as a Staff Sargent E5 in Washington, DC; Okinawa; Korea; and Las Vegas, NV.

Dale was a self-employed sawmill operator. His infinite wisdom of mechanics and timber served him well. Many generations of children have enjoyed one of Dale’s handmade wooden crafts and toys. Dale passed down the family tradition of sorghum or “molasses” making. He was a diligent member and contributor to the Foothills Antique Power Association of North Carolina and the National Sweet Sorghum Producers and Processors Association. Dale was selfless in sharing his passions and knowledge.

Family left to mourn Dale's passing are brothers Coy Reese (Wanda) of Taylorsville and Luke Reese of Haslett, MI; nieces Candace Haithcox (Adam) and Joy Barber (Clay) both of Taylorsville and Ashley Reese (Aaron Druckenbrod) of Haslett, MI; great nieces Isabela Haithcox and Clara Haithcox; and great nephew Luca Druckenbrod. Additional family includes numerous cousins with special acknowledgement to Bradley Fox, Faye Gentry, and Amy Krohn.

The body will lie in state at Chapman Funeral Home, Monday, September 6, 1-7 pm, and Tuesday, September 7, 9-5 pm

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 11 am, at St. Luke Lutheran Church cemetery, 1364 Church Rd, Taylorsville with Dr. Robert Allen officiating. Service will have full military rites and follow CDC guidelines. The family respectfully asks that all attendees wear masks.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorial gifts be directed to the Cemetery Fund c/o St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1364 Church Rd, Taylorsville, NC 28681.

Chapman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Reece Family.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

SEP 6. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
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Lie-In-State

SEP 7. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Lutheran Church Cemetery
1364 Church Rd, Taylorsville

Tribute Wall



“ *Dale Perry Reese*

October 05, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Dale was such a great person. He always seemed to have a smile on his face. He was willing to help out at Foothills Tractor Club. He meant a lot to us and to our organization. He will truly be missed by all that knew him. Dale was one of the good guys and always will be..*

Bradley and Candy Richey

Candy Richey - September 08, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Dale's passing. We started school together and Ellendale Elementary and graduated together at Taylorsville High. He was a friend to all who knew him, always friendly, witty, honest and an all-around good man. He will be missed. My condolences go to Coy and Luke and their families. Cherish the memories.*

Kent Kerley - September 07, 2021 at 01:46 PM

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“ I got to know Dale through my job at tractor supply. When he would come into the store we always had to chat for a few minutes. Through these conversations he learned my love for fishing. Every January I would receive a calendar that had all the perfect days for fishing on it. It's the little things that means so much. A simple calendar and many laughs will be missed so much. We would always joke when he brought me my calendar now you know which day is the fish and which days to stay home. He was a treasured friend and will be greatly missed. Family you are in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time.
Lori Edwards

Lori Edwards - September 04, 2021 at 06:58 PM

HP

“ As one of Dale's high school classmates, his humor and wit will be missed. During a senior year high school shop free period Dale and I shared, at his prompting, we taught ourselves to weld. I seldom ever discuss how I learned to weld, without giving credit to Dale for being the reason I learned. May he rest in peace, knowing he touched my life and many other lives while he was here. Henda
Price

henda price - September 04, 2021 at 03:36 PM

SA

“ Dale was one of a kind. We all loved him so deeply. He will be forever loved & missed.

Sherry Austin - September 04, 2021 at 02:11 PM

PW

“ We have known Dale for the last 5 years, but it was like we had known each other all our lives. Dale shared his knowledge freely and was instrumental in getting us on track in making sorghum syrup. He will be truly be missed by all! Phillip & Diane Walker

Phillip & Diane Walker - September 04, 2021 at 02:01 PM