



Dr. Dale R. Neil DDS

July 29, 1942 - March 18, 2024

Dr. Dale Neil, beloved Stowe dentist for over 40 years, passed away peacefully in Bonita Springs Florida on March 18, 2024. Dale was born in Buffalo, New York in 1942, graduated from Colgate University in 1960, and from the New York State College of Dentistry in 1964. On July 10, 1965 he married Katherine Kentzel in Buffalo, New York. From 1968 to 1970 Dale and his young family lived in Newport, Rhode Island where Dale served in the US Navy as a dentist for the US Naval War College. In 1970 Dale, Kandy and Kate moved to Stowe, Vermont, a town he loved and always called home. By 1971, when son, Eric, joined the family, Dale had founded the dental practice to which he became profoundly committed. Later in 1971 he founded the Vermont Society for Preventive Dentistry. Dale often said, "I have always felt that I was treating friends rather than patients. That's what made it so enjoyable". He loved his dental clients, often providing care for those who would otherwise have been unable to receive it. He was always very grateful for the incredibly gifted and devoted dental team that supported him over the years.

Dale's overriding commitment to excellence was the hallmark of his personality and drove him to a leadership position in anything about which he felt passionate. This commitment was evidenced by the seven years spent on the Stowe school board. He also served as president of both the Stowe Rotary Club and Stowe Community Church. As a proud member of the Sport

Commandos, Dale loved fishing, hunting, skiing, sailing, and golf with his friends and family. He was a gifted storyteller and enjoyed entertaining his fellow members of the Lake Mansfield Trout Club. Dale was a very passionate and devoted husband and father, lovingly and strongly supporting Kandy, Kate and Eric through every interest they pursued, through every challenge they faced. We were blessed to call him "Dad".

In 2015, during a trip to Israel, Dale committed his life to Christ as he was baptized in the Jordan River. Since then he has humbly served his Lord as a member of Grace Bible Church in Moscow, Vermont and First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, Florida. Dale is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Kandy, his son Eric, daughter Kate, and son-in-law Ken.

A celebration of Dale's life will be held in Stowe, Vermont during this summer. Should you like to honor Dale's memory, please make donations to Grace Bible Church (856 Moscow Rd Stowe VT 05672) or Hope Hospice (Hope HealthCare Services, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Ft Myers, FL 33908).

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ Dear Kandy,

There are no words to express how heartbroken our entire family is about this loss. We can't imagine a world without Dr. Dale Neil in it. I met him when I was 25 years old . . . I am now 64, so many waters have gone over the dam!

The first time we met, you had just received news of a scary diagnosis. When we were finished with the exam, I told him I would pray for you. He said, "Do you really believe that works?" To which I responded, "God created all things, including science. Nothing is impossible with Him."

That was the start of a long, deep, wonderful relationship! Over the years we shared many books, thoughts, and conversations about our loving, personal God!

This world will never be the same without Dale, but I look forward to reconnecting with my dear friend in the world to come.

Meanwhile, I wish you peace and comfort in the wonderful memories you have, and I am beyond sorry for the loss you are enduring. Sending you condolences, love and hugs from the Hands family 💕

Robin Hands - June 16, 2024 at 08:06 PM

KR

“ Kandy-It's really hard to Believe that Dale is no longer with us. He has been a treasure for me to spend so many great times with him be it fishing hunting traveling and just his different ways of doing things that seem to work out eventually. There are so many great thought I have of him especially fishing at the Sandhill it brings tears to my eyes knowing this won't happen again. We had some of the funniest time at the trout club, driving around and just doing stupid things on our adventures as sport commandos. He was the easiest guy to talk to and often the hardest guy to convince but it made for super memories. He will always be in our hearts. Kurt

Kurt Reichelt - April 09, 2024 at 04:29 PM

HW

“ Dear Kandy and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Dr. Neil's passing. It was always a pleasure to see you and the Dr. seated at Table 1 at the Trout Club. I am so glad you planned the wonderful birthday party for Dr. Neil at the Club, a couple years ago. It was a beautiful summer day and your guests were all so happy to help Dale celebrate. He saw me outside and stopped to chat a bit; I learned he did quite alot of motorcycling through Europe in his earlier years. I showed him where I parked my bike and told him he could hop on and take a ride anytime he wanted, he thought that was pretty good :-). He was always kind and gracious and he will be missed.

Holly Wilkins - April 03, 2024 at 05:45 PM