



Dale A. Mettler

January 16, 1944 - December 2, 2020

Dale A. Mettler, age 76 of Hardin, KY, died Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at his home in Hardin, KY.

Dale was born January 16, 1944 to Arthur and Sadie (nee Pruitt) Mettler.

He was married to Diann M. Hartlieb on March 26, 1983.

He was a 1961 graduate of St. Paul High School, Highland, IL. He was a barber in Highland, IL. Later he became a developer; he helped develop two subdivisions in Highland - Country Manor and Cambridge Meadows with Delmar (Smokey) Kloss and Kent Linenfelser.

After retiring, he and his wife, Diann, moved to the Kentucky Lake area in the early 2000's and enjoyed time fishing and hunting around Kentucky Lake.

Survivors include: Wife, Diann M. Mettler (nee Hartlieb); children - Jennifer Mettler (Rob Monger) of Cheyenne, WY; Matthew Mettler of Highland, IL; Shaun D. (Jackie) Parks of Jacksonville, FL and Scott D. Parks of Aurora, KY; grandchildren - Benjamin M. Monger; William M. Monger; Katarina N. Parks; Ashlee M. Parks; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: Parents - Arthur and Sadie (nee Pruitt) Mettler;

Brother - Donald Mettler.

Arrangements were handled by Collier Funeral Home, KY. No services were held.

Tribute Wall

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dale's passing. Although it's been a few years since I've seen Dale, his memory lingers.

Smokey and I considered ourselves dear friends through the years and not just business partners. We enjoyed spending a lot of time with Diann and Dale, especially during down times when Dale and Smokey dabbled in their many adventures. Beginning with maintaining an oil investment that lead them into drilling and producing oil wells. The guys would be out in the middle of a field drilling, sometimes the mud would be so deep that we'd walk right out of our boots, just to take them lunch or a surprise treat. The cold, the mud or a broken drill bit never stopped those guys from putting in a hard day. They were not allergic to work. I'll never forget the surprised look on their faces, one late afternoon, when they left the wells to find that Diann and I had caught 13 turtles, to keep from spending all day in a motel room and being bored, they were the only people in the whole town (Yale,IL) who knew how to clean them. After working in the oil field all day, cleaning turtles turned into a late evening, needless to say we were encouraged never to catch that many at one time again.

The guys later decided to purchasing ground and developing Country Hills Subdivision, one of the first subdivisions in Highland that you could build a home on two acres. Happy that that venture went over so well, they decided to buy more ground and develop, Cambridge Meadows, a subdivision in town with bigger lots, small lakes/ponds and curvy streets. Dale began contracting and building homes and we, Smokey and I, sold them for him. Again hard work did not hold him back.

It was hard to see Dale retire, leave Highland and move to Kentucky but we were able to visit and see why he loved it there so much.

When we would visit, Dale would take Smokey fishing and Smokey, Diann and Dale would come back with a boat full of fish, CLEANED, to fry and for all to enjoy. There are so many short stories I could share in-between these but the point I want to share is, his story was an part of our story and we will never forget what an important role he and Diann played in our lives. We will always have fond memories of Dale (and Diann) and never forget him. Rest in Peace

Dear Friend.

Bonnie Kloss - January 11, 2021 at 11:51 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear this sad news. Our sincere sympathy to Diann & family. God Bless*

Bob & Beckie Schrumpf - January 11, 2021 at 10:19 AM

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I am so sorry for your loss. My sincere sympathy to you and your family.

Dianne Frey - January 11, 2021 at 11:34 AM