



## Dale E. Perry

November 24, 1956 - May 21, 2020

Dale E. Perry, age 63, passed away at home on Thursday, May 21 surrounded by his devoted wife and two daughters after a well-fought 21-month battle with cancer. Born November 24, 1956, Dale grew up in Hammond, Indiana and graduated in 1975 from Gavit High School. After honing his skills as a bricklayer and a travelling salesman, this jack of all trades transitioned to nursing school at IUN, where he graduated with an R.N. in 1987. He worked for many years in the surgical ICU at St. Francis hospital in Blue Island, IL, and most recently worked in the electrophysiology lab at St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart, IN. At both locations, he gained many wonderful, supportive friends whom he cherished until the end of his life. Dale's favorite use of his free time was spending it with his family. He was the organizer of our many family vacations, day trips, and movie nights. He was a lifelong fan of Chicago sports, but his favorite athletes to watch were his daughters, travelling across country to watch their basketball and softball games. He became impressively adept at catching his daughter's 65+mph fast balls. He was an avid bicyclist, riding a minimum of 1,000 miles each summer. After his diagnosis, he transitioned to indoor stationary cycling, dedicating an hour of time daily up until May 5, 2020. He was a skilled handyman who completed all projects to perfection, and his many home renovations are a testament to his talents. His prized possession was his 2015 Corvette Stingray; he and his wife enjoyed taking it for rides along beautiful country roads and to wineries. He had a wonderful, sarcastic sense

of humor and has left us with many quotable moments and stories. Dale is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Linda (Houck) Perry, and two daughters: Courtney (Daniel Beard) Perry, and Taylor (Joshua Parker) Perry, his mother Joan Perry, his siblings Philip (Trudy) Perry, Ruth Mateja, Carol Rinas, and Jane (Ruben) Guzman, as well as many other supportive friends and family members. He is preceded in death by his father William Perry, and his brother Thomas Perry. A celebration of life party will be held at a future date. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ So sorry to hear of Dales passing Linda . Both of you are such nice and fun people and it was a pleasure chatting with you guys at the many basketball games our daughters played in together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you for strength and comfort . Dave and Sue Seils

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**dave and sue seils** - May 26, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ Our sincerest condolences on Dale’s passing. May your memories provide some comfort during this difficult time. Dale and I were friends at GHS and I also knew him as a funny and especially kind person. The world will be much less interesting without Dale in it.

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**Bobby Russell** - May 26, 2020 at 08:49 AM

KL

“ So very sorry. Prayers of comfort during this difficult time!

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**Karen Lins** - May 26, 2020 at 02:46 AM

TP

“ Wherever you are, I know you are in a much better place looking down at your family. Although you are no longer physically with us, you will forever remain in our hearts and your spirit will always be felt. Thank you for coming into our lives and enriching all of us. You were an amazing person that showed us all how to live life to the fullest and give back to others. Your list of accomplishments inspire me to settle for nothing less but the best, and I’m sure you influenced many others along the way. You will always be remembered for your contagious smile., You were God sent, taken away from us way before your time was up, our angel in heaven! If I had to do it all over again, I would still pick you to be my brother-in-law, or rather, my brother from another mother!

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**Trudy Perry** - May 25, 2020 at 01:25 AM

VS

“ So sorry for your loss Linda, Vikki Benjamin-Stolarz

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**Vikki Stolarz** - May 24, 2020 at 07:07 PM

CH

“ Dale had such a funny side to him. He had a way with dropping one liners or adding humor to a serious situation just when it was needed most. He loved life but his ultimate love was his family. Linda, Courtney and Taylor were is proudest accomplishments in life. No one could ask for anything more than the lasting love of their family. I loved him like a brother and was blessed to have him as my friend. I will miss you deeply Dale. xoxo

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**carla houck** - May 24, 2020 at 04:57 PM

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“ I loved talking to Dale when I had an appointment with Dr Dasari. He was kind and caring. I would not of been able to handle my pacemaker surgery, two days after my husband died without him. As he escorted me to surgery, he made me feel safe and joked with me. I was so scared for my sons at that time, I didn't want them to lose both of their parents. When my doctor left the electrophysiology lab, I didn't follow him, because of Dale. He will be greatly missed by not just his family, but to his patients and the medical community. His family has my condolences, and are in my thoughts and prayers.

Paula Isolampi - May 24, 2020 at 03:12 PM

CC

I am so very sorry for your loss. Dale was with me in the EO Lab when I coded. When I can to there he was holding my hand and saying "Cat you are ok...you will be fine". He went totally out for all of his patients. He went that extra mile to calm you and reassure you. He was a very sweet person and he will be greatly missed.

Cathy Carson - May 18 at 07:27 PM

CG

“ I was a caretaker for his mom, and got to meet Dale on his Saturday visit out, such a nice man and oh so funny, I am saddened by his death, my deepest sympathy to the family.

Cindy Gollnick - May 24, 2020 at 11:54 AM

SH

“ Dale was without a doubt the kindest man a brother could have his sister live her life with. The love they have for each other is what storybooks could only hope for. The family is at a great loss of a giant of a man. For those who didn't know Dale is the saddest of it all. He brought happiness to all.

Steve Houck - May 23, 2020 at 01:15 AM

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**carla houck** - May 24, 2020 at 01:44 PM

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“ *One of the nicest people I ever worked with in my life. Dale had a tremendous sense of humor to brighten a dark day. I am heartbroken for him and his family. Sincere condolences! May God rest him in peace!*

*A friend and colleague,  
Sorin Lazar*

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**Sorin Lazar** - May 22, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dale E. Perry.*



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May 22, 2020 at 05:28 PM