



Dale C. Sheldon

February 14, 1929 - July 28, 2015

Dale Chauncey Sheldon was born to Robert Malcom and Emmalyn (Youngner) Sheldon on February 14th, 1929 at the LeRoy farm near Lake Le Homme Dieu, north of Alexandria, Minnesota. The family lived in the Alexandria area before settling onto their own farm on Lake Jessie which remained his home for most of his life. After Dale graduated from Central High School in Alexandria in 1947, he began working for Peterson Paint Shop before going on to attend the University of Minnesota, majoring in music. While at the University, he joined a church choir where he met a young woman in the soprano section, his wife to be, Virginia Faye Pierce, of Wadena MN, with whom he shared a lifelong love of music and the arts. They were married on June 29th, 1952 at the First Congregational Church in Alexandria. Dale joined the Army on February 21st, 1951 and was stationed in at Fort Worden at Port Angeles, Washington where he played French horn and bassoon in the military band until 1953. The couple moved back to Alexandria, MN, where they built their home and raised five children. At that time Dale resumed working for Emil Peterson at the Paint Shop, eventually purchasing the business which then became the Sheldon Paint Shop for fifty plus years. He furthered his skills in wood graining and wallpapering through studies at the Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, returning there as a guest presenter on wood graining in later years. Music remained one of the loves of his life as he was active in the First Congregational Church choir, the Alexandria Civic Orchestra, community

bands and choirs and the Alexandria Area Arts Association where he and his wife performed onstage and helped build sets in many musicals. The fine arts world of theatre, music and poetry was always a major force in his life.

Dale also had a lifelong love of horses and spent many hours riding and driving horses with his wife and children, passing that interest and skill on to them.

Dale passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on July 28, 2015 at age 86. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia, and his parents. He is survived by his daughters: Brita (Philip) Sailer, Park Rapids, MN; Julia (Robert) Morris, Bailey, CO; Genevieve (Tim) Poehls, Wolverton, MN; Sylvia (Joseph) Luetmer, Alexandria; son, Peter Sheldon (Jeannie Anderson), Alexandria; 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren; his brothers, Keith Sheldon of Cleveland, OH, and Douglas (Dixie) Sheldon of Fallbrook, CA, and sister Marjorie Gromatka of Alexandria, MN.

Memorial Service held on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Alexandria. Inurnment, Geneva Cemetery. Honorary Urn bearers: Peter Sheldon, Philip Sailer, Robert Morris, Tim Poehls and Joseph Luetmer. Memorials preferred to the Alexandria Area Arts Association and First Congregational UCC church in Alexandria. Funeral arrangements by the Anderson Funeral Home. www.AndersonFuneral.net

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory
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Alexandria, MN 56308
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Visitation

AUG **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
221 W. 7th Avenue
Alexandria, MN 56308

Memorial Service

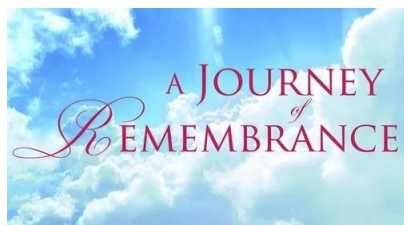
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Tribute Wall



“ *Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale C. Sheldon*



Anderson Funeral Home - August 04, 2015 at 02:38 PM

JN

Beautiful video Sheldon's...lots of wonderful memories to keep forever....beautiful man, your Dad...you are in our thoughts...and in our prayers.....Jamie Haaven Noe

Jamie Haaven Noe - August 06, 2015 at 02:44 PM

GP

Thank you Jamie

Gen Poehls - August 06, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RS

Pete, sorry to hear of your fathers passing. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Rose Stier - August 07, 2015 at 05:40 PM

BN

I have great memories of Dale from my Jr. and Sr. High years in the First Congregational choir under the direction of Virginia Franzen. I used to sit purposely between Dale(tenor) and Cliff Rykken(bass) so we could harmonize. Your father was a wonderful person.....Bruce Nelson, Class of 68.

Bruce Nelson - August 09, 2015 at 05:59 PM

BC

What a wonderful tribute to Dale. Such a kind and gentle soul.

Brenda Cordes-Barker - August 12, 2015 at 10:59 AM

BC

“ *There are no words that express how fortunate I was to meet you. We had so many moments of music, poetry, discussions about life and so many many laughs together. I will cherish these moments forever. The last time I saw you my heart soared for I had finally, by the grace of God found you.*

You, my friend, inspired me in so many ways. I will never forget entering your room and calling out "Amahl"

I enjoyed meeting all of your family and especially Sylvia. Her dedication and devotion was like none other. My deepest sympathies to your whole family. May you forever soar on eagles wings and be free.

All of my love, Brenda Cordes Barker

Brenda Cordes-Barker - August 12, 2015 at 10:39 AM

LO

“ *Love Laura, Sandy, Alex and Jack Olevitch purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dale C. Sheldon.*



Love Laura, Sandy, Alex and Jack Olevitch - August 09, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale C. Sheldon.*



August 07, 2015 at 05:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Anderson Funeral Home - August 07, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ *Linda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dale C. Sheldon*



Linda Johnson - August 06, 2015 at 07:47 AM



One year at the Douglas County Fair when Brita was showing her horse I hung around with the Sheldon family. I was introduced to shrimp pizza and the larger Sheldon family. It was obvious that Dale loved, encouraged, and mentored his children and that family time and fun were very important to him.

Linda Johnson, Brita's HS classmate - August 06, 2015 at 07:53 AM

JF

“ The most wonderful memories I have are the camping trips that Don Farrar and Janet (me) took with the children and we all sat around the camp fire singing and listening to the "witch" song that Virginia sang. It made me laugh so much. We asked her to sing it every time we went. The words always varied. Dale was such a super nice person and always encouraged us all to join in singing and playing the ukulele in the dark by the fire light. Wonderful times ! I really think those were the highlights of my life ! Thank you Dale and Virginia for all the super great times we had at your house with the music and my lousy piano playing. They sang as I struggled. What great fun we had together ! When I think back, it still brings a huge smile to my face. Janet Farrar

janet farrar - August 01, 2015 at 07:45 PM

GP

Those were truly wonderful times that all of us remember. The Laughter and singing is still in my head. Thanks for your kind thoughts.
Gen

Gen Poehls - August 03, 2015 at 03:51 PM

DJ

Great memories of Dale and your whole family as our families grew up together. Enjoyed spending time with Dale while he was at Bethany Home for a short time. Don & Wendy Johnson (Dorothy Johnson's Son)

Don Johnson - August 07, 2015 at 01:39 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Dale C. Sheldon.



July 30, 2015 at 02:09 PM