



Artie "Dale" Phillips

November 13, 1946 - January 28, 2026

Artie "Dale" Phillips passed away surrounded by love, with his wife of 57 years, Marion "Jane" Phillips, by his side. A devoted husband, father, and proud grandfather (known lovingly as "Papa") Dale built a life defined by curiosity, commitment, and deep care for the people he loved.

Dale married his high school sweetheart, Jane, in 1969, beginning a partnership that started when they were just 16 and 17 years old, eventually growing into a long and beautiful life together. Their years were filled with laughter, shared adventures, and a love of travel (especially cruises all over the globe) always side by side.

Family was at the center of Dale's world. He was a beloved father to his three children, Jason, Amanda, and Michael, and a proud Papa to his four granddaughters Alison, Laurel, Brooke, and Alexis who brought him endless joy. He loved his family deeply and unconditionally, and there was nothing he wouldn't do for them. His presence was steady, supportive, and deeply felt.

Dale loved fishing, a passion he shared throughout his life with his father and brother, and later passed on to his own children. Those quiet hours on the water reflected who he was, patient, present, and happ(Y) when spending time with the people he loved.

A proud U.S. Navy veteran, Dale carried his sense of service into every chapter of his life. After retiring from General Motors at 52, he embarked on a second career as an adjunct professor, embracing teaching with the same enthusiasm he brought to learning. A lifelong student, Dale earned his PhD later in life and was affectionately known to family as "Dr. Dork," a nickname he wore with pride and humor.

In recent years, Dale discovered a passion for painting, once again proving it was never too late to learn something new.

Dale will be remembered for his sharp mind, generous heart, and unwavering devotion to his family. His legacy lives on in the lives he shaped, the love he gave, and the example he set.

A memorial gathering for Dale will be held on Saturday, February 7 from 10:00 a.m. until time of service, 11:00 a.m., at First Congregational Church of Royal Oak, 1314 Northwood Blvd., in Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions, in accordance with his wishes, may be made to his three granddaughters' college education funds through MESP. Gift links are available below.

<https://www.ugift529.com/>

Brooke Lamb - E3V-D4J

Laurel Lamb - Z4S-P38

Alison Lamb - H79-28C

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church of Royal Oak
1314 Northwood Boulevard
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of my family and myself, we extend our most sincere condolences to you and your family. We ask God to grant you strength, comfort, and peace during this very difficult time, and that you may find relief in faith and in the love of those around you.



Carlos Hernandez - February 09 at 10:01 AM

TB

“ The Blankinships purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Artie "Dale" Phillips.



The Blankinships - February 06 at 04:54 PM

TB

“ The Blankinships planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Artie "Dale" Phillips.

The Blankinships - February 06 at 04:54 PM

YF

“ Your Stellantis PAC Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Artie "Dale" Phillips.



Your Stellantis PAC Family - February 06 at 01:26 PM

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“ *"For in what we have lost, we are also shaped".
With whole respect, now and always.
Alejandro.*

Alejandro Pacheco - February 06 at 10:42 AM

JF

“ John Liblong & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Artie "Dale" Phillips.



John Liblong & Family - February 04 at 11:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Artie "Dale" Phillips.



February 03 at 03:40 PM

“ Ode to my friend:

I met Dale in 1968, we were both working at General Motors in White Print. We initially hit it off because of the books that we read. We both loved John Steinbeck and talked about all the different books we read like "Travels with Charlie". We had very similar childhoods and used to swap stories about growing up and just overall had a good time.

In our younger years, we probably drank too much and as Dale would recall, Rolling Rock beer was the beverage of choice. Dale and I loved music and we would blast the radio volume to "Me and Bobby McGee" while we sang along.

Our fishing trips I remember fondly. We pretended to go fishing and but usually ended up at McDonald's for fish sandwich. A few times we actually got in the water, and Dale loved to fish, especially fly fishing. He used to tell funny stories about getting his waiters full of water. Kinda scared the heck out of me. He had some serious skills though, and he tied me a steelhead blank and my grandson has it now.

Dale was a trivia expert, music trivia especially. He and Jane would place first in contests on cruises. He also enjoyed going on Road Ralleys and was good at that too!

Dale and Jane were avid cruisers and we had the pleasure of going trans-Pacific, Transatlantic and many Caribbean adventures. His eyes would light up recalling travels in Ireland, Mexico, Tennessee and just about anywhere he and Jane went.

Dale had a gusto for life. He obtained a PhD and enjoyed his family times together. He loved being a grandfather and a friend. In many cases a better friend than I was. We're going to miss you Dale, I'll see you on the other side.

I will be with you in spirit on Saturday. I don't get around like I used to and can no longer fly. Wish I could be there.

"Who did put the bop in bop she bop?"

Ron Drake - February 02 at 06:49 AM

AL



Amanda Lamb - February 02 at 12:05 PM

JP

Dearest Ron, Such a lovely tribute! I know you're here in spirit.💔

JPHILLIPS1029 - February 02 at 05:56 PM

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“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Amanda Lamb - February 02 at 03:04 AM

RW

“ Dale was a good man I enjoyed working with him at GM.

Robert Wagnitz - January 31 at 11:08 AM