

Dale Allen Jasper



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Dale Jasper was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Henry and Clara Jasper. He attended schools in Filer, Idaho, and graduated from high school in 1949. A football scholarship took him to Utah State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1953. That same year, he also received his commission as a second lieutenant through the ROTC program.

Following graduation, Dale hired on with Southern Pacific Railroad, beginning a career that would span 40 years until his retirement in 1993. In January 1954, he was called to active duty with the U.S. Army, serving as a tank platoon officer in Germany. He was promoted to first lieutenant before his honorable discharge in 1959. Returning home, Dale resumed his work with the railroad as a conductor and brakeman.

Later that year, Dale met the love of his life, Betty McKennon, in Elko, Nevada, and the two were married in December 1959. In 1963, a job transfer brought them to Sparks, Nevada, where Dale would live for the rest of his life.

Dale was a hardworking and honest man who led by example, teaching his children to always do the right thing. He once humorously proved this by returning a gas pump handle after accidentally driving off with it still in his tank.

Devoted to his family and community, Dale coached his son's Little League, Babe Ruth, and Pop Warner Football teams. His Little League team went on to win the Sparks City Championship in 1981, and he later influenced the

league to expand its championship playoff format from three teams to eight, ensuring more children had the chance to experience postseason play. After retiring, he continued coaching, this time leading his granddaughters in Bobby Sox Softball and guiding the 12U All-Star team to victory.

Dale was also a dedicated supporter of the University of Nevada, Reno, attending countless football and basketball games. He found joy in salmon fishing with his mischievous cousin, taking back-road vacations on narrow mountain roads without guardrails, and giving back to his community by volunteering at the local food bank, delivering groceries to senior citizens. He was also a lifelong blood donor and was recognized for his many gallons of contributions.

Above all, Dale's greatest passion was golf. He could often be found on the course or driving range, perfecting his game. Over the years, he achieved an impressive eight hole-in-ones, with a personal best score of 65 at Sierra Sage. He passed on his love of the sport to many family members, teaching them to play and playing countless rounds together — including his final game at his home course, Red Hawk, in September 2024.

Dale will be deeply missed by his wife of 65 years, Betty; daughters Connie Patterson and Kristi (Bob) Olson; son Scott (Stormi) Jasper; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and three sisters.

His life philosophy reflected the words of Ecclesiastes 3: "To everything there is a season."

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.