



Billie Dale Karns

July 18, 1933 - July 16, 2025

Billie “Dale” Karns passed away peacefully at his home on July 16, 2025, after surrounded by family. Dale was born in Fort Collins, CO on July 18, 1933, to Lewis and Mary Karns and was raised at the homestead on Bull Mountain.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Arthur “Sammy”, and Raymond. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years Loretta (Gebhardt) of Fort Collins, CO, and their four children: David (Ann) of Galetton, CO, Mark (Caren) of Greeley, CO, Thomas (Lisa) of Fort Collins, CO and Laura (Louis) of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren Lee (Destiny), Aron (Kristina), Stephen, Dantevious (Christina), Ashley (Shaun), Ryan (Ellie), Resha (Kendrell), Kaitlynn, Kelly (Callie), and Derek; 11 great grandchildren; sister Irene; brother Jack; and many nieces and nephews.

Dale was drafted into the US Army in 1953 where he served two years active duty and was stationed in England. When he was discharged from active duty he enlisted in the Army Reserves and served for another 8 years. After returning from the military he worked at Forney Industries where he met his beautiful wife Loretta and they were married on November 27, 1960, in Windsor, CO. They bought their first home on Oak Street in Fort Collins where David, Mark and Tom were born and later moved the family to their current residence north of Fort Collins, CO in November of 1967 where they were blessed with Laura.

Dale was a lifelong truck driver working for various companies including owning his own trucking company L & D Trucking, LLC up to retirement. Due to boredom, he came out of retirement and went to work for Weinrick Construction Company for the next few years until he retired again. He was also known to help his fellow truckers when they were in need. When he finally fully retired, he enjoyed providing day care for the great grandkids, making furniture with his brothers, painting, helping his kids with home projects, being involved in their church and spending time with his wife, kids, and many friends. That was very apparent by the number of people who visited in his last few days, and he will be sorely missed.

A Funeral Service is planned for Monday, July 28, 2025, at Faith Church of Windsor, 1020 Walnut Street, Windsor, CO 80550: Viewing at 10:30am, Funeral Service at 11:30am, Burial at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery at 2:30pm.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 28. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Faith Church of Windsor
1020 Walnut Street
Windsor, CO 80550-4754

Funeral Service

JUL 28. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Faith Church of Windsor
1020 Walnut Street
Windsor, CO 80550-4754

Burial

JUL 28. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery
8426 S. College Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

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“ I’ve known Uncle Dale my entire life. Solid family man, heart of Gold, always willing to lend a hand, very artistic painter, he would always go out of his way to visit with you, I know I’ve enjoyed my yearly visits for over 40 years, he walked with Jesus, and he was so very loved.



Kirk Karns - July 22, 2025 at 08:45 PM

BK

Rip uncle Dale you are good man Billy karns

Billy Karns - July 23, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CB

Dale,man I haven't seen you since we were working together at Bockman Lumber Co in 1958 and I wrecked your 48 mercury I sure hated that and wished I would have known where you lived I would have come by to see you Go Rest High On The Mountain Friend

Chuck Barnes - July 27, 2025 at 12:22 PM

SS

“ I remember Dale & Loretta and their family from when I was young. Irene is my Aunt, so I knew them from childhood. VERY nice guy. Jack and Dale and families would come visit my parents (Paul/Bus and Helen Bockman). I remember them with great fondness. Always had a smile, candy so good to my parents. I send my deepest sympathies for your tremendous loss of one of the finest guys I ever knew. May our dear Brother, Jesus, hold you in His loving Arms and grant you His Peace. Again, deepest sympathies. Sherry (Bockman) Sandoval You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sherry (Bockman) Sandoval - July 22, 2025 at 02:04 PM

SM

“ I always knew when I saw Dale...there would be a huge hug, smile, and laugh. While time between seeing and talking seem to stretch out, Dale's greeting never changed. My heartfelt love and support goes to all at this time.

Sue Miller - July 22, 2025 at 01:07 PM

DM

“ Hey Dave, sorry to hear of your loss. My condolences to all of you and your family. From David ,Linda Maes and family.

David Maes - July 21, 2025 at 06:40 PM