



Dale Richard Tarkalson

August 29, 1944 - February 17, 2026

Dale Tarkalson was born August 29, 1944, to Judith and Willard Tarkalson. He passed away on February 17, 2026.

Dale had three children. His eldest daughter Bobbie was born while he was married to Mary Bea Fozzard. Dale spoke for months about what a wonderful time he had awhile ago during a visit with Bobbie in Arizona.

In October of 1972 he married Pat Scoville of Olalla, Washington. They lived many of their 55 years together in Butte and had two children Shawntre and Jennifer.

He worked as a diesel mechanic for the Anaconda Company and the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO). When ARCO shut down he moved to Nevada to work for Newmont Gold mining company and was a supervisor for several years before retiring. Dale was an expert mechanic who could diagnose and fix anything motorized.

Dale loved his wife Pat, his children, his family and his friends. Anyone who knew Dale would tell you he was an honest, quiet, kind, loyal, gentle, caring and non-judgmental person who never said an unkind word about anyone. Helping and taking care of others always came first with Dale.

Dale was predeceased by his son Shawntre and daughter Jennifer, and his parents Judith and Willard Tarkalson. He is survived by his wife Pat; daughter Bobbie Davis and grandson Josh Murphy; granddaughter Lacey and great grandchildren Finlee and Kennady; grandson Trey Tarkalson; brother Gary, sisters Joan Plaja (Mike) and Lois Micheletti (Greg); nephew David Tarkalson, niece Debbie Fouts, and numerous grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins.

When Dale got his first car he took his sisters to Delmoe Lake where they ate baloney sandwiches and pickles on shore while fishing. He always looked after his younger sisters and took them with him whenever he could. He loved nature, loved to camp, loved to explore on his four-wheeler and looked forward to anything that took him outdoors. He and Pat explored the great outdoors using all modes of transportation. He loved all of his dogs who were always his best friends.

Someone close to him said: "Dale was a model for those of us who wish to go to heaven. I will spend the rest of my life trying to be more like him."

Cremation will take place and a Celebration of Life will be held this summer with details to follow.

Dale will be greatly missed. The family invites everyone who knew Dale to please share your memories and sentiments on Wayrynen-Richards website

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Please join us for a Celebration of Dale's Life at the East Side Athletic Club on June 8 between 3:00 and 6:00.

Lois Micheletti - March 10 at 11:29 AM

SE

“ Steve Edwards, I already sent condolences, but I forgot to mention that when I got back from Viet Nam in late 1967, he was the only friend who met me at the Butte airport when i returned home.

Steve Edwards - March 03 at 07:25 PM

LM

Steve, We greatly appreciate that you have shared this memory. Hopefully you can attend a Celebration of Life that will be held for Dale at the East Side Athletic Club 3:00-6:00 on June 8.

Lois Micheletti - March 09 at 06:45 PM

KS

“ I was very sorry to hear about Dale !! He was a great friend and a kind person my sympathy goes to his family he will be missed!!

Kim Simon - February 26 at 08:42 PM

DG

“ Well Dale, rest in peace my friend and brother , I want to express my condolences to your family, and I will miss all the great times we've shared together. Lots of great times & memories , that will follow me to the end and I am sure I will see you on the other side , Sincerely, Don Gearhart !!

Don Gearhart - February 25 at 08:00 PM

AW

“ Dale and I graduated from Cleveland Teck in auto mechanics Butte High class

Art Willman - February 21 at 08:40 PM

NS

I am very sorry for your families loss. Dale and Mary Bea (my cousin) took me to Yellowstone Park in 1968. I have fond memories of them together. My Dale RIP and our Lord comfort all of you. Nancy (Schmitt) Solum

Nancy Solum - February 23 at 06:25 PM

SE

I went to high school with Dale and then worked at the Berkly Pitt with him and we became best friends. I don't know if anyone will know me because he was married to Mary B at the time and had Bobbie. I moved to Arizona and he went to Nevada, But his brother Gary knows me very well. I'm so sorry, but it is a destiny we all have to go thru. Would like to hear from Gary. Carnut746@gmail.com

Steve Edwards - March 03 at 06:49 PM



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Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - February 21 at 12:34 PM

KS

Dale was a great guy very sorry to see this he will be missed 😞

Kim Simon - February 25 at 08:33 AM

JP

I remember when Dale caught this fish. It was the biggest on the boat. He had such a good time. We all did. He will be missed. His sister

Joan Plaja - March 07 at 08:12 PM