



Thomas "Dale" Estes

April 11, 1945 - February 12, 2023

Thomas "Dale" Estes, 77, of South Haven, Michigan passed away on February 12, 2023, at Bronson Hospital surrounded by his wife and daughters. Dale was born on April 11, 1945, in Manila, Arkansas to parents Edna Belle (nee Thomas) and Gilbert Guy Estes.

He graduated from Hartford High School in 1963. Dale was drafted into the Army in 1965, where he proudly served his country as a Combat Medic in Vietnam until 1967. He was elected as Commander of the American Legion Post 49 in 1970. Dale was employed at South Haven Rubber Company for over 40 years until his retirement in 2005.

Dale was a loving husband, father, Papa, uncle, and friend. He loved bowling, playing cards, and most of all spending time with his family. In 1974, Dale married Rita Hewitt. During this union, he gained a step-daughter, Barb, and welcomed two daughters, Diane, and Deanna. Dale and Rita divorced in 1994. In 2000, Dale married Ruth Goodrode (nee Cisco). Ruth brought 4 adult children, Marie, Patrick, Katherine, and Julie into this union.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (nee Cisco), daughters Diane (Keith) Duell, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Deanna (Terry Shaver) Estes, of South Haven, Michigan, grandchildren, Danielle Shaver, Cassidy, and Kylin Duell, his 5 step-children, 6 step grandsons, step granddaughter and 2 step great

granddaughters, and sisters, Faye (Brad) Waldrop and Sharon Asaro, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Mae Linderman, Treva Montgomery, Boyd Estes, and Jean Burlingham.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, Dale requested that donations be made to the South Haven American Legion.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *DANA R BRYANT lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Dale" Estes*



DANA R BRYANT - March 08, 2023 at 06:56 AM

BP

“ *Barb Pasquill lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Dale" Estes*



barb pasquill - February 17, 2023 at 11:28 AM

ND

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I got to know all of you while delivering mail in that area for 35 years before retiring.*



Nila Dubas - February 16, 2023 at 11:05 AM

CM

“ *Claudia Metcalfe lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Dale" Estes*



Claudia Metcalfe - February 15, 2023 at 10:13 PM

DM

“ Darryl Mosley and family lit a candle in memory of Mr. "Dale" Estes.
Sending prayers to the family.

Darryl Mosley - February 15, 2023 at 09:08 PM

PR

“ Phil Radtke lit a candle in memory of Thomas
"Dale" Estes



Phil Radtke - February 15, 2023 at 06:13 PM

TE

“ Teresa And Dan Empson lit a candle in
memory of Thomas "Dale" Estes



Teresa and dan Empson - February 15, 2023 at 12:25 PM

KM

“ Ken And Rose Cisco Morrison lit a candle in
memory of Thomas "Dale" Estes



Ken and Rose Cisco Morrison - February 15, 2023 at 12:02 PM

DB

“ *DANA R BRYANT lit a candle in memory of
Thomas "Dale" Estes*



DANA R BRYANT - February 15, 2023 at 12:01 PM