



## Mr. Dale T. Maddox

September 9, 1945 - September 17, 2019

Mr. Dale T. Maddox, age 74, of Croswell, passed away on September 17, 2019, in McLaren Port Huron Hospital, after a short illness.

He was born on September 9, 1945, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to the late Harold and Alma Maddox.

Dale married Laura "Janie" Rucker on May 13, 1970, in Charleston, South Carolina.

He loved drag racing, Dale met his wife Janie on a drag strip in Warner Robins, Georgia. He enjoyed mowing grass, working on trucks and woodworking. He loved Jesus and served Him as the custodian at Valiant Ministries in Croswell and also at His Church in Georgia before moving to Michigan. Dale served honorably in the United States Army and United States Air Force. He loved his coffee from McDonalds and the color purple. Dale was a great father to two sons and was completely devoted to his family.

Dale (Turtle) and Janie (Rabbit) shared a life filled with adventure, laughter and love. They danced until the last song and were happily married for 49 wonderful years.

He is survived by his wife, Laura "Janie" Maddox, son and daughter-in-law, Dale T. (Carrie) Maddox III of Michigan, son, Shelby H. Maddox of Georgia, grandson, Brandon Maddox of Georgia, 3 granddaughters, Elena, Debra and Patricia Maddox of Michigan and sister, Louise Bohnenkamp of Oregon.

Dale was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Sally, brother, Bill Maddox, sister, Peggy Palmer and infant brother, Johnny Maddox.

A Celebration of Life will be 2:00pm Saturday, October 19, 2019, at Valiant Ministries, Croswell. Pastor Jeff Volpe will officiate. Cremation arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to Valiant Ministries, 5242 North Black River Road, Croswell, Michigan, 48422.

To view the obituary and share memories, please visit [www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Valiant Ministries  
5242 N. Black River Road  
Crosswell, MI 48422

# Tribute Wall

“ I had the chance to meet Dale and Janie briefly in McLaren Hospital when they made the trip upstairs to visit theirs and my friends, Jackie and Elwin, after Elwin came out of hip replacement surgery. My wife, Joanna and myself, however had the opportunity to visit with Dale and Janie at Elwin’s Birthday Party. Sitting next to Dale, I was fortunate to have shared conversation for a short however very enjoyable afternoon and evening. Dale and I packed in the stories of our backgrounds from our early youth until our present at that time, in late August.

Dale shared his military experiences and I shared my memories of my Dad’s stories from the Korean War. I think it is well rounding to hear the stories and the misery that vets go through especially combat vets and I extended my gratitude for Dale and all vets who have served. Dale however, would not talk long about the less desirable experiences in his personal and professional life, he and I quickly moved into conversation of his wife and family and the love he held for his wife, Janie, their children and all of their extended family, which was easily seen.

Dale was also proud of the work and service he provided to the Church’s he was part of in his life. As a faithful servant, Dale did what needed to be done, to keep the Church building functioning in a comfortable manner for all attendees. Dale and I talked about the misadventures and relatively minor trouble that we got into as kids and teenagers, stuff that wouldn’t raise eyebrows today. The secular band from the 70’s, Lynyrd Skynyrd, wrote a song, Simple Man, that I think describes Dale maybe best, quoting from Lynyrd Skynyrd, “And be a simple kind of man, Oh, be something you love and understand”. I think Dale was a simple man in his needs and the way he loved and lived, yet he was knowledgeable in many ways and loved and treasured the littlest of life’s pleasures, immensely.

Life is strange, in a little more than two hours I was able to know Dale at a deeper level than I know many of the members of the Church my wife and I attend. There are people in this life whom you

*may know for only a short time however, they leave a great impression on your soul.*

*I like to think that Dale and I became friends in a short meeting, and I know that my life was enriched by our meeting and conversation.*

*I think it is a well overused verse, however in Dale's passing from this life and because of the life he lived, and of course only the Father will say these words if relevant, however I think that Dale heard from God, verse 25:23 NIV, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful ..." when he stood in final judgement before the Father. Well done, Dale, you lived a life well lived.*

*Mark & Joanna Taylor*



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**Mark Taylor** - October 02, 2019 at 07:14 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know you will all miss him. Love you, Phoebe*

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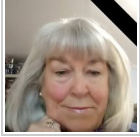
**Phoebe Cornett** - September 20, 2019 at 09:40 PM

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“ *Blessings and sympathy to you, Janie, and to your entire family!! We know that Dale is with his beloved Saviour !! Helen Dawson*

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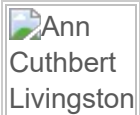
**Helen Dawson** - September 20, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ So glad to have had Dale as my friend. He was intelligent, family-oriented, kind, generous, and funny. He will be missed here on this earth, but we will be with him in heaven once again.

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**Lynda Waller** - September 20, 2019 at 12:34 AM

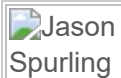


“ My kiddos & I loved you so much.



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**Ann Cuthbert Livingston** - September 19, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ He was an amazing human being. The kind of person that poured himself out to anyone that needed to be shown love, and I think he loved doing it even more. When I think about how God tells us to love one another I think about Dale. I honestly can't remember ever seeing him not smile or his eyes full of life. Come to think of it I never heard him complain about his problems in life, most conversations he was building people up, or making them feel welcomed. Now he did like to cut up, and talk about things going on in the world in a serious way sometimes, but never complaining...at least not in my experience. I just remember him always looking happy in life. It was an honor to know him, and share words with him all the times he gave me advice or just listened. I don't have many memorable moments where men have shown love in trying to influence my life positively, but Dale was one of them. I'm jealous of Heaven tonight. They got a good one.

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**Jason Spurling** - September 19, 2019 at 08:43 PM

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“ *Edith Butler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale  
T. Maddox*



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**Edith Butler** - September 18, 2019 at 01:09 PM