



Dale J Volz

August 20, 1939 - April 16, 2026

Dale J Volz, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and steward of the land passed away peacefully April 16, 2026 in St. Johns, MI at Grace Haven Assisted Living Home at the age of 86. He was born August 20, 1939 and lived nearly his entire life at the heritage family farm homesteaded in 1857 in Minden City.

Dale met Esther, the love of his life at a mutual friend's wedding. They were married June 19, 1965. They celebrated 60 years of marriage last year. Farming was his life. He often said he felt God blessed him so that he could bless others and feed the world. He enjoyed dairy and crop farming with his wife Esther, parents Herb and Mary, his brother and his wife Fred and Jean, and son Dan and Brenda and their families. Dale had a servant's heart. He was ready to help anyone in need for his entire life. He was active as a minister in the Community of Christ Church, giving time, messages and counsel to many.

His service extended beyond his church to numerous community and farming organizations. Some of the committees he gave his time to were Farm Bureau, MMPA, Minden Cemetery Boards. He enjoyed sharing stories, teaching about food production and seeing faces light up when handing out cotton candy and dairy products at state and local fairs and at Project Red. Dale loved to share produce from his garden and orchard. He gave generously to neighbors and family, and loved the visiting that went along with bringing the gifts. His specialties were sweet corn, pears, rhubarb and apple

cider pressed on the family cider press.

He enjoyed travelling in the RV. For fifteen years Dale and Esther wintered near Troy, Alabama and made many dear friends. When travelling to Alabama became too much, they wintered in Montana where Dan and his family lived. He took his family camping, making milk can dinners to share. He also built many toys and games in his wood shop. Volunteering was as much a hobby as it was a service. He enjoyed helping to improve the church campgrounds that he and Esther visited every year.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents Herb and Mary (Underhill) Volz, brothers Glen Volz, Fred and Jean (Klaus) Volz, and son Dan Volz. He is celebrated and will be missed by his wife Esther (Dexter) Volz, children: Sheila (Rick) Robbe, Brenda Volz, Todd (Smita) Volz, nephew Matt (Heather) Dexter, grandchildren: Michael (Sammy) Robbe, Josiah (Rebecca) Robbe, Travis (Amy) Volz, Caleb (Mariah) Robbe, Darcy (Ke'Vionne) Robbins, Rachel (Ben) Witzke, Erica (Kyle) Ronsberg, Leah Robbe, Hannah (Brennan) Dufrin, Faith Robbe, Aria Volz, Silas Robbe, Suvan Volz, great grandchildren: Zayn Witzke, Ivory Witzke, Opal Robbins, and Foster Witzke.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am on June 13, in the chapel at the Community of Christ Campgrounds to which Dale devoted much time.

Blue Water Campground, 7291 County Farm Rd., Lexington, MI 48450

Esther and family will be available for visiting, starting at 9:30 am at the campgrounds. A light lunch will be provided after the service.

The family will be making their way to the Minden City Cemetery at 4 pm. For a committal service at 5 pm. We welcome any who would like to join us there.

The cemetery is at the corner of Bay City Forestville Rd and Parisville Road.

Arrangements were handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Blue Water Campground
7291 County Farm Road
Lexington, MI 48450

Committal Service

JUN 13. 5:00 PM (ET)

Minden Cemetery
Bay City Forestville Road
Minden City, MI 48456

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I remember Dale, my Brother-in-law, very fondly. I loved hearing him talk (which he loved to do, sharing with others). He was always ready to help me out if I needed it, and I loved helping him and my sister, Esther, on the farm when I visited. He helped me when ever he could when I lived in Midland and then in Independence, MO. I was so appreciative that he stepped in to walk me down the aisle when I married my husband, Ken, since my Dad had already passed. We will miss him and will treasure his memory.

Jean Dexter - June 09 at 05:19 PM

DP

“ Dale was a gentle soul--a true evangelist in every sense of the word. Also a giving spirit in multiples ways. Our times with him and Esther, although somewhat brief, were a joy for us. His passing is a loss for both his biological family and his church family, of which we were only a tiny part. We were blessed to know him. Dick and Talitha Pennington

Dick and Talitha Pennington - June 07 at 05:46 PM

LM

“ Lori Murawske lit a candle in memory of Dale
J Volz



Lori Murawske - June 06 at 07:09 AM

EH

“ I send blessings of peace and extended high regard to the family. So many memories of Dale and the Volz's. I knew Dale since youth. Later our young families visited in our homes. NOW That was a long time ago, in the early 1960's. Church gatherings of all sorts brought us together, including youth retreats at various congregations. In the unfolding years it was World Conference at Independence, Mich conferences through all the changes there. Camping at Blue Water and Woodlands were always a welcomed time together and over so many years. Dale and I served on the Woodlands Board for an extended period of time. The changes brought about; districts no longer, Michigan (now Mich Mission Center). Woodlands sold, which had offered so much with the 400 acre acerage has interrupted our frequent gatherings as a church family. I miss all the closeness and fun times along with worship and study groups etc. I realize also Dale's time had come to pass the torch" to the next generation. I appreciated the Volz families throughout all the years, you folks were there to support with talents, time, stewardship and leadership. Your ministries shall not be forgotten. Enjoy family, relive the great life well lived, as a new chapter has arrived on your journey. Thanks be to God for such wonderful folks and families. REST IN PEACE DALE, ervin haley

ERVIN HALEY - June 04 at 09:37 AM