



A. Dale Bjorklund

March 9, 1931 - April 4, 2020

A. Dale Bjorklund died at his home in Manteno, Illinois, April 4, 2020, at age 89. Though his death was unexpected, Dale was ready at any time to go to his heavenly Father.

Alfred "Dale" Bjorklund was born March 9, 1931, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Alfred J. and Agnes C. (Myhre) Bjorklund. Dale attended school in Minneapolis, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1949. Throughout his school days he participated in many sports, including football, wrestling, baseball, swimming, skating, and snow skiing. He also enjoyed camping, and spent summers working as a camp counselor and waterfront director. These activities led to his interest in physical education and coaching.

He earned a double major in Physical Education and Recreation at the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse, in 1953. Dale played football at LaCrosse and was named All-Conference Center both his junior and senior years.

He earned a Master of Arts in Education/Administration at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Dale began his 30-year career at Homewood-Flossmoor (H-F) High School, Flossmoor, IL, in 1959, as head football coach and physical education instructor. From 1963-1974, he was the Athletic Director at H-F. During this time, he also served as vice-president and president of the Illinois High School Athletic Directors Association. Prior to retiring in 1989, Dale enjoyed his final years teaching Adaptive P.E.

He was proud to say he spent 50 consecutive years with football as a player,

coach, athletic administrator, and finally, as a volunteer special team kicking coach at Olivet Nazarene University.

As a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, friend, teacher, and coach, he touched many lives throughout his 89 years.

Dale was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; son, Wayne; brother, Doug; and his parents.

He is survived by his children Dianne (Paul) Eggen, Randy (Jill) Bjorklund, Nancy Bjorklund; step-children Brian (Kelly) St. Aubin and Michele McAley; grandchildren Ryan (Laura), Justin, Jonathan (Britany), Jack (Makenzie), Reid, Jaden, Zachary, Hannah, Chloe, and Drew; and great-grandchildren Olivia and Brooks.

This celebration of Dale's life was delayed so more friends and family could be together.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Manteno Church of the Nazarene. Refreshments and social time will follow after the service. For the well-being and comfort level of all, the family respectfully asks that masks be worn. Private inurnment will be held at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

The funeral service will be live streamed. Please visit our website for the link. Memorials may be made to Homewood-Flossmoor High School Foundation, Manteno Church of the Nazarene, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno.

The link on youtube will be <https://youtu.be/zh8vwDFxatA> for the service.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Manteno Church of the Nazarene
698 N. Locust
Manteno, IL 60950

Tribute Wall



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Hannah St Aubin - September 10, 2021 at 08:09 PM

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“ *Dale was always the most cheerful friend. We always looked forward to our chats when he and Margret sat in the back row (their space) at Manteno Church of the Nazarene. He was always there to worship unless he went North (Wisconsin) to visit there. We miss him dearly and what a true believer and representative he was for Christ. Amen! We know his faith brought him to the Lord.*
Sincerely, Valgene and Kim Raloff

Valgene Raloff - September 09, 2021 at 10:38 AM

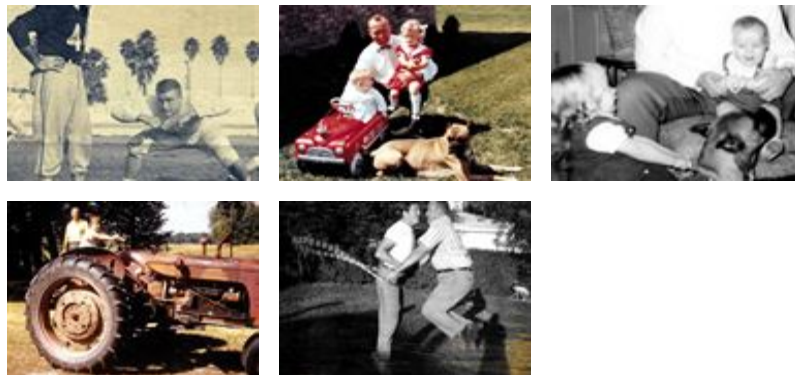
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“ Dick and I will always remember Dale labeling our sale of tickets to the circus in Russia as "tourney time" as the 3 of us were trying to sell these tickets, standing among the crowd coming to the venue. (There were extra tickets from band members who opted not to go and to make our sale easier, we increased the cost 20 rubles--not much). This was working until a person put on a black arm band and headed our way causing us to tp the sale!! We all 3 really enjoyed the circus...and "tourney time" was always our intro to conversation. Sharon Linden

Sharon Linden - September 01, 2021 at 07:26 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - September 01, 2021 at 01:36 PM

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“ Dale was one of the good ones. I will never forget the sight of him holding the tympany drum on the outside of the rickety little bus from the INSIDE as we zoomed up the mountain so the symphonic band could play their concert at a school in Jamaica. what a guy! Judith Garber

judith garber - August 29, 2021 at 02:15 PM