



## Dale R. Perry

September 27, 1932 - April 15, 2021

Dale R. Perry,

88, passed away in his home on April 15, 2021 with his family by his side. Dale was born on September 27, 1932 on a small farm west of Columbus, Indiana. He was the youngest of Margaret and Grover Perry's 11 children. He graduated from Hope High School (1950) and Ball State University (BS '59, MS '65) and was a U.S. Navy veteran serving on the USS Bennington in the Mediterranean Sea from 1951 to 1954. He met Joan deJung and they were married in 1956. Dale was a carpenter early in life and built many homes including his own and worked on many of his brothers' homes. He taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grades at Brook Park Elementary in Lawrence for 32 years. Anyone that knew Dale, knows he loved canoeing and white whitewater rafting more than just about anything besides his family and friends. Dale and Joan built a cabin in Robbinsville, NC just so they could be closer to the whitewater rivers. He was a lifelong member of the Hoosier Canoe Club. He shared so many adventures and loved being with his family and friends on the river. Dale was a big basketball fan, enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, camping, biking, reading, and storytelling. One of his favorite things to do was to break his grandkids out of daycare and school and take them on all kinds of adventures.

A Memorial Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road.

Dale is survived by his loving family: Joan Perry wife of 63 years, sons Phil (Carol), Alan (Shelbi), daughter Amy Perry Shouts (Corey), his five grandchildren Kyle Perry (Braydee Euliss), Sean Perry (Alice Sommerville), Ashley Perry, Hannah Perry, Hayden Shouts; and Dale's sister Josephine Robertson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you consider making a memorial contribution to the Kathryn Stewart Book Fund c/o Karen Mize, 431 Scott Street, Hope, Indiana 47246.

# Events

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**APR** **Memorial Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel

9900 N. Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN, US, 46038

# Comments

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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - April 22 at 09:58 AM



“ Simply beautiful and oh so touching!!!! 😊  
RIP DRP  
Love, your #1 TRAF!

**Amy Shouts** - April 23 at 09:46 AM



“ Beautiful! Phil.you did a great job. It made me smile and cry. Chris Landon

**Chris Landon** - April 23 at 11:14 AM

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“ Dear Joan and Family,

I remember Dale from the Canoe Club. I remember going with him on the Upper Whitewater River early one spring. Most people only went on the lower part. It was a great trip.

Our sympathy on his passing.

Andrew and Renee Ratermann



**Andrew Ratermann** - April 21 at 02:32 PM

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“ Dear Mrs. Perry and family,

I am so sorry about Mr. Perry's passing. I wish I could be there to give you all a big hug and to listen to all the wonderful stories about Mr. Perry. I have some very special ones that I'm sure you all remember (of course, my favorite one is the Christmas presents one with Amy). And, whenever I would stop by to say Hi after moving away, Mr. Perry loved telling me that story again. And, he would have that wonderful smile going while he told it. Your family helped shape my childhood so much and I have so many wonderful memories of my time spent at the Perry house. Thank you so much for those.

My heart goes out to you all. And, may all the wonderful memories, the laughter, and the love help comfort you during this difficult time.

In sympathy,  
Leslie (Klasing) Zelek.

**leslie zelek** - April 19 at 08:12 PM



“ Thank so much Leslie! It was so nice to see your Mom at his calling. I would definitely love to get in touch with you!!!

**Amy Shouts** - April 23 at 09:51 AM

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“ Dear Family,

Dale was a truly a wonderful person. Someone that would help anyone who needed a hand up. Dale would always stop when driving to give assistance to people who were in a broken car by the roadside. He used his building skills to help Habitat for Humanity many times.

Dale helped me get a good part time job in college where he once worked. He helped me get a car to drive to California. I will always remember the day Dale opened his garage door to show me the almost new Ford convertible he had for me. It was driven for decades with no problems.

My heart is broken when I see Dale's smiling picture to know that he is gone from us. We will always miss him, but know that his life was a full one that made this World a better place.

Peace Dale.

Paul de Jung

**Paul de Jung** - April 19 at 01:40 PM



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**Phil Perry** - April 19 at 01:07 PM



“ These photos truly capture his spirit.

**leslie zelek** - April 19 at 08:14 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dale R. Perry.



April 18 at 04:50 PM