



Dale LeRoy Skow

December 27, 1935 - March 6, 2025

Dale LeRoy Skow, 89, of Grand Island passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Memorial service and celebration of Dale's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at the Berean Bible Church. There is a gathering of family and friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Dale LeRoy Skow was born to Ada and Gilbert Skow in Central City, Nebraska, on December 27, 1935. In 1942, his family moved to Gibbon, Nebraska, where he attended school. Dale played football, basketball, baseball, and track, earning letters in all of them. He was also awarded all-conference honors in basketball and football. He graduated from Gibbon High School in 1953 and headed to Kearney State College. There he played basketball and was on the track and field team, where he lettered.

In 1958, he graduated from Kearney State College with a Bachelor's Degree and married Shirley Keiper. They moved to Minden, and he taught at Holstein High School and was the head basketball and track coach. In 1959, their first daughter, Julie, was born. Dale spent six months in basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, then returned to Holstein to continue teaching and coaching. In 1960, he moved his family to Central City, Nebraska, where he taught Junior High Science and coached basketball. In 1962, they added another daughter, Jolynn, to the family. In 1963, he got a Life Science teaching job at Barr Junior High and moved the family to Grand Island, Nebraska. Dale was discharged honorably from the United States Army in

1964. Sherri, a third daughter, was born in 1966. He transferred to Grand Island Senior High in 1969 to teach Biology, where he taught until 1979. Dale enjoyed carpentry and was always helping friends and family with home improvement projects.

During the summers of 1975-1976, he volunteered to coach the Grand Island Swim Association team. Dale and Shirley spent many hours throughout the years attending their daughter's swimming meets, volleyball, basketball, track and field events, and their grandchildren's activities.

In 1978, Dale and Shirley bought the walk-up Dairy Queen on 2nd Street in Grand Island, Nebraska. They continued to operate and expand the business by buying the Hall County Dairy Queen Franchise and opening six other Dairy Queen businesses throughout the years. He retired from the day-to-day Dairy Queen operations in 2000 but has maintained ownership of the properties and Dairy Queen franchise until the present. Dale and wife Shirley were active in the Berean Bible Church. He enjoyed playing cards with friends, watching Husker athletics, and spending time with family.

Dale is survived by wife, Shirley (Keiper); daughters, Julie and Jay Hehnke of Grand Island, Jolynn Henry and Scott Tobin of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Sherri and husband Rick Gouse of Richmond, Vermont, along with much-loved grandchildren Chandler Hehnke, and Lily and Brady Gouse. He is also survived by brother-in-law and sister-in law, Don and Linda Keiper; nephews, Michael Keiper, Kevin Mayfield and niece, Kelli Keiper. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ada and Gilbert Skow and sister, Eileen Mayfield.

Memorials are suggested to the Berean Bible Church or the family's choice.

Previous Events

Gathering of friends and family

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Berean Bible Church
4116 W Capital Ave
Grand Island, NE 68803
(308) 382-7881

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Dale was a great boss to work for at the Dairy Queen Sorry for your loss. I will keep the whole family in my prayers
Julie Matthiesen Johnson

Julie Matthiesen Johnson - March 14, 2025 at 05:14 PM

LG

“ He was a great teacher who cared for his students! I remember talking to him several times after class and laughing. I remember when he bought the Dairy Queen and I stopped there many times just to say hello. My prayers to his family!

Larry Glover - March 13, 2025 at 01:50 PM

JK

“ I am so very sorry, just can't believe he's gone. He was absolutely the best and most patient DQ trainer ever what a great guy, you won't find another one like him

Jeanette Lehn Krous - March 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM

CB

“ Shirley, Julie, Jolynn and Sherri,

So sorry to hear of Dale's passing, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

Cameron Bomstad

Cameron Bomstad - March 12, 2025 at 04:23 PM