



## Virginia Elizabeth (Schafer) Dale

April 20, 1931 - November 24, 2020

Virginia Elizabeth (Schafer) Dale was born on April 20, 1932 in Jadwin, Missouri to Otto R. and Lela (Ragsdale) Schafer and passed away on November 24, 2020 in Rolla, Missouri at the age of eighty-eight years.

Virginia was united in marriage to Robert “Bob” Dale on August 6, 1955 and together they shared fifty-five years of marriage before his passing on November 12, 2010. Virginia and Bob were blessed with two daughters, Mary and Nancy.

Virginia was a dedicated teacher for thirty-two years; she started her teaching career in a one-room rural school, taught in Bunker for one year and then finished her career in Salem, retiring from Salem R-80 in 1986. Virginia was a gifted teacher and will be remembered as an educator who cared deeply about her students and changed many lives for the better.

Virginia was a devoted Christian and long-time member of Salem First Baptist Church. Virginia enjoyed serving the Lord and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years. Family was most important to her and she deeply cherished family gatherings and treasured spending time with her loved ones.

Virginia is survived by her daughters: Mary Mueller and husband Gary of

Rolla, MO and Nancy Norden and husband Mark of Abingdon, VA; granddaughter: Stephanie Hendricks and husband Shawn of Hendersonville, TN; great-granddaughter: Laura Hendricks of Hendersonville, TN; sister: Faye Drown; sisters-in-law: Laura Williams and Elva Schafer; and a large extended family.

Preceding her in death, husband: Robert Dale; parents: Otto and Lela Schafer; and brother: Robert Schafer.

Virginia was a sweet, kind, compassionate woman who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Private Graveside Services for Virginia Elizabeth (Schafer) Dale were held Monday, November 30, 2020 at the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction and care of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

**Cedar Grove Cemetery**

Salem, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *She was my 3rd grade teacher at William Lynch Elementary school. I remember her kindness and patience towards all of her students. As a kid, I could easily see her love for teaching and genuine care for each student.*

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**Jeanne Viray** - January 27, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ *Chloe Peterson lit a candle in memory of Virginia Elizabeth (Schafer) Dale*



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**Chloe Peterson** - January 08, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this difficult time. I always enjoyed it when your mother would enter my florist, Hillcrest Florist, in Salem. She was one of the kindest persons I knew and always had a smile on her face. May your memories of her sustain you down the pathway of life. Harold Hamilton, formerly of Salem, now of Albuquerque, New Mexico*

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**Harold Hamilton** - December 29, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. May God comfort you.*

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**Nancy Nelson-Stickels** - December 01, 2020 at 09:20 AM

GH

“ Mary and Nancy, I am so sorry to hear about your mother's death. She was a special lady. She was my inspiration to teach English. I am praying for the Lord to comfort you all. Blessings and love, Gigi Jordan Hunter

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**Gigi Jordan Hunter** - November 30, 2020 at 02:52 PM

HB

“ Virginia was the beloved and wise mother of my sister-in-law, Nancy Norden, and her sister, Mary. She was also almost like another Mom to my brother, Mark, who had the good sense to marry into the Dale family. When Bob and Virginia were visiting Florida, I'd driven to see them also because they were so very nice and always shared great stories about raising cattle . We had a great time at my mom's house in Brandon, with my mom, Wally Norden, and Virginia sharing stories of their teaching careers, and tips and tales of raising two daughters each. Virginia once wrote me a heartfelt and encouraging letter, when she'd learned of my ex-husband's infidelity; her reassuring words made me feel her embrace even though she was not there. She had such a gift for making people feel loved. Nancy, I know your dear mom lives on in you because I have heard you say things that remind me so much of her. The beauty of her soul lives on in the lives of her daughters and their families.

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**Heidi Burnett** - November 30, 2020 at 02:31 PM

BB

“ Mary and Nancy, so sorry to hear about your mother. She was a precious lady and a great teacher. Our thoughts and prayers to you and the rest of the family. Liz and Bill Bennett

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**Bill and Liz Bennetr** - November 30, 2020 at 11:33 AM

  
Frances  
Bay

“ *In graduate school, I was required to take a linguistics class. Out of the 50 people who enrolled in the class, nearly half dropped out by the two week mark. Three of us earned As. The last page of a four-page final was gibberish, and we had to decide what part of speech each word was. After grades were posted, I went back to the professor to see how I'd done on the final. He told me I'd made a 100% and pulled my test out from his desk. He asked me who my English teacher was. I replied that I'd had many over the years. He reminded me that I'd had one who was very special. I told him it was Virginia Dale, whom I was lucky to have had for 3 years. She taught diagramming like nobody's business. He said he could tell. Before I left his office, he told me to look up this Virginia Dale and thank her. I did just that. She invited me over to her house to visit and was a gracious host who was also fun and entertaining. It wasn't the last time we got together. Being in her company was always a treat. Mrs. Dale, you were not only the best teacher I ever had, you were one of the finest people I've ever met. As an adult, your advice was sought and generously given to me. I shall never forget you.*

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**Frances Bay** - November 30, 2020 at 10:05 AM

BH

“ *BETTY HODGES lit a candle in memory of Virginia Elizabeth (Schafer) Dale*



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**BETTY HODGES** - November 29, 2020 at 01:09 PM

DH

“ Love you Mary and Nancy. Kathleen and I loved your mom and your dad. I recall their marriage at your grandfathers house. Your mom made the best German Chocolate Cake. Yum. The family is less in numbers but we are still Dale strong. Love. Dan

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**Dan Hutchings** - November 26, 2020 at 12:38 PM

MA

*There were some great teachers back when I was growing up and she was one of the best. RIP Mrs. Dale.*

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**Mitzi Hampton Anderson** - November 27, 2020 at 11:57 AM