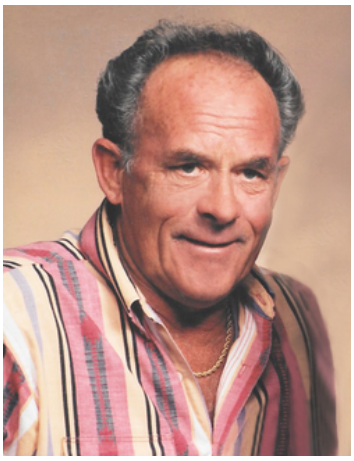


Dale Beckstead

November 19, 1937 ~ September 1, 2021

Maurice Dale Beckstead, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend passed away on September 1, 2021, due to age-related health problems. Dale was the oldest of six children born to Maurice and Bernice Beckstead on November 19, 1937, in Murray, Utah. He married Kathy Bodell and had four children, Brad, Danny, Lisa and Brenda who they loved very much. They later divorced and he married the love of his life, Gayle Ostler. They were happily married and enjoyed a wonderful life together for almost 30 years until his passing.

Dale attended Jordan High School until he was 17 years old when he decided to proudly serve his country by joining the United States Navy for 8 years, 4 active and 4 inactive. He was stationed in many places including the USS Lexington in the Pacific Ocean, Hong Kong, Hawaii with his final assignment in Buckner Bay, San Diego.

Dale was a very hard working and successful entrepreneur. He started his first sewer and water pipeline construction business, Peterson and Beckstead Excavating, with his partner Dwight Peterson. He then had his own construction business, Dale Beckstead and Sons. After retiring from the business, he and Gayle moved to Malad, Idaho to enjoy the retired life. Retirement was not going to slow Dale down. He created another successful business called Beckstead Gravel which kept him busy hauling sand and gravel to the residents of Malad.

Dale had a love for horses and horse racing. He owned and raced thoroughbred horses across the country. He also loved the outdoors whether it was riding ATVs in the summer or snowmobiling in the winter. He and Gayle bought a cattle ranch they called Big Stik Ranch. Dale spent countless hours working tirelessly on his land to make it a place all of his loved ones could enjoy. Friends and family have very fond memories of spending time with him and Gayle at “The Ranch”.

Dale was always a very busy man in his earlier years, but when he got older and retired from his businesses, he learned to appreciate and enjoy the simple things in life. He loved being with his family and friends. He was always very proud of his children and grandchildren and all their accomplishments. He appreciated hard work and loved to talk about the jobs his kids and grandkids were doing. Dale and Gayle traveled to Yuma, Arizona every winter in their grand motorhome to enjoy the warm weather and friends.

Dale was blessed to have such a wonderful, loving wife who took care of him throughout their marriage, especially during the later years when his health was declining. He loved and cherished her dearly.

Dale is survived by his wife, Gayle, siblings Jim (Patty) Beckstead, Don (Rhea) Beckstead, Verla Richards, children Brad (Sheila) Beckstead, Danny Beckstead, Lisa Butterfield, Brenda (Branden) Barnes, step-children Charlene (Jimmy) Louder, Jeff (Tonya) Powell, Landen (JoDee) Crump, Candace (Brandon) Gregrich, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Connie Smock and brother Dean Beckstead.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road (10600 S.), Sandy Utah. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the services.

To view previously held funeral services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.

To view previously held graveside services, please use the following link:
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