



## Dale A. Rosander

October 14, 1946 - February 23, 2011

Dale A. Rosander, 64, of Koontz Lake, died on Wednesday morning, February 23, 2011, in his home surrounded by his wife, daughters, sister and a few loving and caring friends that made his tough journey easier. He was born October 14, 1946, in Grovertown, to Carl Eric and Victoria (Peterson) Rosander. Survivors include his wife, Shirley; daughters, Lisa (Ken) Thomalla of Palos Park, IL, and Tami (Todd) Miller of St. John, IN, sister, Eleanor (Carl "Greasy") Harness of Grovertown; six grandchildren, Morgan, Madeline, Mason & Makayla Thomalla and Carson & Lauren Miller; nine step-children and many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Carl, Delbert and Ronald "Worm" Rosander; and an infant sister, Janet Rosander. In August 1966, in Donaldson, he married the former Jean Muska. On March 19, 1992, he married the former Shirley Giles in Tyner. Shirley has been supportive, loving, caring and a wonderful cook. Together they enjoyed camping and spending time with their many friends.

Dale worked at Commercial Honing in Hamlet until it closed, in Detroit with M & M Contracting, and most recently Masonite Door Company in Walkerton where he was a foreman. He was also skilled as a commercial and residential painter. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of the American Legion Post 365 in North Liberty, and was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener. He planted every seed available, including 100 tomato plants each year.

Dale was a graduate of the first Oregon-Davis class in 1964, a consolidation of Hamlet and Grovertown schools. He was an all sports athlete and was a participant in sports that brought many firsts in both cross country and track. He was a member of the O-D Basketball Team that brought fame to the small school throughout his high school years. The baskets Dale made from the right corner of the court led the team to steady victories. As seniors they lost their only game in the sectional second round to a much larger school. Many members of that team are still close friends today. Dale also played softball in Plymouth Leagues, always at third base, with a high batting average, until the age of 37. He was an avid football, baseball, basketball fan and a #1 Cubs fan. He also had a precise aim that led him to many horseshoe tournament victories. In later years, his grandchildren were the apples of his eye. He loved going to their sporting events, family holidays, and special visits with them all. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Central Time at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, with Pastor Brian Baughman officiating. Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery. Friends may call Saturday from 4-8 p.m. CST and Sunday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to SJRMC-Plymouth Cancer Institute, % Foundation of SJRMC, 837 E. Cedar St., Suite 350, South Bend, IN 46617.

# Tribute Wall

WC

“ It is an extremely sad time with the assing of Dale! Dale always made me welcome when ever I return for visits to Indiana and has always been a true friend over time. We had a lot funplaying together on the first OD Team for the 1963-64 school year. Ishall miss Dale, and will never forget him and his continued friendship!To Dale's Family: I know this is a very sad time for all! Try to remember all of the good times you had and the many wonderful things that Dale did over the years. As Dale said to me the night we were inducted into the Oregon-Davis Athletic Hall of of fame "Wayne, I know why you be came a school Principal" "I said you do" Dale said yes, it's because you spent so much time in the Principals'Office Yourself our Senior Year" and we laughed! That was some of Dale's humor I will remember!Wayne Carroll

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**Wayne Carroll** - April 29, 2018 at 08:17 PM

DM

“ hoping you all can feel the thoughts and prayers that have been with you over these past weeks.

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**Donielle Moore** - April 29, 2018 at 08:17 PM

DA

“ Dear Shirley,  
May the love of family and friends carry you through your grief. Dale was a wonderful and caring person. We will miss him very much. Please let us know if you need anything.

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**Dan, Mary Ann & Schuyler Awald** - April 29, 2018 at 08:17 PM

SW

“ Im so sorry to hear about Dale...Hes gonna be missed by many..The girls and i have moved to kentucky and am so sorry we cant make it back to share in your time of need...I will keep you all in my prayers and ill miss dale very much...

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**sue oconnor-rosander(johns wife)** - April 29, 2018 at 08:17 PM

VB

“ We are sorry we couldn't be there, but want you to know that we are thinking of everyone and wishing you peace in the days ahead. We are keeping you in our prayers.

With love,  
Vickey Kelper and Normale Bennett

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**Vickey Kelper & Normale Bennett** - April 29, 2018 at 08:17 PM

JO

“ dele was a good friend sorry i couldn't be there shirly he will be saddly mised hope everything is ok with you Joe ORI

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**joseph ori** - April 29, 2018 at 08:17 PM

SM

“ Tami,Lisa and family So sorry for your lose my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Shandi Rooney Manuwal** - April 29, 2018 at 08:17 PM

PW

“ Rest in peace Dale. Heartfelt condolences to the family.

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**Pam (White) Williams** - April 29, 2018 at 08:17 PM