

CROSSED THE BAR

Dale Buckner



Dale worked as a Hoskins Purchasing Agent for 25 years and as a Water License/Water Plant Operator at Charlevoix Township for 14.5 years. In addition, he was a volunteer firefighter for 45 years, and a reserve police officer for 7 years.

A retired E6 Petty Officer First Class, Dale spent 4 years in active duty and 26 years as a member of the Navy Reserves. Dale was extremely proud of his Naval career. The Navy allowed Dale to travel the world. He visited many countries, and he enjoyed exploring the United States, particularly Alaska. Nothing excited Dale more than traveling to Japan, his favorite place in the world.

Dale loved being with his family. He married Darlene McClanathan on August 8th, 1970, and together they had three children, Heather, David, and Jeff. Dale loved being a grandpa to his three granddaughters.

Dale fought a long battle with Parkinson's Disease, but through it all, his focus was his family and his Navy career. Those were Dale's proudest accomplishments.

Dale is survived by his wife Darlene, three children Heather (Mark) Sape, David (Lori) Buckner, and Jeff (Susie) Buckner, three granddaughters Julia, Alison, and Felicity Sape, brother Ron (Sally) Buckner, sisters-in-law Elizabeth Buckner and Shirley (Ron) Daugherty, brother-in-law Ron (Cheryl) McClanathan, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother Ernest Buckner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 201 State Street-Suite 7, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The family asks that those who wish to join them in celebrating Dale's life, please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 22, at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix with Pastor Chip Saur officiating. Visitation will be at the church beginning at 1:00 p.m. until the time of services at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The funeral service will be livestreamed on The Facebook page of the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. <https://www.facebook.com/chxcrc/>.

Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Sign his online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.