



John L. Dale

July 2, 1938 - October 17, 2020

John L. Dale, 82, a retired educator at Radnor High School, died peacefully on Saturday, October 17 at his home in Wayne, Pa. He was a resident of Wayne for forty-three years. Born on July 2, 1938 in Bellefonte, Pa, John was the only child of Ralph H. and Martha W. Dale. He grew up in central Pennsylvania and attended the Pennsylvania State University acquiring a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education and his Master's degree from Temple University. He remained an avid Nittany Lion fan. He began his career at Haverford High teaching U.S. history until 1969, then continued at Radnor High School where he taught for 30 years. While at Radnor, he taught in the history department and was department chair during part of his tenure. He enjoyed his time as the sponsor for Model UN where he was affectionately called Juan by his students. He and his wife Martha especially enjoyed chaperoning the model UN contingent to Harvard, Yale and Princeton. At Radnor, John helped introduce an interdisciplinary program with the English and History departments. John had a keen intellectual curiosity that he brought to the classroom including attending conferences and traveling to Japan on a teacher exchange program. He retired from Radnor High School in 1999 and became a full-time Grandfather. Papa barely missed a dance recital, baseball and soccer game, wrestling match, cross country event, tennis match, a school event, grandparent's day or any family event and chronicled their lives for each grandchild in individual photo albums and files. A highlight for Papa was the annual family trip to the Outer Banks. He and his wife Martha loved to travel, go to movies and attend the theatre in the city. They attended Philadelphia Orchestra concerts at the Mann and Kimmel Center and both contributed greatly to a number of causes including many of the local arts. John was a frequent contributor to the World Affairs Council and kept up to date attending his fellow Radnor cohort's Current Events classes. John was a founding member and board member of the Radnor A Better Chance (ABC) program between 1972-1982 and long-time member of the Radnor Historical Society. He will be remembered as a kind person, with a warm smile, a great sense of humor and was the glue that kept his family together. He was predeceased by his wife Martha Willis Dale in 2012. He is survived by his two sons, John L. Dale, Jr. (Suzanne) and Jeffrey B. Dale (Barbara) and two step sons Ian S. Anderson (Vidhi) and William R. Anderson (Crystal). He is also survived by eleven grandchildren: John III

(Allison), Steven, Lauren and Jaclyn Dale; Brooke, Matthew and Molly Dale; Rohan and Jay Anderson; and Finn and Audrey Anderson.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 217 Berkley Road, Devon, PA at 11 am, Saturday, October 24. The service will be held outdoors, so please feel free to bring a chair and observe social distancing and wearing a mask.

For those unable to attend, there will be a link available 2 days after the service. You can send your email information to jdale6@gmail.com

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Radnor Historical Society 113 West Beech Tree Lane, Wayne, PA, 19087 or the Martha Dale Endowed Scholarship, Cabrini College, 610 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA, 19087.

Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home Inc
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Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 11:00AM
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St. John's Presbyterian Church
217 Berkeley Road, Devon, PA, US

Comments



“ Dear Dale Family: I just learned of John’s passing and am writing to convey my deepest condolences. I was extremely fortunate to have been a student of Mr. Dale’s during the 1976-1977 school year. His impact on me (and I imagine on countless other students) has been lifelong. He had a never-ceasing intellectual curiosity and love of learning that he sought to instill in others. He cared deeply about his students and nurtured their own intellectual sparks. He made history come alive. He was the person who introduced me to the rudimentary basics of the American legal system through such academic excursions as re-convening the Constitutional Convention and re-enacting the Sam Sheppard murder trial. He also organized a school class trip with several other teachers to downtown Philadelphia to see an evening performance of Bully, the one-man show about Teddy Roosevelt starring James Whitmore. He loved what he did, and it showed. I can think of no higher tribute than to say I will never forget John Dale. Godspeed to you, John.

Chris Binnig, RHS Class of 1978

Chris Binnig - October 27, 2020 at 12:59 AM



“ John was a colleague of mine. He was highly respected at Radnor. I loved chatting with him especially during our subbing days when we had more time. I am so sorry for you lose. Sheila Ashley Retired Spanish teacher...RHS.

Sheila Ashley - October 26, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ Prayers from the U.S. Renal Care Team purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of John L. Dale.



Prayers from the U.S. Renal Care Team - October 23, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ So very for your loss! Thought you might enjoy this story!
While on a walk in our neighborhood, Mr. Dale happened to pass By our house as our Son, a RHS student, was struggling with tying his bow tie. The Dance and the date were waiting! Mr. Dale sprang into action and tied Jesse’s tie! Heaven sent just for us! Thank you Mr. Dale for your random act of kindness! Just one of many I am sure!
Anne CHilds

Anne Childs - October 22, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John L. Dale.



October 21, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John L. Dale.



October 20, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire Dale family on the loss of Jack. I hadn't seen Jack in many years, but he was a large presence in my early life as he was a friend and neighbor of my family, as well as my Godfather. I never forget the times spent at Jack's apartment on Rittenhouse Square as a kid. It was my first real exposure to the city and was a fascinating experience for a young kid. I distinctly remember Jack taking John, Jeff, my brother Steve and I to see a Charlie Chaplin film at what was the original Ritz theater in Philadelphia. Jack was an incredibly generous and kind man....a good man! When people like Jack pass on the world is a lesser place for because of their loss.
Eric Sierra-Franco. Willow Grove, PA.

Eric Sierra-Franco - October 20, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John L. Dale.



October 20, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John L. Dale.



October 20, 2020 at 11:52 AM