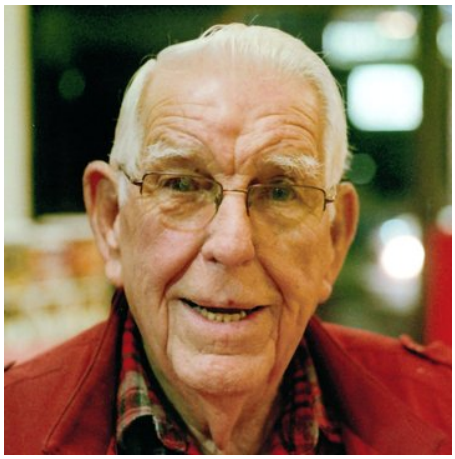
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Dewey "Ralph" Dale

Dec. 26, 1927 - Dec. 20, 2023

Dewey "Ralph" Dale, 95, of Glen Alpine, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on December 26, 1927, he was the son of the late Jink Dale and Jessie Lenoir Seagle Dale.

Ralph attended Fairview Baptist Church in Golden Valley, Rutherford County. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who never met a stranger and loved everyone he met. Ralph was very proud to have known five generations of his family. He was well known in Burke County for his backhoe and dump-truck work, and his visits to Silver Creek Restaurant to socialize with his friends. In his younger years, Ralph enjoyed hunting and traveling out west, but he most enjoyed spending time with his family.

Ralph is survived by his daughters, Linda Dale Michaels (William) and Janice Dale Duckworth (Doug); grandchildren, Kevin Michaels (Donna), Charlene McCall (Harvey), and Rhett Duckworth (Gwendolyn); great-grandchildren, Lance Garland, Zachary Webb (Breanna), Hunter McCall (Liz), and Dakota Duckworth (Avery); great-great-granddaughter, Lilia Garland-Trittin; sister, Mary Sigmon; sister-in-law, Ruth Gurley; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ralph was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Lorraine Grayson Dale; second wife, Hazel Grayson Silvers; brothers, Johnny A., Ernest, William, Albert, George, and Millard Dale; and sisters, Louise Whisenant and Bertha Scott.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, December 23, 2023 at Fairview Baptist Church in Golden Valley, NC. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. in the church with Rev. David Ledford officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Amorem Support, 902 Kirkwood Street, NW, Lenoir, NC 28645.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Thank you Ralph Dale for all your friendship that you shared with so many! You were the only one that could keep my uncle JC straight. Thanks for all you did for the Herron's.

–Kevin Herron

I am praying for your comfort. My Grandfather, Doug Beck, thought the world of Ralph. Also, my Grandmother, Pearl Fox was a neighbor.. Ralph was one of a kind… Our families have been intertwined for many years..

–Tracey Fowler



We are so so sorry for your loss of Ralph!! We just found out, he will be greatly missed in the Glen Alpine community & by various others!! He was well known & loved dearly by so many, he was a character!! I've known Ralph my whole life. He was our buddy!! Loved him dearly!! All of you & your family are in our thoughts & Prayers!! Our hearts are broken along with y'alls!! We Love each of you!!

–Lisa Epley Arrowood

Ralph was a guy who loved everyone. He never met a stranger. Always happy and smiling . He will be missed by me and everyone who knew and loved him dearly.

–Tammy Melton



—Teressa Jordan

So sorry for your loss. He was a very good person.

—Larry and Jean Hawkins



Janice and family, I am saddened yo leatn of the passing of Ralph. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Debbie

—Debbie Britt



So sorry for your loss. He was such a nice person and never met a stranger. He will truly be missed . May the Lord Bless guide and keep you all doing this time and beyond.

—Lucille Joyner



I’ve known Ralph all my life. He was a great friend & always kind & friendly to everyone. Many happy memories of him. He will be missed. He always helped my dad anytime he needed help. So sad to know he’s gone. Raye Smawley Womack

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I loved this man so much!!! He left an imprint on a lot of hearts and lives!!! He's helped me more than anyone for twenty years. What a blessing to have known him. My Condolences to the family

—Patsy Jarrett

Ralph was a treasure. He knew my mom's family the Vines on Snowhill church road. Mom is gone but enjoyed talking to Ralph and his remembrance of my mom's family. Saw him several times a week at Silver Creek Restaurant. He was very popular with everyone. He will be missed.

—Beverly Caroway

I've known Mr. Ralph (and his family) all my life, as a neighbor and friend to my grandparents and family. I saw him most either at my grandparents home, Shuff and Judy Bryant, or in the community helping someone on his heavy equipment. I know he's left so much love and many memories with you, his family and friends. I'm so sorry for your loss. Heaven has gained a good man!

—Donnie Bryant Edwards



Your going to be missed by mean mis Ralph Dale from the Bart keller and Donna Keller Tyler Keller Austin keller

—Tyler Keller and Bart



So sorry for your lose..Just know he's in heaven with Jesus and his loved ones. Praying for you.

—Scott Gentry

Dear Janice and Doug and Family we are sorry sorry to hear of your Dad. May you find comfort in the love and memories you have and know he loved you very much. What a celebration there is in Heaven. Love you all very much

–Audrey and Burton Berry

I didn't know any of Ralph's family but, I just wanted to tell you how much I thought of Ralph. He was so nice & helped me for years hauling every thing for me & my Mom. He will be missed! RIP Ralph!

–Jo Ann Houk



So sorry for your loss here at the holidays. Prayers for all the family. He was a sweet man.

–Teresa Gaye Hudson

Ralph was a good man and will be missed by many friends. He did several jobs for me and was one you could depend on. We sawq each other about every week at Silvercreek.

–Sidney Simmons

Ralph was a Great man and friend. Will surely be missed.

–Rick Caroway

Mr. RALPH will be missed by many but never forgotten. He was one of a kind fine man. Never meet s stranger always happy and was glad to talk everyone I sure will miss him. Prayers for families n friends

–Wanda V. Smith

Sorry to hear of the passing. of your Dad,Ralph. The last few times I saw him was at Silver Creek Restaurant, I always enjoyed talking with him. I've known Ralph most of my life and I remember him doing some work for me and my husband when we were first married,58 years ! Sending Love Thoughts and Prayers to all of you

—Ozelle Greene Sotelo

So sorry to hear of the passing of Ralph .always enjoyed our talks at quality plus and when ever I saw him out .prayers are with the family .

—Tracy B Johnson