



Dale Noah Merchant

September 16, 1959 - February 8, 2025

Dale Merchant, 65 of Chestertown, MD, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 08, 2025. He was the son of the late Oliver Merchant and Emma Boyles Merchant of Chestertown.

Dale's life was challenged by many health problems with hospitalizations beginning at 15 years of age and lasting throughout his life. He met those challenges with strength and resilience; never giving up when the pain, countless medical procedures and frustration would have been too much to bear for anyone else.

He attended Queen Annes County High School.

Dale enjoyed fishing and crabbing. He was a sports fanatic: football, basketball and NASCAR.

Although a quiet man by nature, he would be more than happy to talk endlessly about his beloved Orioles. He played ball in the Queen Annes County over 40 leagues.

He loved to play horseshoes with his father and brother or with anyone who wanted to play. He played in many tournaments and won several championships.

Bruce Springsteen and The Rolling Stones were his favorite musicians. He was a faithful listener of the Howard Stern podcast.

He had a unique talent to connect with pets. He was referred to as a Pet Whisperer. He will be missed by his pets Noli and Nipper.

Dale was employed by NAPA for three years, where he was well liked by his employer and customers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Eva Merchant and sister-in-law, Margaret Merchant.

He is survived by two sisters, Rosine Handsberry of Dover, DE, Betty Richardson of Clayton, DE and one brother, Larry, of Clayton, DE.

He had a very special bond with his niece, Robin Merchant, who was more like a sister and her daughter, Emily Hawthorne, who was like a daughter to him. In addition, he is survived by nieces and nephews: Billy Fisher, Eddie Fisher, Lisa Harrington, Eric Richardson, Rob Merchant and Lisa Watson; along with several great nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Monday, February 17 at 2:30 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home Chestertown, MD. Associate Pastor Scot McClymont, from Lifehouse Church in Smyrna, DE will officiate.

Donations can be made to the Animal Care Shelter of Kent County at 10168 Worton Rd. Chestertown, MD 21620.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 17. 2:30 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Cherie Clough lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant*



Cherie Clough - February 15, 2025 at 06:01 PM

LH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lisa K Harrington - February 13, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LH

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Lisa K Harrington - February 13, 2025 at 10:03 AM

PW

“ *Patti Kaufman Willis lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant*



Patti Kaufman Willis - February 13, 2025 at 09:54 AM

LI

“ *Lisa lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant*



Lisa - February 13, 2025 at 08:53 AM

CS

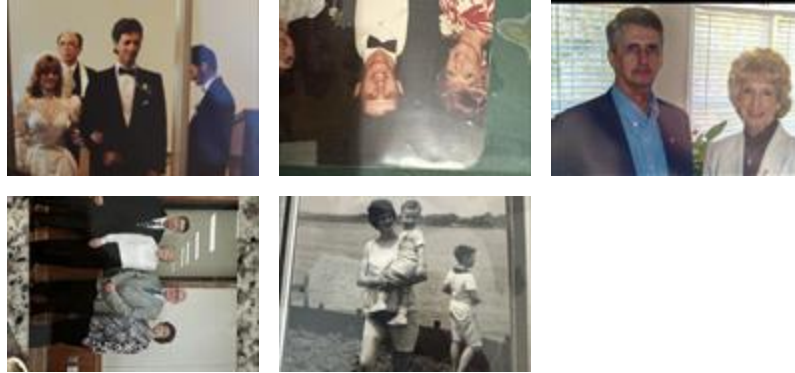
“ *Conie Smith lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant*



conie smith - February 13, 2025 at 08:11 AM

RM

“ We found some photos of Dale.
If you knew him he did not like is picture taken.



Robin Merchant - February 13, 2025 at 07:21 AM

JS

“ Grew up with Dale in the harbor and
remember visiting him at Johns Hopkins
hospital. Have many fond memories of
him. Lost touch with him and his family when I
relocated. My condolences to his family



Jean Spry-Franks - February 12, 2025 at 08:10 PM

KS

“ Grew up with Dale in the harbor. Lot of
memories playing sports all day long. Talked
to him often when he would deliver parts to
the shop. Sorry to hear. Condolences to his
family.



Kelly Stevens - February 12, 2025 at 11:15 AM

PC

“ Although I was not personally acquainted with Dale, I send my deepest condolences to Larry and Dale's family members.

Pam Bakley Clement - February 12, 2025 at 03:13 AM

DP

“ Dave And Kathy Poet lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Dave and Kathy Poet - February 11, 2025 at 08:08 PM

RM

“ Dale will be missed as a co-worker at NAPA.



Rober Morris - February 11, 2025 at 08:00 PM

RF

“ Rosine F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dale Noah Merchant.

Rosine F. - February 11, 2025 at 01:35 PM

RF

“ Rosine F. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dale Noah Merchant.



Rosine F. - February 11, 2025 at 01:35 PM

JS

“ My sincere condolences, Dale was a great person always willing to help anyone. I had the privilege of working with Dale for the last 3 years, he is already and will be missed. Rest Easy My friend.

Jim Sowden - February 11, 2025 at 12:03 PM

DT

“ David Thompson lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



David Thompson - February 11, 2025 at 11:53 AM

BL

“ Dale was such a special guy-worked with him at NAPA and was a great asset to the Chestertown Store and having his creativity in helping at the store was awesome -His love for classic cars always brought a smile to his face -you will be sorely missed Dale-safe travels my friend



Bill Lobley - February 11, 2025 at 09:47 AM

SC

“ Shirley Boyles Coleman lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Shirley Boyles Coleman - February 11, 2025 at 09:08 AM

EF

“ Elaine Fithian lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Elaine Fithian - February 11, 2025 at 09:02 AM

PW

“ Patti Kaufman Willis lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Patti Kaufman Willis - February 11, 2025 at 08:59 AM

GS

“ George Short lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



George Short - February 11, 2025 at 06:57 AM

LD

“ Lydia Dagenais lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Lydia Dagenais - February 10, 2025 at 11:14 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hurd lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Cheryl Hurd - February 10, 2025 at 04:03 PM

RO

“ RJ & Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



RJ & Kristi Osborn - February 10, 2025 at 04:01 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Jeanette Stubbs - February 10, 2025 at 03:59 PM

LM

“ Heartfelt condolences to all his family and friends. Thinking of you all during this hard time. 🙏🙏🙏



Lecia Marshner - February 10, 2025 at 03:56 PM

LW

“ Larry & Kay Wiltbank lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Larry & Kay Wiltbank - February 10, 2025 at 03:26 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Marie Usilton - February 10, 2025 at 03:18 PM

PM

“ Pam & Tommy Marvel lit a candle in memory of Dale Noah Merchant



Pam & Tommy Marvel - February 10, 2025 at 02:16 PM