



## Dale Allen Carlson

April 24, 1945 - March 18, 2018

Dale A. Carlson, 72, of Central City, Nebraska died Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Merrick Medical Center in Central City. Memorial services will be Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 4 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City with Pastor Beth Ann Stone officiating. A reception will follow the Memorial Service at Solt-Wagner Community Room.

Memorials are suggested to the Hordville Events Center and the Platte Peer Group (Dark Island Trail). Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Dale was born in Aurora, Nebraska on April 24, 1945 to Glen and Evelyn (Reed) Carlson. Dale grew up in Hordville and graduated from Hordville High School in 1963. He then attended University of Nebraska Lincoln graduating in 1967. He married Patricia "Pat" Stufft on December 21, 1966 in Hordville. Dale taught school in Springview, Nebraska City, and Stromsburg. He taught Social Studies and English. When "he taught all he knew", he moved on to selling insurance, working for Modern Woodmen. The past twelve years, he finally found his dream job of doing maintenance and general crowd control at Bader Park. He worked several different jobs before landing this "dream". He would be smiling at this right now! He was a hard worker who never backed away from a challenge.

Dale was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Central City, MU Epsilon of Lincoln, and the Liederkrantz of Grand Island. He loved making his grandma's sugar cookies. Ian Tyson was a favorite writer and singer for Dale. Dale never got tired of listening to him. He enjoyed visiting with friends "telling a short story in a long way", traveling, and spending time with family. Dale especially enjoyed hunting and birding with his grandson Carver.

Dale is survived by his wife Pat of Central City, NE; two daughters- Wendy Carlson and partner Angie Liske of Grand Island, NE; Heather and Brian Hauptman of Alliance, NE; two grandchildren- Carver Hauptman and Emma Liske; Uncle and Aunt- Bud and Dorothy Irwin of Central City, NE; several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father in law- Jim Stufft; mother in law- Ilajean

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# Events

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Solt-Wagner Funeral Home

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# Comments

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“ This tribute has been published in the April Prairie Plains Newsletter:  
Dale Carlson - a tribute by Bill Whitney

Last month we had to bid a painful farewell to our friend, Dale Carlson, who passed away suddenly on Sunday, March 18. I could not help but think of the phrase “salt of the earth” in describing Dale. It is from the Gospel of Matthew, and is a metaphorical comparison to the importance and value of salt in the ancient world. A person said to be worth his salt was deemed worthy and dependable. Furthermore, it came to refer to one who was the best or most valued part of society. Today's common usage also includes descriptors such as decent and unpretentious. Dale was all of these things.

This is not to imply that Dale was angelic, and I'm sure he could have shared a story or two from his life to support this fact. The thing I appreciated most was his ability to be simultaneously humorous and serious about things. His acute observations about people and events were especially useful when relating stories about colorful characters known over a lifetime. Knowing his own mind as he did, Dale was never afraid to speak it. This trait garnered him respect in my eyes for being forthright and straight-up honest.

Dale loved the land, rural life, horses and livestock, many friends and family, and Bader Park, where he spent the past dozen years helping his wife, Pat (Bader Park Director), with all its substantial developments. He was a major force in the completion of the Dark Island Trail, and a friend of Prairie Plains. We are all feeling the sting of his absence as we gather for coffee in the Bader House following our morning hikes there. Dale Carlson - one of a kind - unforgettable.

Jan Whitney - May 09, 2018 at 02:21 PM

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“ We are sorry to hear of Dale's passing. We have many fond memories of our time together in Stromsburg. Our love to you and your family, Pat. Dave and Mary Brinkman

Dave Brinkman - March 29, 2018 at 11:46 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Pat and family. Dale did so much for Bader Park and dark angel trail! Everytime I walk those trails I will see him in the trees.  
Blessings in the next days ahead  
Sandy Jacobs

Sandy Jacobs - March 22, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Dale's passing. We haven't been with you many times since you moved from Burg, but remember the times we shared, especially our Supper Club. Thinking of you especially today. Bob and Eleanor

**Eleanor Greenwall** - March 22, 2018 at 01:59 PM

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“ Dale dedicated hundreds of hours working on the Dark Island Trail and at Bader Park. I will always remember working beside Dale on Bader Bridge and turned around and he was gone. He fell about 10 feet and fortunately landed on his behind in the mud. He got up unhurt and laughed about his lucky fall into the mud. He was a real trooper.  
Chuck Griffith

**Chuck Griffith** - March 21, 2018 at 02:58 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Allen Carlson.



March 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM

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“ Dear Pat, Wendy, Heather and family. Ours just broke when we heard Dale died. Our deepest sympathy. His was a life well lived. He never knew a stranger. Everytime we heard Strawberry Roan or Ian Tyson we thought of you. Ben remembers the horse ride at your home. His heart was so kind. we remember you in prayer as you mourn and celebrate his life. He will be deeply missed. The Lord bless and keep you. Love Nancy and Joel Schroeder

**Nancy** - March 20, 2018 at 02:04 PM

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“ Thoughts and Prayers to your Family, Dale was a hardworking man and always smiling when you saw him at the Park.

**Kerry & Marlene Rodysill** - March 20, 2018 at 09:18 AM

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“ Pat and family, Leon and I want you to know that our thoughts and prayer are with you. Lois and Leon Tatum. My sister Eileen and Curtis Burrus also send their love.

**Lois Tatum** - March 19, 2018 at 11:00 PM

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“ Pat and family,

Our deepest sympathy in your loss.

Kathy Trotter, Brian Tyler & Dan Tyler

**Dan Tyler** - March 19, 2018 at 10:38 PM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dale Allen Carlson.



March 19, 2018 at 09:36 PM

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“ Peace be with you Pat, and your family.



**Dennis and Becky Sealey** - March 19, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ Dale was one of my students when I was Supt. of Schools in Hordville 1959-1963. Dale played basketball for me when we were Conference Champions in 1962 and 1963. Fond farwell,  
Darrell & Ruth Montgomery

**Darrell Montgomery** - March 20, 2018 at 05:12 PM