



Dale Neaves

December 3, 1951 - August 26, 2016

Dale Neaves, local businessman, passed away on August 26, 2016 in Durant, Oklahoma.

Mr. Neaves was born in Durant on December 3, 1951 to the late Horace David and Lillie Maxine (Massey) Neaves. On July 21, 1983 he married his wife of 33 years, Roberta (Staples) Neaves. They made their home in Durant.

He attended Ardmore High School and Central State in Edmond. In his early years, Dale was an outstanding athlete, playing American Legion baseball in Bryan County. His record-setting athleticism remains a topic for discussion among community members.

Mr. Neaves loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed sending them on vacations, and then listening to their excitement as they told him all about the trips. He liked cooking, a skill he picked up at an early age while sitting on his Grannie Massey's kitchen counter. For fun, Dale played blackjack, slots and poker games. He relaxed by sitting on the porch and watering the yard and plants. He also collected Maruri porcelain eagles.

Dale was a visionary, and was instrumental in bringing several businesses to the Durant area. A private person, he donated to various local schools anonymously.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Neaves was preceded in death by grandparents, Bull and Jennie V. Massey, Dude and Bertha Neaves, uncle Gene Massey, cousin Dan Massey, and niece Miranda Johnson.

Mr. Neaves is survived by wife Roberta Neaves of the home, sons Aaron Neaves Phillips and Rob Young and daughter Robin Carpenter and husband Kevin all of Durant and grandchildren Hunter, Chance, Lauren, Mika, Kaylee and Kimber. He is also survived by sister Gayla Bonnin and husband Scott of Durant, niece Cara Shelton of Anchorage, Alaska, favorite aunt Betty Massey of Durant, uncles Odes Massey and wife Nancy of Surprise, Arizona and John Massey and wife Donna of Durant and cousins Greg Massey, Mike Massey, Roric Massey, Brenda Zinckes, David Massey, and Gary Massey.

Honorary pallbearers are Skip Robinson, Greg Massey, Mike Herron, Bill Dane, Todd Tidwell, Brent Maxwell, and Tim White.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dale Neaves

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Neaves.



September 01, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ Gayla so sorry for your loss I knew you and Dale were always close
Sending prayers to you and Dale's Family

Anthony

Anthony D Wilson - August 31, 2016 at 06:07 PM

TR

“ To the family, may the peace of the Lord be always with you.

I met Dale back in my early college years. Dale was working at a convenience store on first Street. His knowledge of the business was immeasurable. He could explain the perfect design of a store or why candy was put at a certain height. He could go on and on. Upon leaving the store that night I asked him how many stores he owned. This one or more. He chuckled and said he was simply a clerk but he was about to show this town how that business works. Shortly after I moved away, when I returned Dale had five or six stores and his previous employer was out of business. Dale loved blackjack. I mean he seriously loved blackjack. One day I strolled into his store on Washington. Aware he had recently returned from Vegas I asked, how did we do? He chuckled and said, we did pretty well. Being nosy I asked how well? He replied with, I think I'll buy a new Mercedes today. The next day there was a brand new 450 SL Mercedes in front of his store. Dale was my personal motivational speaker. There was never a time upon our meeting that I wasn't ready to conquer the world afterwards. I was proud to know Dale on a personal level. I will miss him.

Terry(Terrance)Reynolds

Terry Reynolds - August 30, 2016 at 10:48 AM

LF

“ *Laura Voorhies and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dale Neaves.*



Laura Voorhies and Family - August 30, 2016 at 09:49 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Neaves.*



August 29, 2016 at 09:50 PM



“ *As I write these memories about my brother he is also my hero, it puts a smile on my face but also tears are running down my cheeks. Some of my fondest memories were when we were young and getting ready for our dates we would listen to music and cutup. We worked together at Lake Murray in the summer time we rent sailboats paddle boats and take people for rides around the lake. We would ride his motorcycle down I-35 to work like didn't have a worry in the world and I guess we didn't. At the lake we enjoyed sailing and waterskiing together. My brother always knew I loved him unconditionally but of all things he was my big brother he took care of me and was always there for me as we grew up. There will always be a piece of my heart missing ,may you rest in peace*

Love, Bear Gayla

gayla bonnin neaves, sister - August 29, 2016 at 12:59 PM



Thinking about you Gayla. I love you. My heart is there with you.

Sarah Massey - August 29, 2016 at 04:35 PM

DM

*Gayla,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.
James and I thought a lot of Dale and always enjoyed his humor and
wit! He will be missed.*

*Hugs,
James and Denise Mitchell*

Denise Mitchell - August 31, 2016 at 10:28 AM

CG

*Gayla my thoughts and prayers are with you and Dale's family. As i
was reading your message memories come flooding back of working
with you two at Lake Murray. We had a good time working and playing
on the boat docks. I'm sorry for your loss. Love ya---Cheryl*

Cheryl (Proctor) Gossvener - September 01, 2016 at 09:21 AM

BB

*“ Dale was such a cute boy. Beautiful. eyes. Loved watching him
grow up to such a nice young man. Love you Dale. Aunt Bonnie*

Bonnie Boyd - August 29, 2016 at 12:45 PM