

Santa, Dale Robert

April 9, 2025





DALE ROBERT SANTA M.B.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Dale Robert Santa aged 65 years of Moose Jaw, SK, on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025.

Dale was born in Peace River, Alberta, and spent his early years in the Assiniboia/Mossbank, SK area, growing up on the farm in Mossbank. Dale was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. Although he was a quiet soul, his presence was undeniable, and his impact on those around him was profound. He was a man whose character shone through in every interaction – loving, kind, and incredibly strong when it mattered most. Dale had a rare gift of making everyone feel seen and valued, always putting others before himself.

In his first marriage, Dale welcomed his son, James Robert Bennett, into the world. Life had its own plans for him, and eventually Dale moved to Moose Jaw, where he met the love of his life and soulmate, Debbie Smith, on October 31st, 1985. From that moment on, their journey together began – a bond that would

last a lifetime.

Dale worked many jobs throughout his life but truly found his calling as a truck driver, working for several companies over the years, including Ace Asphalt, High Country Transport, Rockport, Hardline, and ultimately, Covenant Construction, where he was employed at the time of his passing.

A true hero, Dale was awarded the Medal of Bravery, Canada's highest honor, after risking his life to save a fellow trucker from a burning semi. However, those who knew him didn't need a medal to recognize his bravery. Dale displayed immense courage throughout his life, most notably in his battle with pancreatic cancer – an arduous journey that he faced with remarkable strength and dignity.

He was predeceased by his parents, Henri and Shirley Leroy; in-laws, Al and Lil Smith; brother, Brian Santa; and his favorite uncle, Frank Forness. Dale leaves behind his beloved wife and best friend, Deb; children: Nathan (Angela) Smith, James (Tamara) Bennett, Joshua Santa, and Stephanie (Kyle) Delanoy; his cherished grandchildren: Alex, Mariah, Michael, Emilee, and Jacob; special nephew, Corey Santa; and siblings, Carman (Faye) Santa and Wayne Leroy. He is also survived by his in-laws: Twyla (Wayne) Sirovyak, Lorna (Jeff) Barber, Dwaine (Heather) Smith, and Joe (Sandy) Smith; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family, including Michel (Judy) Lamothe, Mark (Marilyn) Antonichuk, Colin (Bonnie) Johnston, Jim (Donna), his Buffalo View family, and his sisters-in-law: Elaine Knuttila, Sandra Willis, Bonnie Welbourne, and Shauna Fortman.

A Celebration of Dale's Life will be held on Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cosmo Senior Citizen's Centre, 235 3rd Ave NE, Moose Jaw, SK. All are welcome to join us in remembering the life and legacy of a truly remarkable man. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Shirese Noble Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Jack Stadnyk on April 10, 2025 at 6:58 am

So sorry for your loss Deb. Dale was such a great guy. My condolences to you and your family

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2.



Lennard Morin on April 10, 2025 at 7:06 am

I'd like to extend my deepest condolences to Deb and all of Dale's loved ones. Dale was a gentle soul who touched many lives. Dale, may you rest in peace.

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3.



Lee Zaremba on April 10, 2025 at 7:31 am

Our deepest sympathies. May you enjoy everlasting peace Dale!

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Tim wendzina on April 10, 2025 at 7:45 am

My condolences to u and all of the family

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Tami & Terry Dirkson on April 10, 2025 at 6:20 pm

Deb & family, deepest condolences. Dale was one of a kind and will be missed. Sorry for your loss.

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5.



Cindy Petersen on April 10, 2025 at 10:48 am

Sending our deepest sympathies to the entire family.

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Jacqui Wilson (Blair) on April 14, 2025 at 6:33 pm

Deepest Sympathy Debbie to you and your Family. May you find comfort in the memories and in the love of Family and Friends

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6.



Donna Piper on April 10, 2025 at 11:30 am

Although I never got to meet Dale we tagged along on many trucking trips. We were playing our game with Buddy n Dale. My love to you Deb

Rest Easy Dale

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7.



Cheryl D on April 10, 2025 at 3:54 pm

I am so very sorry to hear about Dale's passing
It's difficult in these times to know what to say
I only hope you know I am thinking of you and your family
Hold memories and family close

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8.



Susan Foster on April 10, 2025 at 3:56 pm

Dale was "One of a Kind" he will be missed by so many. So
very sorry for your loss.

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9.



Stanley piercey on April 10, 2025 at 5:15 pm

Condolences to the family from our house.

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10.



Mike and Diane on April 10, 2025 at 6:34 pm

Sending a heart felt condolences to you Ded and your family

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11.



Christa on April 10, 2025 at 6:37 pm

So sorry for your loss Debbie and family. Will miss our chats when you came to visit the cafeteria and on surgery.

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12.



Cheryl Chase on April 10, 2025 at 7:08 pm

May you rest in peace Dale, the pain is gone. Sincere condolences to you Deb and your family, hold your memories close to your heart, peace be with you.

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13.



Todd Lochbaum on April 10, 2025 at 7:26 pm

Our deepest condolences. He will truly be missed at the lake.

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14.



Angie Mamais on April 11, 2025 at 3:12 pm

So sorry Deb . Will miss the funeral as we're flying out on Saturday! Memory eternal and may he rest in peace♥️☐

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