



## Dale A. Barsness

April 27, 1935 - August 8, 2015

### Obituary of Dale Barsness

Dale A Barsness of the Villages, FL passed away Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Shirley, and their children David, Dana (Davis) and Kari (LePouttre). Six grandchildren blessed his life, Christopher, Cassandra, Sara, Anastastia, Stephanie, and Amanda. He is survived by his brothers, Wayne Barsness and Stanley Kolden, and brothers-in-law, Frank Rosenfelt and Terry Smith. He was predeceased by an infant daughter, Deborah; his mother, Valdine (Anderson) Barsness/Kolden; his father Reuben, and stepfather, Melvin Kolden.

To know Dale was to know his boundless enthusiasm and zest for life. Not a man of few words, he was born on April 27, 1935 in Killdeer, ND and spent his formative years in Roseglen and Makoti. He was graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1957 (BS) and the University of Hartford in 1974 (MBA).

Dale served his country with distinction in the US Air Force from 1957-1961 before embarking on a career in sales and marketing with General Electric and later Loctite (Henkel), retiring in 1997. He was proudest of his work in the

US Space Program, including commercializing the silicone rubber for the "moon boot" worn by US astronauts. "We may have walked on the moon, but we did so in your shoes," quipped once RADM Alan Shepard, USN.

A lifelong member of the Masonic Fraternity and Shrine, Dale distinguished himself as brother and past master of St Marks/Valley #36 in Simsbury, CT, as a Shriner, he belonged to the Sphinx Chanters, the Motor Patrol, the Legion of Honor and Sphinx Past Masters Club. In Florida, Dale was a member of the Village Shrine Club and Yellow Jackets unit. His most rewarding service, however, was as a Cavalry trooper in the First Company Governor's Horse Guards of the Connecticut Militia.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at Hope Lutheran Church in The Villages, FL, from 11 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2015. "Follow Live Stream" at [www.hope2all.org](http://www.hope2all.org). Inurnment with military honors at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Dale to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. ([www.shrinershospital sforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospital sforchildren.org))

"The world is invited, come and meet with God."

Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Dale was the most positive outgoing person we ever met. Always ready to party (West Point picnics, Simsbury get together) and many others. We will miss that "can do attitude" and he is organizing heaven at this moment.

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**Paul & Joanne Brahler** - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Shirley and Family, We were saddened to hear of Dales passing. His Memory will be carried on in the lives of people he touched. Our deepest Sympathy. Jim and Doris

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**James and Doris Zieman** - August 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ms. Barsness and Family, I was saddened to hear of Mr. Barnes's passing. I worked with him to coordinate musical performances for groups that he presided over, while I served as the Director of Cadet Bands at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. His love for our country was always evident and his enthusiasm for life was boundless. I really appreciated that it always seemed as though he treated you as a true friend when we conducted business. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Very Respectfully, Kirk Edwards

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**Kirk Edwards CWO USCG (retired)** - August 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Shirley, to you, David, and the other children, our deepest condolences on this sad occasion. Even though we were somewhat prepared, the actual announcement still hit us hard. We have known you both for many years, and we always remember you as "you two". Now Dale is gone, and we feel like we lost a good friend. Tido still remembers Dale from the many breakfasts we had together during the last years, when we met at Friendly's in Avon, and still remember so many a lusty debate there. When we drive by your old neighborhood, we think of you, and we can still see you in your house, framed by some big, sporty cars in the driveway. You were always good and helpful friends, and we will always remember Dale. He was indeed a Prince. Love, Barbara and Tido

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**Barbara and Tido Holtkamp** - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Dear Shirley I learned of Dale's passing through an Internet message from our lodge in Simsbury and was saddened to learn of the news. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Bill

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**Pat and Bill Ketchabaw** - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Shirley and Family, I am deeply saddened to hear of Dale's passing. Please accept all of our condolences from myself and staff. I feel that throughout the past 20 years I got to know Dale as well as any one of your family. I feel privileged to have known him in many ways. I always admired his sense of accomplishment with the space program and at Loctite. Dale was always quick to ask about others and make sure they all were well. I also know that Dale would be one of the first not to let us grieve too long on his account... With that being said, Please accept my sincere respect for your loss. God Bless you Dale! Respectfully, Michael Williams DMD

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**Dr. Michael Williams** - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Shirley and family. So sorry to learn of Dale's passing. I always enjoyed sharing ND memories with him. You have our deepest sympathy and will keep you . in our thoughts and prayers. God bless. Hal and Ann Eberhard.

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**Hal Eberhard** - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dale A. Barsness

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August 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM