



Dale Edward Strate

January 28, 1945 - January 27, 2017

Dale Edward Strate, son of the late Lloyd Strate and Lucille Gudde Strate was born January 28, 1945 in Kansas City, Missouri. Dale departed this life January 27, 2017 to be with his Lord. He lived his whole life in Holden, graduating from Holden High School in 1963. After graduation, he was employed by his uncle as a plumber. On October 23, 1965, Dale married his Arkansas sweet heart Linda King, and on March 2, 1970 their son Michael was born.

Dale was employed at Comfort Equipment Company in Holden before he and Linda purchased Strate's Drive Inn in 1972. There is where he spent most of his life enjoying people, especially kids. He always had things to say to them but was always willing to give them suckers and ice cream for the trouble he gave them. Some kids called him the "Sucker Man".

Dale was a farmer and enjoyed the simple things. The history of Holden was a favorite, watching the trains go through Holden, and attending the Chilhowee Farm Show. Dale was a member of the Holden First Baptist Church, where he served as trustee for several years.

He is survived by his wife Linda of 51 years; one son Michael and wife Avegail, Holden, Missouri; one brother Gary Strate and wife Susan, Holden, Missouri; one sister Shirley Reynolds and husband Larry, Independence, Missouri; two granddaughters, Dana and Mauri, one grandson, Kazuya, one great grandson, Cameron, and one great granddaughter Vera, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to the Holden Cemetery Association.

Visitation will be February 4, 2017 12:00pm to 2:00pm at the First United Methodist Church, Holden.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday February 4, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church, Holden, Missouri with Pastor Harry Moore officiating.

Cemetery Details

Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street
Holden, MO 64040

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Holden United Methodist Church
East 10th Street
Holden, MO 64040

Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Holden, MO 64040

Tribute Wall

MF

“ A few years ago, my family had the fortune of becoming neighbors with Dale and Linda. If you looked up the meaning of the word "good neighbor" there would be a picture of Dale. He was one of the best. He welcomed my family with open arms to and went out of his way to make us feel welcome. His kindness and compassion was second to none. He was a blessing in our lives and his memory will not be forgotten.

Michael Fennewald - February 03, 2017 at 07:08 PM

TC

“ Terri L Calhoon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dale Edward Strate.



Terri L Calhoon - February 03, 2017 at 05:04 PM

MW

“ Linda, sorry to hear about Dale. We have many memories of all the times we spent in the drive inn talking. Will keep you and Michael in our prayers.



Mark & Sherri Wakeman

Mark & Sherri Wakeman - February 03, 2017 at 01:14 PM



So sorry to his family, as a late comer to this community I remember him from the drive in, good food and friendly people

Kathy Spencer - March 31, 2017 at 02:31 PM

MP

“ Linda, I’m so sorry to hear of Dale’s passing. I have lots of memories of the time I spend working for the two of you – back when we were all much younger. My best memories of Dale are of his kindness to our elderly customers. Gruff as he was at time, he’d often tell me to drop in an extra piece of chicken, knowing that the basket was probably the only real meal the person would have that week. Lots of people passed through your doors while you owned that Drive In, and Dale touched us all. You and Michael are in my thoughts and prayers.



Mona Pieron - February 03, 2017 at 08:22 AM

RS

“ Uncle Dale would always torment the little kids, me included. I remember the time I irritated him so much he let me play continuous games on dig dug and then he was often trying to find me a boyfriend in Holden. He may have tormented the little ones but it was always in a loving way. So sorry for your loss Aunt Linda and Michael.

Rhonda Stone - February 03, 2017 at 07:55 AM

GS

“ Linda, I was sorry to hear of your loss. I have many good memories of the times Roy and I would eat the best tenderloins in town and Dale would come out and share a coffee with Roy. He, Roy, and some of the other Fire Department guys enjoyed sitting around and shooting the bull over coffee. Roy has been gone for 13 years now, but maybe they are sitting there enjoying coffee together again. God be with you and your family and give you His peace.
Love, Gloria (Barker) Short

Gloria Short - February 02, 2017 at 12:23 PM

LK

“ *Lucky, Eden, and KC purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dale Edward Strate.*



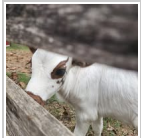
Lucky, Eden, and KC - February 02, 2017 at 04:37 AM



“ *Jim Garten lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Strate*



Jim Garten - February 02, 2017 at 03:19 AM



“ *Dale was that crazy uncle that you knew was always there for you. The best thing I remember was how much he seemed to enjoy tormenting my sister Stephanie. I always appreciated that. He will be missed. Prayers to Linda and Mike, know that he is at peace. Love you, Vernon*

Vern Moore - February 01, 2017 at 12:44 PM

TS

So saddened by the loss of my dear friend, dale was kinda like a dad to me. Have so many good memories. Can't express how much I will miss him. Prayers to linda and mike, and to the rest of his friends and family. Love ya ole buddy! Rip

terry scott - February 03, 2017 at 03:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale Edward Strate.*



January 31, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ *LINDA, SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DALE. SENDING SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. I REMEMBER WHEN HE USE TO DELIVER OUR FOOD ORDERS TO HOLDEN EMBROIDERY, ALWAYS HAD TO TEASE ME ABOUT SOMETHING.....MAY GOD BLESS YOU*



grace shockley - January 30, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of working at Strate's Drive Inn and the many funny things Dale would say to me. For example if he thought I was spending to much time talking to a guy he would say " get his number and talk to him on your own time " or if you got the task of cleaning the windows during a Saturday afternoon he would say " make those (windows) shine like a diamond in a goats butt"! That was usually followed up by a whaaaa and a hearty laugh! I truly hope you know how many lives you have touched. Thank you Dale for the life time of memories, for giving me my first job and helping to shape the person I am today.*

Bonnie Reaster Lampton

Bonnie Lampton - January 30, 2017 at 01:22 PM

JF

“ I, along with so many others, have so many fond memories of working for Dale at the Drive Inn. Dale and Linda taught us what work ethic was, and we have all taken that with us to benefit our future employers. He was a Holden icon and will be greatly missed. Sending prayers for Linda and Michael during this difficult time.

Jill Farnsworth

Jill Farnsworth - January 30, 2017 at 12:42 PM

PL

“ Linda and Michael, so very sorry to hear of your loss. I remember my father speaking of the coffee group (they had a special name for themselves, but I can not share that), and how much he enjoyed his time spent with Dale, and the rest of the guys. Mother and dad always enjoyed having lunch at the drive inn, when dad was still in business. I am sure Dale and Daddy will have a lot to talk about over coffee. My thoughts and prayers are with you both. Pam (Garrett) Lukenbill

Pam Lukenbill - January 30, 2017 at 08:46 AM

AS

“ I would take my son in or through drive-thru and he would tease him by calling him Dale and let him pick out a dum dum sucker from jar after that. He was always grateful for us spending our money in his place of business. Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda and Michael at this time.

A.Cathy Stark - January 29, 2017 at 11:20 PM

JA

“ Dale was always smiling and visiting with anyone who walked into the drive inn. He is truly going to be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God bless you all.



Jennifer Adams - January 29, 2017 at 08:55 AM

 Jeanie
Bland
Anstine

“ So many young ladies, including myself, learned how to work at Strate's Drive Inn. Dale will be missed so much in our little community. I worked there in my early twenties and now take my grandkids in for ice cream. He loved to tease the little ones that came in. But always in such a way that they knew he was joking around. Hugs to you Linda!

Jeanie Bland Anstine - January 29, 2017 at 04:34 AM

DT

“ Working at Strate's Drive Inn was my first real job! Dale was kind of gruff and scary at first but once you got to know him, he was a big teddy bear! We worked hard, learned a good work ethic and about responsibility. We also had fun too! One of my funniest memories of him, was back in the late '70's. Linda had gone to visit her sisters in Arkansas. Dale stayed behind to work the drive inn. He came in that morning with plaid pants and a striped shirt! He could not understand why he couldn't wear that! After everyone quit laughing, we sent him home and told him to put on solid pants or a solid shirt which he did! Later, when Linda got back home, he got several new solid polos and he never made the mistake of wearing stripes and plaids again! Another fond memory was Dale helped me to convince my mom to co-sign a loan for my first car! It took a lot of convincing but he almost guaranteed me a job until I got the car paid off and that the car wasn't a lemon! I paid the car off early and it was a great car that I drove for years! Lots of hugs and prayers for Linda and Mike at this sad time!

Donna Taylor - January 29, 2017 at 02:51 AM

CG

“ Sorry for your loss. Uncle Dale will be deeply missed by many!! Prayers for you Aunt Linda & family.

Cindy Gooden-Dipman - January 28, 2017 at 09:53 PM

MJ

“ So many good memories with Dale and Linda , Brenda, Jeff n I all worked there together in fact I was working there before Dale n Linda . We worked hard but also had our share of fun , we would always tease Dale when he would come in at night sometimes with a big old steak n throw it on the grill ..He love his drive inn but I think it was the people he liked most , he could set with pots of coffee n visit all day if they would be coming in ;) .remember him letting us peel those old stinky onions out back under the tree in the shade cause they were killing our eyes , had a lot to peel. Jeff shared with me today about how Dale gave him extra money when he bought his black camaro for Michael he had only had the car for two days Dale seen it followed him home and ask if he would sell it ..he was floored by Dales generosity he said no one had ever done that n he will never forget it .Dale was a funny , generous , friendly business man . He will be missed by many , thoughts n prayers to Linda , Michael n Dale's family n friends.



monica gunn jones - January 28, 2017 at 08:22 PM

DR

“ So sorry. You are all in our prayers. Dale will be missed. My mom still tells a story about Dale and our grandson Cole when he was little and getting ice cream. He was much loved in the community and will be missed. Danny and Donna Renick




Donna Renick - January 28, 2017 at 07:21 PM

AF

“ *My grandparents used to eat at the drive in, they would take us grandkids down there all the time and Dale would be sitting there at the front and always talked to everyone and told the kids jokes and such. He was a great persin to everyone who walked in the door. He will be missed.*

Amber Powers (part of the Hall family) - January 28, 2017 at 06:28 PM

 Donna Yeaple

“ *to the strate family we our all so sorry for you loss he will be greatly missed. from judy and virginia gulley and donna gulley (yeaple) and michael yeaple*



Donna Yeaple - January 28, 2017 at 03:54 PM

MU

“ *I have many memories all wonderful ones we will miss dale very much . I always come through drive thru every morn to get my sweet tea n ice. Even before the signs on saying open . Dale never minded. .. hed joke with me alot. Dale and linda are very good loving people. . I'm praying for comfort to come to linda and the strate family . Very much respect to them all from me . Dale ypu w'll be dearly missed ..much love and many hugs to you linda . Sincerely. Melody*

Melody underwood - January 28, 2017 at 10:42 AM

MU

“ *Melody Underwood lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Strate*



Melody Underwood - January 28, 2017 at 10:34 AM

TC

“ *Dale and Linda hired me for my first job. They held us accountable for our job responsibilities and what quality customer service was all about. We had a great crew that had a lot of fun at work but at the end of the day we all did what we were expected to do. Great memories. Seems like just yesterday. Thank you Dale and Linda. Praying for comfort.*



Terry Callahan - January 28, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ *I shall miss Dale. He always spoke to or waved at me whenever he saw me. When he discovered that I lost some of my childhood memories he would tell me what occurred on the school bus that we rode together. He was a good Christian who did as Christ instructed us. Condolences to Linda and Mike.*

Lynn Williams-Hufft - January 28, 2017 at 08:18 AM

LB

“ *Dale would always give my son a free ice cream cone when we ate there and most recently carried the tradition on to my grandson. Will miss seeing him after a late night baseball game this summer.*

Lori Bray - January 28, 2017 at 08:00 AM

AT

“ Dale was a great man to the Holden community...Always welcoming to everyone who came into Strate's and reminding them to come back again soon. He was so gracious and had so much patience when we would bring our large number of Girl Scouts in for an ice cream social and never complained about how chatty the girls gotten. Dale will be sorely missed. Thoughts and prayers are with Linda and family. - Alicia Todaro

Alicia Todaro - January 28, 2017 at 07:47 AM

DE

“ Dale will be greatly missed. I have fond memories of working for Dale and Linda. They taught me so much in my first job. Dale taught me how to make the perfect ice cream cone...and wasn't beyond testing my skills 20 years later....much to the amusement of my kids and nephews. My thoughts and prayers are with you Linda and Mike.

Denise Elliott-Brewster - January 28, 2017 at 07:24 AM

KC

“ I have fond memories of Dale and Dick O'Toole borrowing buns, ice cream mix, etc. from each other! Now they can discuss and solve the world's problems once again. ~Kari Baughman Collett

Kari Collett - January 27, 2017 at 09:36 PM

MC

“ We are so sorry to lose a classmate and friend. RIP Dale.

Jim and Mary Beth Carlyle

Mary Beth Carlyle - January 27, 2017 at 08:57 PM

CC

“ *My heart is saddened to know that we have lost a wonderful man. I am so glad to have had the chance to know him. Pulling up to the drive through window to pick up my order. Dale would ask have you tried the funnel cake fries or what ever was on his mind. Or how's it going. Always kind words. Thoughts and prayers to Linda and the family.*

Cindy Cruwell - January 27, 2017 at 06:30 PM

MW

He was one of a kind! He would always joke or tease. Even when you could see he wasn't feeling his best. I remember once when he referred to Linda as "that little blonde haired cheerleader", with love for her in his eyes. RIP Dale. You were a big presence in this town. Condolences to his family.

Mary Wright - January 27, 2017 at 09:12 PM

JS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and Michael, have many memories working for him at Strates. He has a kind heart.

Julie stout - January 27, 2017 at 10:01 PM

MB

Sorry for your loss Linda.

Mary Butt - January 28, 2017 at 07:06 AM

LS

So sorry for your loss, remember the family and similar name from days I worked in Holden. Linda Strait

Linda Strait - January 28, 2017 at 07:37 AM

PR

It's sad to lose a classmate who was always a pleasure to be around. My condolences to his family.

Paul Rockwell - January 28, 2017 at 09:11 AM

MB

Will miss visiting with my friend and fellow classmate.

Mike Burgard - February 06, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Lynn Williams-Hufft lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Strate*



Lynn Williams-Hufft - January 27, 2017 at 06:30 PM

LH

“ *Will miss Dale. He was a very caring person. He will be sadly missed. Prayers to Linda and family.*

Linda Hancock - January 27, 2017 at 06:22 PM

KB

“ *He was such a giving man. He did so much for our community over the decades. You could always count on that, "howdy," wave when you passed him on the road. His sense of humor often left me speechless, but chuckling. Solid, honest, devoted to those he loved, Ron and I will miss his presence in town.*

Katy Barrett - January 27, 2017 at 05:27 PM

BS

“ Dale reach into his pocket and helped the Holden Schools Nursing department many times. It was important to him no child went without. He never wanted anyone to know where it came from. Dale Strate had no idea what a blessing he was.
RIP our dear friend.
Linda may you and your family draw on your deep rooted faith and understanding of Gods pure love.
Beth Shuler

Beth Shuler - January 27, 2017 at 05:04 PM



“ Thank you for everything you have taught me about life and how to work. My prayers are with Linda and Mike!

Kayla Anstine - January 27, 2017 at 04:47 PM

CG

“ God gained a great man! So sorry Linda and Mike. My prayers are with you.

Carey and Tom Gilbert - January 27, 2017 at 04:41 PM

MA

“ See you later ole friend. You have been like a big brother to me all these years. I will miss you so much. Linda, and Michael,I am so sorry. He will be missed

Marsha - January 27, 2017 at 04:35 PM

JO

“ Dale will be truly missed and Holden even though he scared little kids they all eventually learn to love him so sorry Linda and Michael

joanne - January 27, 2017 at 04:28 PM

LB

“ *Lyda Butler lit a candle in memory of Dale Edward Strate*



Lyda Butler - January 27, 2017 at 04:04 PM