

Obituary

Doren Charles Dale, 73



Doren Charles Dale, 73, of Deep River, died at the English Valley Care Center in North English after a long battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.

His funeral service was held at the United Church of Deep River on Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, with the Rev. Sandra Stephens and Pastor Ben Wilson officiating. Burial was at the Goldenrod Cemetery in Deep River. The Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma was in charge of arrangements.

Doren Charles Dale was born in the house in Deep River at 308 Hwy 85 on June 16, 1935, to George Henderson and Hazel Marie Foster Dale. Doren graduated from Deep River High School in 1952. On June 9, 1953, Doren was appointed a substitute rural mail carrier at Deep River. On Sept. 8, 1954, he began working in the mail service at Midway Airport in Chicago until Nov. 28, 1955, when he joined the United States Army where he became a paratrooper. He was stationed with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Campbell, Ky. and the 101st Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C. He played cornet in the 101st Airborne Division Army Band. Some of the band members played for dances at the Officer's Club and other local establishments. One of their favorite songs was "The Old Piano Roll Blues." Upon his discharge from the Army on Nov. 23, 1958, Doren re-

turned to work at Midway Airport until Jan. 1, 1960, when he was appointed regular mail carrier on route two out of Deep River.

On Sept. 19, 1964, Doren was united in marriage to Carol Louise Smith, daughter of Ivan John and Phyllis Louise Plagmann Smith at the Trinity United Church of Christ in rural Marengo. To this union two sons were born, Kurt and Kelly. Doren retired Dec. 3, 1993. He served on the Deep River Volunteer Fire Department, the former Presbyterian Session and then the Parish Council of the United Church of Deep River. Doren was a member of Trees Forever, the Poweshiek County Sportsman's Association, National and Iowa Rural Letter Carrier Associations; Lafayette Lodge #52 A.F. & A.M., Lafayette Chapter 232 Order of Eastern Star and a lifetime member of the NRA.

Doren's memory is honored by his wife, Carol, of Deep River; two sons, Kurt (Cindy) Dale of Williamsburg and Kelly (Robbi) Dale of Kremmling, Colo.; a sister, Lorna J. Dale of Chicago; five grandchildren, Kayla, Spencer and Carly Dale of Williamsburg and Jhaden Cowan and Brandon Dale of Kremmling, Colo.; many relatives and many friends.

Doren was preceded in death by his parents, George and Hazel Dale.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Church of Deep River, Deep River Fire Department or Hospice of Iowa City. Friends may give condolence to the family at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com