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With heavy hearts, we would like to share the passing of Dale Bell of Palm Coast, FL. He fought for 13 days in the Advent Health Hospital in Palm Coast off Palm Coast Parkway to fight an infection that finally took his life on June 25, 2024. At his side were his wife, Gerry and oldest son, Jeffrey Sr. He was at the young age of 92 and just celebrated his 70 th Wedding Anniversary with his wonderful wife, Gerry. He was born in Stanwood, MI on February 3, 1932, and this is where he met and married his wife of over 75 years together. After Dale graduated from Michigan State and his wife from Big Rapids High school, they wed on June 12, 1954. While he was in college, he joined the ROTC and once graduated joined the US Army. After basic training in Fort Benning, GA, their first post was Fort Richardson, AK, which at this time was a territory of the United States. Their first born was Jeffrey in February 1956, next was Gregory at Fort Lewis, Washington in February 1957, and last was their daughter Dala who arrived in March 1959 in Frankfurt, Germany. Dale served honorably for 31 years, and he was stationed in 21 different locations in the United States, Germany, Vietnam, Korea, and Saudi Arabia. He loved Alaska and had three tours there and his final posting was again at Fort Richardson, AK where he retired at the rank of Colonel in 1985. Once



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retired they purchased a Winnebago and for the 6 th time drove the AlCan Highway to their retirement home in Palm Coast, FL. Their first home was on Crompton Place, while their new home was being built on Burgundy Place, where they both lived well and enjoyed playing golf as well as traveling throughout the country in their Winnebago, visiting friends and relatives. They traveled the world as well, on many tours seeing sites in China, Greece, Italy, France, Germany, Netherlands, Japan, Sweden, Philippines, Australia, Poland, Malaysia, Czech Republic, New Zealand, Thailand, Romania, Bulgaria, Great Britain and others. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Mabel and Glenn Bell and his older brother nicknamed Sonny who only survived a short time due to a brain tumor. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Gerry; sister Helen (Gordon) Burden, brother Dutch Bell; three children Jeffrey Sr (Donna) Bell, Gregory (Pina) Bell, Dala (Don) Cassedy; nine grandchildren, Travers (April) Bell, Donny (Kari) Cassedy, Melissa Estremera, Dale (Victoria) Cassedy, Keegan (Brenna) Bell, Jeffrey Jr (Jennifer) Bell, Steven Bell, Chad Bell and Alexis Bell; Twelve great grandchildren, Nate, Alex, Joey, Olive, Emma, Mikayla, Harlow, Holly, Evelyn, Daisy, Parker and Harley. He also has many cousins, nieces and nephews in MI, CO, GA, TX, and western FL. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Dale to either Wounded Warrior Project or



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St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Pine Lakes Country Club, on July 13, 2024 from 1-3PM

Dale's ashes will be laid to rest with a full honors funeral at Arlington National Cemetery near our nation's capital.




Events

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Celebration of Life Service

 **Saturday**, July 13, 2024

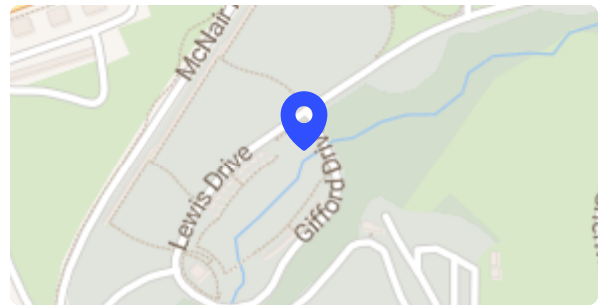
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Pine Lakes Country Club**
400 Pine Lakes Parkway, Palm Coast FL 32164



Cemetery Details

 **Arlington National**
Arlington VA 22211





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CM

Clara & Frank Moss posted:

So sorry to learn about Dale's passing. He and his family have been LONG-time friends and he will be so missed. Even if in recent years, we have not been able to visit much, our friendship has remained. Over the years there have been many memorable times we shared. One that comes to mind is the trip we took to Berlin while stationed together in Germany..the early train trip, the interesting sights, and who could forget my, Clara, attempted exit from the metro (not waiting for it to totally stop before trying to exit) To this day, I can't imagine what I was thinking and no wine was involved!! So many precious memories that bring joy.....Clara & Frank Moss

July 13 at 10:48 AM

JL

Joseph Logan posted:

March 1970 in Alaska I was working for Colonel Bell in the Headquarters G-3 office of the Alaska Command. Col Bell took the time and effort to fly out into the training area and promote me to the rank of Captain. His concern for soldiers and family were guidance in my early Army career. Thank You, Colonel Bell. Joseph M. Logan,

July 12 at 8:39 AM

KD

Karen Dille posted:

My Uncle Dale is my dad's brother (Dutch). He married his beautiful wife Gerry who is my mom's sister (Bea). It was so cool to have double cousins. We got together for a lot of family functions. Family is number one priority for the Bell clan. We traveled to Alaska when they were stationed there. It was a wonderful time. Uncle Dale is going to be missed by so many people who loved him. I have so many fond memories that I will cherish.Karen (Bell) Dille

July 1 at 6:08 PM

LD

Lisa Donihoo lit a candle in honor of Dale.

Uncle Dale, the sparkle of your eyes, the brightness of your smile, and the goodness of your soul will always stay with me. Losing you is a significant loss to all of us, you were a pillar of strength. You will always be loved & missed. Lisa D.



July 1 at 6:00 PM



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Kathy Duguay posted:

Dale was a special uncle to me that was loved dearly. While dating Dale and Gerry spent many hours babysitting me as an infant and toddler. They both have had a special place in my heart. My children were recipients of Dales kindness and know him " as the one that looks like their grandpa", Dales brother Dutch. We were lucky to be stationed close to Dale and Gerry's family for a while which allowed us numerous special memories with them and our cousins. Uncle Dale was well loved by his family and extended family. Always in my heart... always missed. Kathy

July 1 at 5:46 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dale by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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