



Dale J. Duca

October 7, 1952 - April 1, 2023

Dale J. Duca, 70, of Mentor, died April 1, 2023 at Hospice House in Cleveland. He was born October 7, 1952 in Cleveland.

Dale worked various positions throughout his career at the Cleveland Clinic. His hobbies were touring the country on his motorcycle in which he achieved 1,000 miles in one day multiple times to complete the 'Ironbutt' challenge. He enjoyed happy family time, especially with his grandson Dax. He was a participant of the church soft ball league as the member of the "Red team", in which he forged life long bonds. Later in life, Dale discovered the joy of JIS (Japanese Industrial Standard) which greatly enriched his life after ruining screws for 40+ years. Dale along with his youngest son Dan, enjoyed going to motorsports events and rocket launches while visiting Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Duca; children, David M. (Dr. Elizabeth Douglas) Duca, and Daniel S. Duca; grandchild, Dax Duca; and his sister, Melody (Harry) Randolph.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Alice Duca; and his brother, John Reidiger.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Dale's life from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation

Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Euclid Hunger Center, 291 E. 222nd St., Euclid, OH 44123.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ Just realize that Dale is gone now. He was a good guy, we grew up on on the same street, Mannering Drive in Eastlake. Dale graduated from Eastlake North High in the same class as my younger brother Grant, 1970. I hadn't seen Dale in many years until we met again when we rediscovered each other in halls of Cleveland Clinic where we both were then working. We saw each other many times after that, and always had time for a short chat. Good guy, wish we'd gotten together after retirement, we shared some common interests.

Jeff Green

Jeff Green - April 27, 2024 at 03:21 AM

JT

“ I just found out Dale passes away. I am a Financial Navigator for Taussig and I got to know Dale that way. So sorry to hear about his passing, and I will be praying for his familyh.

Jesse Tyler - June 07, 2023 at 03:41 PM

MR

“ Only you dear brother would leave this earth on April Fool's Day!



Melody Randolph - April 12, 2023 at 01:07 PM

LC

“ I'm at a loss for words. I send my love to his family. We both worked for the Cleveland Clinic and retired a few years apart. I'll remember all the family functions we attended together and the fun we had. I'll miss you cousin. Love, Cousin Linda, Gary and family.

Linda Collister - April 12, 2023 at 10:18 AM

SS

“ Susan Schaller lit a candle in memory of Dale J. Duca



Susan Schaller - April 10, 2023 at 10:32 PM

SS

“ Dale was a good neighbor and will be greatly missed. He always had a friendly smile and waved to me as he took off on his bike for a new adventure or driving his red Jeep. Dale was kind and giving. He helped deliver meals on wheels, He assisted me with my computer, mower, garage door, whatever I needed.. Dale even put a motion light on his house and aimed it towards my driveway to help me when I came home from work late at night . My favorite memory is when he was out at night looking at the planets and stars and let my grandson and me look in his telescope. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with his loving wife Pat, his boys David and Danny. When I see the brightest Star in the sky it will remind me of Dale. .

Susan Schaller - April 10, 2023 at 10:31 PM

AW

“ Dale and I were friends for more years than I can remember. We were teammates on the Red Team for 10 years. After we retired and in the last several years as Dale battled health issues, we went on numerous road trips together as he drove his beloved jeep. The trips were long and short, numerous trips for hot dogs, including a trip to Toledo just to get dogs at Tony Pacos. Longer trips included a trip to Lake George, in New York, A trip Dale made many times on his motorcycle to participate in the Americade bike rally. He knew all the best places to eat and visit, including Fort Ticondaroga. the trip up included a stop in Cooperstown and a visit to the baseball Hall of Fame.

Later that year we headed to Daytona Beach for a trip to Biketoberfest. traveling with Duke was never boring no matter the distance and driving time.

He had a million stories from his Clinic days as well as from his numerous bike trips. He never stopped talking and one story led to another. We, Along with our other good friend Big Jim made a spring trip to Arizona to visit the Indians (still the Tribe) at that time in spring training. Dale was never one to sit and relax, so he always, had destination and, adventures to suggest, so off we'd go. Times and companionship I'll always cherish.

Each trip or adventure ended with one of Dale's favorite sayings, "Ain't Life grand."

Rest in peace "Duke" See you on down the line.



Al Wargo - April 06, 2023 at 09:23 PM

CM

“ We have had a very special bond in life as first cousins. We attended kindergarten together, elementary school, and then separated as you went to JFK Jr. High and I attended Eastlake Jr. High. We were reunited at Eastlake North High School and graduated the same year. Our college years we kept in touch at family gatherings (weddings, graduations, baptisms, etc.) Our first born children attended Mentor High School and graduated the same year. Our second born children graduated from Mentor High School but a year apart. Our children share a special bond also. We both worked at Cleveland Clinic over 40 years and we both retired from the Clinic. We shared our cancer journey together and shared how we were at peace with ourselves. You were a wonderful husband to Patty, great father to David and Dan, and doting, loving grandfather to Dax. I heard it in your voice when you spoke about him. You are cherished and hold a place forever in my heart. Rest in peace, cousin. I love you.

Love, Cousin Cindy, Steve and Family

Cindy Mehallic - April 06, 2023 at 04:11 PM

GV

Beautiful post Cindy ❤️

Gail Volchko - April 08, 2023 at 12:09 PM

MR

“ You helped me take care of our mother when she passed away with the same disease.

You helped me take care of our father when he passed away peacefully.

You always let me know you were there for me and that I was loved. I couldn't have asked for a better more caring and loving brother than you.

You will always be in my heart.

If love could have save you, you would have lived forever.

Forever your loving little sister,

Melody

Melody Randolph - April 06, 2023 at 12:52 PM

SM

I didn't know Dale but have been a friend of Melody's for many years. I felt like I knew Dale by seeing him through Melody's loving eyes. I envied the close relationship she had with her big brother and his family. I too have followed someone close to me down the cancer path to death and Melody was there for me. If Dale is anything like Melody which I am sure he is, heaven gained another angel when he passed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Sharon Miller - April 06, 2023 at 04:43 PM

JG

“ I keep trying to find the words to put into this tribute, but there simply are no words. There is a huge hole in our hearts. Riding will not be the same. My sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of this one-of-a-kind man. We will miss that smile.



JoAnn Gibb - April 05, 2023 at 05:48 AM

TT

“ A dozen donuts.... no box

Terry Tekavec - April 04, 2023 at 02:45 PM

TT

“ Dale was one of the nicest guys I was lucky to have crossed paths with...
He made my life better... I was always happy to be in his company...
His memory will not fade with me...
RIP Duke!

Terry Tekavec - April 04, 2023 at 02:44 PM