

# Alfred Dale Dean



Alfred Dale Dean, known to friends and family as Dale, passed away peacefully in his home on July 14, 2017 at the age of 73. Dale was the middle child and only son of Phillip and Cora Dean of Ernfold, Saskatchewan. He attended Ernfold Elementary School and Morris High School and in 1962 enrolled in the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan where he obtained a BA in Economics and History.

Dale's working life included stints as a school teacher, a bank teller, and assisting his father run a Shell service station. In 1972, he began his career as a civil servant when he was hired as a management trainee for the Unemployment Insurance Commission in Saskatoon, Sask. He later transferred to the Department of Health and Welfare in Regina, Sask and in 1980 moved with his wife and family to Yellowknife, NWT where he held various management positions with Human Resources Development Canada and GNWT Department of Education. In 1993 Dale began working exclusively in the field of Human Resources and became a member of the BC Human Resource Management Association. He worked as an HR Specialist for the GNWT Departments of Transportation and Health and Social Services before retiring in 2002.

Once retired, Dale spent more time as a grandfather to his two grandchildren and got more involved in the community. For a period, he worked part time as a project officer for the Yellowknife Homeless Coalition headed by the Salvation Army. He was on several committees for the YK United Church before becoming Chair of the Board of Directors. He was a member of the Northern Arts and Cultural Association and enjoyed many of the performances offered at the theatre.

In 2007, Dale and his wife Norma moved to Comox, B.C. He was blessed with six more grandchildren and much milder winters. He again became involved with the United Church and graduated from an Education for Ministry program in 2014. He loved to travel and in 2014 realized his lifelong dream of spending time in Ireland, the home of his paternal ancestors.

Dale is survived by Norma, his wife of 42 years; sons Shaun Dean (Megan) of Yellowknife, NWT, Liam Dean (Erin) of Hay River, NWT and Steven Dean (Joeline) of Courtenay, BC; his stepson Counce Brampton of Saskatoon, SK; and eight grandchildren Kiera, Lynden, Ila, Jacob, Jonathon, Malakai, Raven and Trinity. His surviving siblings are Judy Akins (Dennis) of Saskatoon, SK; Colleen Takacs (Garry) of Nashville, Tenn; and Wendy Dean (Carol) of Regina, SK; plus many nieces and nephews. Dale was predeceased by his parents Phillip and Cora Dean, and his sister Gwen and brother-in-law Dennis Unroe both of Orlando, Florida.

Anyone wanting to share memories of Dale can go to <http://www.piercymtWASHINGTONfuneral.com> and click Dale Dean.

His celebration of life will be held on September 1st at 2:00 pm in the Comox United Church.

*In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.*