



Mr. & Mrs. Dale Thomas Kruse

December 27, 2020

Dale Thomas Kruse, 71, preceded his wife, Lynnette Marie Kruse, 76, in death by 4 short days, in Aiken.

Dale was born in Las Vegas, NM on April 30, 1949 to Henry and Beththa Ferris Gommill Kruse. Lynnette was born in Brooklyn, NY, on December 25, 1944 to James and Louise Wood Corda.

Dale and Lynette spent many happy years in Corrales, NM before retiring to Aiken. Dale was an excellent cabinet maker, and Lynnette was a long-time educator. They loved to go camping – both in New Mexico and South Carolina. They were very active in their church and volunteering in their community.

Dale and Lynnette are survived by their siblings: Charles, Mary, Becky, David and Karen, John, and Charles. Their children are: Aaron Kruse, Alaska; Angela Rietmann (Jeff Henington), NM; Jason (Tracy) Reitmann, New York; Pam Spargo, NM. They also leave behind 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Dale and Lynnette were laid to rest in a private ceremony at Greenhaven Preserve, Eastover, SC. on December 29, 2020.

Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

Cemetery

Greenhaven Preserve

1704 Vanboklen Road

Eastover, SC, 29044

Comments



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Douglas and Roda Abrams - January 31, 2021 at 12:18 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of the passing of Lynette and Dale. I had the privilege to teach with Lynette at Vista Grande Elementary in Rio Rancho. She loved her students and especially loved teaching writing. Prayers of comfort for all who loved them!!

Elizabeth - February 05, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ Dale and Lynnette were our dearest friends. We were brothers and sisters in Christ and through our faith became very close. It was ordained by God that two men and two women from such different life experiences would become the best of friends. We met Dale and Lynnette at New Life church in 2008 and he invited me to join him in his work on their 15 acre plot in San Acacia/Polvadera area. Dale taught me about farming and ranching and how to grow, cut, and bale alfalfa. He showed me how to drive a tractor and stack hay. We bought steers to raise for beef and grew vegetables using a raised-bed gardening method at their home in Corrales. We initiated a New Life ministry called GAP, "God's Agriculture Project" and got many people from the church involved in growing vegetables. We enjoyed our trips to the "farm" traveling up and down I-25 having spiritually edifying conversations and sharing our life's experiences with each other.

I learned how to install cabinetry from being Dale's apprentice for a year. He knew his vocation well and shared his knowledge with me. When Dale decided to retire his business and subsequently move to Aiken, SC in 2012, he asked Roda and I to help them move. We drove from Albuquerque to Aiken a moving truck pulling a vehicle and an RV for 3 days and then returned to Albuquerque to make another load. Once they had settled into Aiken, Roda and I went to visit on a few occasions. We traveled to the Atlantic Ocean and camped out on the beaches in South Carolina and Georgia. One vacation, we went to Kentucky to visit the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark. We always found ourselves doing something interesting, exciting and fun. I could tell many stories of how Dale and Lynnette enriched our lives by being our friends. For me, it would be like writing a book speaking of which Lynnette was able to achieve her dream of writing and publishing a novel called "Trapped" in 2018. Roda and I read it from cover to cover without putting it down it was so good. I could go on and on remembering the good times we shared but I will close with this. Our hearts are sad and we grieve at times because we won't get to share any more good times this side of heaven but we have comfort and peace knowing that they are together in our Father's heavenly home and rejoice that we will see them again one day and for all eternity. Love you forever,
Doug and Roda

Douglas and Roda Abrams - January 31, 2021 at 12:11 AM



“ Our most fondest memories were at the early years of New Life Church and they hosted a garden ministry at their Corrales home. My husband and I, with about 14 others would sing, share devotionals, pray & eat something special Lynette made and then dig, till, plant & harvest the soil together! She also was very talented at sewing and we would plan together at their dining table how to decorate these gigantic coffee cans, covering them with her pretty materials for the women conference♡

Jeff and Laurie Canellas - January 06, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ Please do not send flowers to the funeral home. The beloved couple has already been layer to rest. In lieu of this, please donate to your local food bank or drop a phone charger off at a covid wing at a hospital near you for people without family nearby. We had this problem and it would be great if hospitals could have some to share with patients so they could speak with their loved ones. Thank you, Angela R.

Angela Rietmann - December 31, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. May they Rest In Peace.

M. Sedillo - December 31, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ You and family are in my prayers.

Vivian P. - December 31, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ The loss of your loved ones to this horrific virus, both within days of each other, is truly an unthinkable tragedy. Please accept our heartfelt condolences...we are wishing you comfort in your treasured memories and family togetherness...sincerely, Sebastian and Pam Meyer

Pam Meyer - December 31, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you Angela and your family. I am praying for you during this time. Keep their memories alive and hug each other tighter. With love, Carmella, Marisa, and Mikayla Salazar

Carmella Salazar - December 31, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ Lynnette and I met in 3rd grade in Incarnation school and we became fast friends, spending our free time together... Especially our entire summer breaks. We were in each other's bridal party and were godmothers for each of our first children. Several years ago we reconnected giving us a chance to reignite our friendship. I had the opportunity to meet Dale and spend a week with them in Aiken. I will miss you my dear friends. May the Lord hold both of you in His arms. Stella Russotti Kessler

Stella - December 31, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ My beloved cousin, Lynnette shared many experiences with me growing up including being the only girl in our families. She was always fun to be around and very adventurous all her life. We were intimate friends as well as cousins. I will always miss her. Dale and Lynnette were wonderful hosts during my visits to both NM and SC. and our outings were always exciting.

Lynnette's care and concern for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were paramount in her life. Through them, she will always be with us. Rest in peace.

Linda Corda Napoli - December 31, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ I am so sorry, Angela, for your loss and that of your entire family. Your mom was so special, and I enjoyed the years that I taught with her at VGES. While we lost touch when she moved from NM, I always held fond memories of our times spent together. I am certain that those of us who have been teaching for years in RRPS will mourn her loss.

All My Best,
Shani Silver

shani - February 04, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with your mom at Vista Grade. What a wonderful teacher! She also made the best desserts! She will be missed.

Sincerely

Debbie Berger

Debbie - February 05, 2021 at 08:41 PM