



Dale Kinney Sr.

January 17, 1953 - March 14, 2025

Dale D. Kinney Sr., 72, of Knox, IN, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 14, 2025, at Northwest Health, Starke Hospital following a sudden illness. Born on January 17, 1953, in Knox, he was the son of the late Clyde and Mabel (Cornwell) Kinney.

On January 23, 1971, Dale married the love of his life, Zona Ritchie, in Knox. Zona preceded him in death in 2021. Dale lived in the Knox area for his entire life, working as a crane operator at Bethlehem Steel before retiring. He was a proud member of the United Steel Workers Union.

Dale was a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who cherished spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed gathering with friends over coffee and breakfast after his retirement.

He is survived by his two sons, Dale Kinney Jr. of Knox and Jeremiah Kinney of Elkhart; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Carol Patrick of Plymouth and Rita Bolinski. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Zona; one grandchild; two brothers, Darwin and Dean; and four sisters, Darlene, Norma, Virginia, and Marge.

In accordance with Dale's wishes, he will be cremated. At this time, no service or viewing is planned. The family asks for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time as they remember the loving father and grandfather Dale was.

Dale's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ My brother and I only got the pleasure of knowing Dale we always had a good laugh when we got together we just live down the street and he would come down and visit he became more like family then a friend i had the honor of buying a John Deere mower from him which I'll always cherish. On a funny note he came to visit me one evening and my phone started ringing and when I answered it I had it on speaker and this guy started making threats and I told where I lived and to bring 2 thing's with him when he came plenty of bandages and a driver to drive him home and said I'd be waiting Dale was laughing so hard and say's wt are you going to do if he shows up I looked at him and laughed and said make him use the bandages wt else I didn't think he was ever going to stop laughing you Will be greatly missed my brother but never forgotten

Jeffrey A Jimerson - March 21, 2025 at 02:21 AM

JK

“ I'll always love you, you helped mold me into the man I am today. I'll always cherish the memories we've made and keep steadfast on pushing forward. I'll raise Kaidyn with the same values and principles you raised me with. I'm truly lost and broken without you by my side, and I'll try to find the strength to always carry on. Give Mom a huge hug and kiss for me, until we meet again ❤️❤️

Jeremiah Kinney - March 17, 2025 at 07:24 PM

JS

Uncle Dale I'll cherish our memories together.ill miss you loved you so much.jacqueline Schuman & family.

Jacqueline Schuman - July 30, 2025 at 07:35 PM

CB

“ Rest in peace Uncle Dale. You will be missed but it gives me great comfort that you are re-united with my Mom, your sister Norma, and your other family members.

Love you,
Cindy

Cynthia Burns - March 16, 2025 at 07:07 PM

TJ

“ One last one that I will always cherish: about 2x a week he would walk over with Teddy and some veggies from his garden to visit us for an hour or so. Our talks would make us belly laugh. He would share stories about his life, Zona, life lessons. I'm really going to miss him. ❤️

He also knew how close Zona and I were, when she passed he brought me her Llama coffee cup and I put up in my display cabinet.



Tara Jensen - March 16, 2025 at 09:02 AM

TJ

“ Many memories come to mind when I think of him and Zona, since I've lived next door to them for 20 years:) In September my daughter was turning 16 and I invited Dale to her surprise party. He had prior obligations, but the day of the party he came out to my car (mind you my daughter was in it) and he said I brought you some treats you can serve at Ava's party. I looked at Dale like shhhh and he looked at me like oops and we both started dying laughing. He was a great friend, person, and neighbor. Loved him and Zona like family. They will be missed ❤️

Tara Jensen - March 16, 2025 at 08:57 AM