



## D. "Dale" Dobbs

May 22, 1943 - November 14, 2018

Dennis "Dale" Dobbs, age 75, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at his home in Sextonville, Wisconsin. He was born in Richland Center on May 22, 1943, to Robert and Marian (Kisting) Dobbs and grew up in Milwaukee, WI. Dale played saxophone in a small band that he organized with his high school buddies. He completed two years of college in Milwaukee at UWM. In his later years he organized the golf tournament, DDO Benefit, raising donations for various charitable organizations. His interest included pets and gardening. Dale's career spanned over forty years starting with a parcel driver for Barry Inc. and led to driving the big rigs for Yellow Freight and he was a proud and active member of his union. Dale's passion for correcting the injustice of this pension crisis was unmatched; he worked tirelessly on bringing people together which eventually spread to become the Pension Protection Committees of which there are at least 65 currently active committees across the country. Dale is highly respected among his Teamster Brothers and Sisters, active and retired.

Dale gave more than his time to fix this crisis; he put his heart into it. He spent numerous hours and precious time crisscrossing the country to unite and inform people of the dire situation that is facing so many Americans associated with defined benefit pension plans. Dale had patience and compassion for all he encountered in this battle to protect pensions, and did everything in his power to fight the injustice facing so many. After retirement, he fulfilled his dream of owning "DaleWood Retreat" a cottage rental property

in Sextonville.

Survivors include, his daughters, AnnMarie (Sam II) Puleo, of Valrico, Florida, Susan Dobbs of Brandon, Florida; two grandsons, Sam III and Roman Puleo; four brothers and sisters, Linda Prechter of Green Bay, WI, Barbara Clary of Ithaca, WI, Gary Dobbs (friend Donna Dopson) of Sextonville, WI, Terry (Becky) Dobbs of Burlington, WI; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Marian (Paul) Kulicka; his father and stepmother, Robert (Juanita) Dobbs; his brothers, Stanley Dobbs, Michael Dobbs, Robert Dobbs; sister-in-law, Josie Dobbs; brothers-in-law, Ron Clary and Keith Prechter.

A Celebration of Dale's Life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 24, 2018, at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center with Pastor Craig Peach officiating. Burial will be held in the Bear Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 24, 2018, from 9:30 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV **24**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC  
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Richland Center, WI 53581  
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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Bob Seeman lit a candle in memory of D.  
"Dale" Dobbs*



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**Bob Seeman** - November 25, 2018 at 11:15 PM

KH

“ *We have fond memories of working with Dale at Yellow Freight and helping out with the DDO Golf outings. Those were the days. Ken & Joan Herro*

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**Ken & Joan Herro** - November 24, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *Mary Packett purchased the Glorious Memories Garland for the family of D. "Dale" Dobbs.*

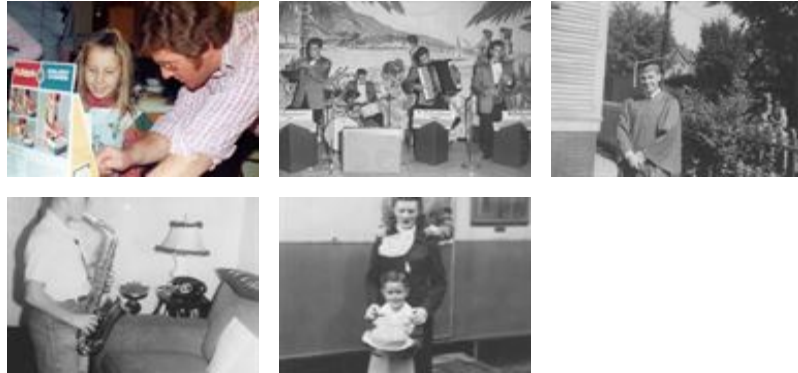


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**Mary Packett** - November 23, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ 132 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Clary Memorial Funeral Home** - November 22, 2018 at 05:30 PM



Gretchen  
Niles

“ *Gretchen Niles purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of D. "Dale" Dobbs.*



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**Gretchen Niles** - November 21, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of D. "Dale" Dobbs.*



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November 20, 2018 at 09:24 AM

JF

“ *Your family is in our prayers. I just want to thank Dale and his family for the service to the committee on pensions . I’m a retired Holland worker from Detroit . He will be missed . John Fowler*

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**John Fowler** - November 19, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of D. "Dale" Dobbs.*



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November 19, 2018 at 01:01 PM

DK

“ There is nobody quite like Dale, Now I need to rib him about his Real first name "Dennis" same as mine! I know where he is found. It is in each of us who have worked with him to protect our pensions.

*I was always amazed that he never thought ill of anyone..disagreed maybe, but always respected diverse opinions. He is the Spark that ignited so many of our committees spread across this great land of ours.*

*I will miss the 6AM calls as he would be sipping his coffee watching the world unfold about him. Rubbing it in that he has cardinals at his feeder (i don't) or the Packers are going to wallop the Vikes..Dream on Dale..typical Cheesehead!*

*Dale always thinks on a grand scale. One of the masterminds behind our big 2016 DC Rally. He also wanted to set up hundreds of Committees across the country, a goal he pursued until the end. He is a hero to me, as are others in our fight.*

*He holds a special place in my heart though, as family, as a brother who never gave up, never gave in and fought to the end...which is also a beginning. Now you look over us and guide us from above Dale..aka Dennis! Go now and take a rest and watch the universe unfold before you as you sip your heavenly coffee. With brotherly love,  
Dennis Kooren*

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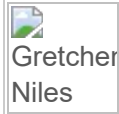
**Dennis Kooren** - November 16, 2018 at 04:41 PM

SW

*Amen*

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**Stan Webb** - November 18, 2018 at 10:14 PM



Gretchen Niles

*Beautiful tribute Dennis*

**Gretchen Niles** - November 21, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ *Fargo/Mhd, Bismarck, Sioux Falls Committees purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of D. "Dale" Dobbs.*



**Fargo/Mhd, Bismarck, Sioux Falls Committees** - November 16, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ *Because of Dale we are able to network our committees across the country. A man of great passion for our cause. Our pension warriors will bring this fight home for you!!!! God Bless and Rest In Peace*  
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**Brad Vaughn** - November 16, 2018 at 02:35 PM



*Amen!!!*

**Dennis Kooren** - November 16, 2018 at 03:44 PM



SW

“ Dale was a good mentor for everyone in the Pension fight if it weren't for Dale and his forethought the grassroots movement wouldn't have been successful . He brought together a group of strangers to unite for the cause to save our pension without Dale we wouldn't have ever met and united as a group . Dale was always willing to help with anything he could I liked talking to Dale and getting his opinion on things a very wise man and never negative about anyone . I first met Dale in person at the rally on the west lawn of the Capital in April of 2016 ,later we again met in July of that year in St.Louis ,Mo. at a Protect Pension meeting ! Our Prayers to Dale's family and friends our deepest sympathy.

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**Stan & Sherry Webb** - November 16, 2018 at 10:23 AM

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“ RIP GOD BLESS All OF DALE'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN MY PRAYERS ROGER EVANS RETIRED TEAMSTER LOCAL 100 CINCINNATI OHIO



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**Roger Evans** - November 16, 2018 at 08:46 AM

SU

“ Dale helped me understand things he was kind and patient helped set up my page advised me on how to use it. This was such a shock he is loved by many and will leave a big hole . My hope is that when we win this thing he knows somehow he was such a huge part of it!

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**susan** - November 16, 2018 at 07:16 AM



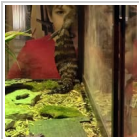
“ Sincere sympathy to all the families. Enjoyed visiting Dale when he'd be at ROUTE 14 WATCHNG US Line dance. Cherish those great memories he left you.

Helen Sheafor - November 16, 2018 at 12:20 AM



“ He was a good man I knew as soon I started working at Yellow in the mid 90's. I also attended a few of his golf outings. He will be missed. Prayers out to the family. R.I.P.....

Harry Clark - November 15, 2018 at 09:04 PM



“ Sadden to hear of Dale's passing. A relentless person as a steward for the pension crisis, I/We can not Thank him enough for all he had done. God Bless your soul Dale. Scott Benson, Local 662, Green Bay, WI.

Scott Benson - November 15, 2018 at 07:44 PM



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Janice Salzbrunn - November 15, 2018 at 06:14 PM

JS

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Janice Salzbrunn - November 15, 2018 at 06:05 PM



We were at the truck show in Richland Center putting up pension signs.

Mary Packett - November 18, 2018 at 11:26 AM



Dale sold Dad 10 signs in St Louis, stakes and all. One slight problem. There wasn't enough room for me in the car. I remember everyone laughing about it, including Dale.

Mary Packett - November 18, 2018 at 11:28 AM

BP

I only knew Dale by reputation and by his actions, but I knew enough to know he was one of the main people working so hard to help us protect our pensions. We, as retirees, deeply appreciate all of his efforts on our behalf. Our prayers go out to the family and close friends that deeply miss him.

Bob Meeks, President  
Bay Area Retirees Chapter  
Teamsters Local Union No. 79  
Tampa, FL 33619

Bob Meeks, President - November 19, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ Dale, at first the pension fight and then staying at your cabin. The phone calls. The laughter and the concern. The greatest memory was just sitting at night with you, and Dad in front of the fire outside and just looking at the stars. You were truly a special man. Your acreage was a trail art gallery and I pray it is appreciated and the legacy continues. It was amazing! You were amazing and God must have decided he needed your artistic touch in heaven. I will be ready for the tour when I get there with you! In the meantime, you will be missed.

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**Mary Packett** - November 15, 2018 at 01:23 PM

JS

I am beyond sadden by the news of my dear friend Dale Dobbs passing. His ability to lead by example was what set him apart from everyone else. I met Dale through the Committees To Protect Pensions. Dale introduced me to John Anderson saying John and you get it. MPRA is going to take down our entire economy. I think you two would work well together. Dale would me call and say, “why don’t you write about this or that”, I would snap back saying I don’t know how to do that! He said, you write as if you’re sitting across the table from someone- just do that that way. Next thing I knew he gave me list on what to write about, lol.

For example:

Religion, Truth, Accountability, MPRA, Toxic People  
ERISA, Omission, Moving Backwards in Our Fight  
Being a trucker driver wife, Central State ,

Conflict and Pride and much more. He help me find my voice when I didn’t think I had one. What I liked about him he would never say a negative thing about anyone to me. He would say I wish they didn’t say that or do that. He would always be more about pointing out someone’s good points then their bad points. Dale will be missed by many and remembered as as great leader in our pension fight.

Janice Salzbrunn

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**Janice Salzbrunn** - November 15, 2018 at 06:53 PM

SD

*I did not know Dale very well, but I do know how much he meant to me and thousands of others like me. Without this man and his tireless efforts, I am quite sure we would have lost this battle a long time ago. Thank you, Dale and I am praying you are resting safe and sound in the arms of our Lord.*

*Sharon Deutsch*

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**Sharon Deutsch** - November 16, 2018 at 12:26 PM



*Dale called me a week ago and wanted me to implement an idea he had that would allow all of us pensioners (so far) to be heard. We both agreed the national media is trying to bury the truth about our dire needs and since I have built several internet radio stations, Dale asked me to consider building one for all of us. Sadly, he never got to hear his dream come true. I believe it would be only right to build and promote our own radio station in Dale's memory. He will never be forgotten. A great man, a great fighter for what's right and a great friend to all...that was Dale Dobbs.*

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**Steve Turner** - November 19, 2018 at 03:51 PM



*A wise & well respected man, humble & truly a hero for our cause. I'm honored to have known him, however briefly it was. His loss is a great blow to us all & his shoes will never be filled. He always had my back as a Teamster wife who really didn't know what I was doing. I could always count on him for a pep talk.*

*Our deepest condolences to his family & friends.*

*Dennis & Gretchen Niles*

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**Gretchen Niles** - November 21, 2018 at 09:18 PM