



Dale Anders Baltzell

March 7, 1950 - September 2, 2009

Dale Baltzell, 59, longtime Moses Lake resident and retired Moses Lake Police Officer, passed away Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at the Moses Lake Assembly of God Church, 431 E. Brown Ave. with Police Chaplain Mike Alvarado officiating. The Moses Lake Police Department and other local law enforcement groups will provide honor guard and military rites. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake. You may sign the guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com

Dale was born March 7, 1950 in Bemidji, Minnesota to Glenn and Lilia (Hunt) Baltzell. In 1953 the family moved to Glendive, Montana where they lived until 1959 when they moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Dale finished his education in Coeur d'Alene, graduating from Coeur d'Alene High School in 1968. While in high school, Dale became very involved in the drama club as an actor in many of the school plays and drama presentations. He also became skilled in writing and enjoyed, throughout his life, writing short stories that he shared with his family.

Following high school, Dale enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1968 serving a tour in Vietnam. He was married to Kim Doty, whom he had courted through letters and visits home, on August 25, 1972 in Coeur d'Alene. He continued to serve in the Air Force and was stationed at McChord Air Force Base where he was a member of the Honor Guard until his honorable discharge in 1974.

They then moved to Ephrata where Dale worked at a John Deere dealership for a summer. He became a dispatcher for the Ephrata Police Dept. and in 1976 was hired as a police officer by the Moses Lake Police Dept. He was one of the first to attend and graduate from the Police Academy in Lacey, WA in the 1970's. Over the years of his career he especially enjoyed the challenges and time he worked as a detective. He retired from the police department in March of 2008 with thirty-three of service. In retirement he had worked as a substitute school bus driver where he enjoyed interacting with the students.

He was devoted to his family and loved going to and supporting the activities of each of his three children as they were growing up. He was a active member of the Moses Lake High School Booster Club over the years. Dale had a great sense of humor and loved to video tape family activities and delighted in teasing his girls by videotaping the license plates of their date's cars. He also enjoyed taking family members for rides on his motorcycle. Dale's passion of traveling was heightened in his later years as he and Kim took several trips including Montana, Yellowstone, Canada and all over Washington State.

He is survived by his loving wife Kim of thirty-seven years at the family home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori and Major Matthew Holmes, US Army, Fayetteville, NC, Angela and Ryan Nordhus, Spokane; one son, Adam Baltzell, Moses Lake; parents, Glenn and Lilia Baltzell, Coeur d'Alene; one sister and brother-in-law, Gaynette and Jim Brooks, Appleton, WI; one brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Debbie Baltzell, Spokane; six grandchildren, Jacob Holmes, Samuel Holmes, Benjamin Holmes, Rebecca Holmes, Kendall Nordhus and Sutton Nordhus; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that memorials be made to Fisher House, an organization that helps families of injured military personnel. Information on making contributions can be found on their website: www.fisherhouse.org

Previous Events

Service

SEP **9**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Assembly at Moses Lake
431 E. Brown Ave.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Kim, I am saddened to hear about your loss. May God's strength and love surround you and your family during this time. May He be your light and guide. Bridget##imported-begin##Bridget Allcock Moore##imported-end##

September 17, 2009 at 03:50 PM



“ Dale was the best police officer a dispatcher could ever wish for. Always willing and ready to take a call and always did his best at it. I remember whenever I sent him to an accident, he would always tell me afterwards, "Sandy, there is no such thing as an accident, somebody wasn't paying attention". Then he'd smile. I will miss you MLP107.##imported-begin##Sandy Millican##imported-end##

September 14, 2009 at 01:40 PM



“ It has been years since we did all those crazy things when our families all landed in Moses Lake from various places. I will always remember how friendly Dale and Kim were, we were all strangers and it was good to visit with them. My heart goes out to you Kim, and your family. Dale was one of a kind.

Mary##imported-begin##Mary Libby##imported-end##

September 14, 2009 at 01:27 PM



“ I remember Dale as a highschool Drama buddy.
Sounds like he grew to be a wonderful man. Sorry you lost him so young.
Peggy###imported-begin###Peggy Dodson Meinholtz###imported-end##

September 13, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ I am saddened to see a wonderful man leave all of us. My prayers and thoughts are with Dale and his family. You will be missed. Definitely Moses Lake Finest. Sincerely, Moses Lake Safeway###imported-begin###Anthony Arredondo###imported-end##

September 11, 2009 at 08:45 AM



“ I am an old friend from high school. Dale and I graduated together. It is hard to believe that so many of our classmates have died. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. I am so grateful to Bill Bowen for keeping us all informed about one another. I haven't seen Dale for over 40 years. I am so sorry for your loss. Marjean###imported-begin###Marjean Morrow Waford###imported-end##

September 10, 2009 at 01:03 PM



“ Good Day,

My wife and I were very shocked at hearing of Dale's passing. My wife and I were classmates with Dale in Coeur d' Alene and graduated with Dale in 1968. My wife' maiden name was Sharon Miller. We remember Dale has having a true sense of humor and that he was an excellent performer in the drama club. We will keep all of Dales family in our prayers. We have a saying in our school: "Once a Viking, always a Viking"##imported-begin##Billy Bowen##imported-end##

September 09, 2009 at 10:58 PM



“ Kim and Family,

Please accept our sympathy on the loss of Dale. Knowing my friend he will remain alive in the smiles of his children and his grandchildren. Even though our paths went different directions I will always remember the warmth of his smile and his friendship.##imported-begin##Phil and Sheryl Aiken##imported-end##

September 09, 2009 at 06:50 PM



“ *tho i couldnt not be there, im so far away, im at a loss of words for the loss of our finest men on the moses lake police force, and a wonderful friend,rolemodel to the community,My prayers and deepest symthony to the Baltzell family... you will be missed dearly and always in my heart...god bless you all.##imported-begin##Denise Luna (Darnall)##imported-end##*

September 09, 2009 at 05:06 PM



“ Shirley and I extend our condolences on this sad day for your family. Dale was an honorable man and officer. I had the privilege to know him as an associate through the Sherriffs Reserves. We had a lot in common, military, police officers and finding our true mates. Again, our sympathies to you and your family.##imported-begin##Guy McConchie##imported-end##

September 09, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ Kim and Family, I worked with Dale for 10 years in the 1990's and had coffee with him almost every morning before I moved away from ML. You really get to know someone over coffee. Dale was one of a kind...professional, committed, leader, mentor, family man and friend. He was a cop's – cop and I learned things from Dale that are part of my personal and professional life to this day. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Dave Bolton##imported-end##

September 09, 2009 at 02:05 PM



“ Angie,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I'll keep you & your family in my prayers.
Take care of yourself!
Love,
Nicole##imported-begin##Nicole Nordstrom##imported-end##

September 08, 2009 at 11:38 PM



“ Kim, Lori, Angie, Adam- I was very saddened to hear about Dale's untimely passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Always treasure your memories of Dale and the wonderful times you had together as a family and hold them close to your heart.##imported-begin##Kelley (Baltzell) Shields##imported-end##

September 08, 2009 at 12:11 PM



“ Kim and family

*From our family to yours, you have our deepest sympathy. Dale was a wonderful co-worker and great partner out on the street. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. If there is anything you need in the future please do not hesitate to call on me.
Clair, Jeanie and family.##imported-begin##Clair Harden##imported-end##*

September 08, 2009 at 10:59 AM



“ baltzell family..i am so sorry for the loss of your husband / father / grandfather. he was a wonderful man and public servant of mlpd. he always had such a warm smile about him. may the lord be with you at this time##imported-begin##sue hodges##imported-end##

September 07, 2009 at 02:11 PM



“ Kim..My deepest sympathy to you & your family..you are in my daily thoughts & prayers..God Bless..Theresa##imported-begin##Theresa McGhuey##imported-end##

September 07, 2009 at 01:58 AM



“ Dear Kim and Family, I worked with Dale for nearly 17 years. As i write this, the thoughts of Dale are racing through my mind. He was one of the finest men i ever knew, and "THE" finest Police Officer that i had the honor of serving with. I see Dale, John, and Craig all sitting down to coffee together right now, and thats what i to remember. May God watch over you during this time. 107/ex 108 forever##imported-begin##Sean McCort , former MLPD 108##imported-end##

September 05, 2009 at 07:14 PM



“ Kim and family,

From the Rick Rodriguez family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of greif. Remember, we are not only laying Dale to his final rest, but we are celebrating his life and legacy. I had the honor to have worked with Dale a few times on day shift. God blessed me by putting Dale in my life, even if it was as small as working the same shift with him.

God Bless,

Rick Rodriguez and Family

P.S. 107/112 will always be with me!##imported-begin##Rick Rodriguez##imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 08:01 PM



“ Kim and Family, our deepest sympathy. Dale will be missed.##imported-begin##Jerry & Sue Smith##imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 11:22 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you guy during this very difficult time. I have many memories of Dale, some of my favorite are traveling to basketball games with him and Adam when we were in high school. Adam, call me if I can do anything for you guys.##imported-begin##Scott Helms##imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 11:16 PM



“ Kim and Lori,
You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Dale was such a great father and leader in the community. He will be greatly missed by many.##imported-begin##Kendra Cameron##imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 07:17 PM