



Thomas Dale Garrett

April 23, 1939 - January 6, 2023

Thomas Dale Garrett, Age 83, passed away on Friday, January 6, 2023. Born April 23, 1939, in Lubbock, Texas and moved to Albany, Texas as an infant. His parents were John Thomas (Tom) Garrett and Dovie Lorena (Dub) Echols Garrett. Dale grew up in Albany, graduating from Albany High School "Class of 57". He joined the U.S. Army in November 1961 and was Honorably Discharged November 1963. He and his dad did masonry contractor work in Albany area until his assignment to the U.S. Border Patrol in Harlingen, Texas in 1970. He served Harlingen 16½ years and in Mercedes Texas 6½ years until his retirement in January 1993. Dale never met a stranger and would always lend a hand to a friend in need. He had a smile that everyone would remember. He was an animal lover, especially his "park" cats that he fed daily. Dale is survived by his wife of 41 years, Mary Ellen Garrett; niece, Kelly (Brent) Haferkamp of Garland, Texas; sister-in-law, Shirley (Don) Vogel of Mercedes, Texas; and Betty (Wesley) Warrington of Harlingen, Texas. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother-in-law, Karen, and Jack Clement. A memorial service will take place on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Final honors will be presented by The United States Border Patrol. at 11:00 a.m. and a chapel service to follow at 11:30 am. in Chapel of Peace. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to; Kitties of the Valley, PO Box 2745, Harlingen, Texas 78551, or the Harlingen Humane Society. Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of

Mercedes Texas.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes
236 S Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1175
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Dale Garrett was my best ever friend. I was stationed at Harlingen when Dale arrived about 1970. We became the best of friends and working partners. We did most everything together. He was more like a brother than a friend. He was at our house almost every day. My kids called him "Uncle Dale" and looked forward to rides on his motorcycle. He and I took several long trips on our motorcycles. While doing still watch on a trail coming from the Rio Grande, waiting on illegals coming into the US at night, He and I went through several bags of sunflower seed. The morning crew could always tell where Dale and I were the night before by the stack of sunflower seed hulls.

I transferred to San Antonio Investigations in 1974 but Dale and I have always remained in touch. Dale was a fine man and a great Agent. He will be missed but remembered daily.

Mary Ellen you have been a wonderful wife for Dale. Thank you for taking care of by buddy over the years. I know he loved you with all his heart.

Keep in touch, LaVerne and I love you like family.

Charles Williamson - January 19, 2023 at 09:42 AM

DT

“ My heart is very saddened on the passing of a such a wonderful man that I had the pleasure of knowing, even only for such a short time. I considered Dale a good friend and only wished I could have known him longer. He and Mary-Ellen are 2 of the nicest people anyone could have ever met. My heart goes out to Mary-Ellen for her loss. Dale will always live in our hearts as the kind man that helped anyone or any pet in need without batting an eye. Dale, you will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.

David Turcarolo - January 13, 2023 at 07:28 PM

PS

“ I had the honor of working with Dale at Mercedes Station, Border Patrol. He was a man that is going to be missed by all that knew him. We had seen the ending of many a cereal malt beverage and the beginning of many great memories.
Mary Ellen, our thoughts are with you these days.

patrick straub - January 13, 2023 at 12:15 PM

BE

Was a Great Cousin that we all loved !!!!!

BETSY EDGAR - March 17, 2023 at 10:06 PM

MB

“ Dale has been one of the very best friends of my life since we were classmates at Albany TX high school. He was a very intelligent person, a natural artist, and had a great heart. Few men can match his character and integrity beyond reproach. I can only wish that I had spent more time with him and his wonderful wife Mary Ellen.
Marshall Bradshaw, MD

Marshall Bradshaw - January 12, 2023 at 01:41 PM

EP

“ For a person we knew for such a short time. How great he was. We will surely miss him. One great man. Erv and jacqui pribyl

Erv and jacqui pribyl - January 11, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Dale Garrett.



January 11, 2023 at 03:06 PM

JG

“ Deepest condolences to the family of Dale Garrett ... I have very fond memories of this family from visiting my grandparents, Mr & Mrs RW Edgar, Sr, as a child. I recall playing with Kelly and going to the cinema in Albany and walking to the gas station ... I thought Dale owned at one time. His parents were wonderful people, we will all rejoice one heavenly day! Oh what a reunion it will be!



Julie Gregory - January 11, 2023 at 12:20 PM

TE

So sorry to hear of Dale's passing. Prayers for comfort and God's blessings.

Tommy and Barbara Edgar - January 11, 2023 at 09:12 PM

DD

“ Mary Ellen, Lynda & I send our deep sympathy to you & your family. We have very fond memories of Dale. He was always there to lend a helping hand, share his vast knowledge & offer advice when needed. We always looked forward to his welcoming smile & warm handshake when we arrived in the valley. We know that you, the park & his furry friends will miss him terribly.

Doug & Lynda Danell - January 10, 2023 at 09:38 PM

RK

“ Mary Ellen, there are no words I can say to comfort your heart. Dale was a hard working man always helping others. He had a million dollar smile that will be missed by many. His spirit will always be around here still helping us and watching over you...

Ralph & Marie Kendall - January 10, 2023 at 02:02 PM

CM

“ Heartfelt condolences Mary Ellen from Tom and Cathy. Dale was a great man. He will be missed. Love and hugs!

Cathy medhurst - January 10, 2023 at 11:54 AM

LB

“ Our hearts are broken along with yours Mary Ellen. We were so lucky to inherit your friendship from my parents since they left the village. Dale was always there for us to help open and close the house or if there was a problem with the house, he came to fix or at minimum tell us what we should do. Not to mention always have a cold beer in the fridge for when we arrived. He was such a special man with an infectious smile and we are going to miss him so much. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Randy & Lorna
Friend

Lorna Burton - January 10, 2023 at 09:39 AM

RK

Mary Ellen,there are no words I can say to comfort you. Dale was a wonderful friend to everyone always helping. He had a million dollar smile that you can't forget. He is now walking the streets of gold in heaven rest in peace my friend..... Ralph & Marie kendall

Ralph & Marie Kendall - January 10, 2023 at 11:58 AM

BD

I knew Dale for more than fifty years. I worked with him some, but knew him better in a social setting. We played golf and drank some beer. He was a good and upright man always willing to help a friend. He will be sorely missed by Mary Ellen and those who knew him.

Barry Dixon

Barry Dixon - January 11, 2023 at 11:25 AM

PD

Through the years Dale and I cut some sign,played some golf,drank some beer, ate wataburgers and peanut butter malts.Dale was a great carpenter. I swamped for him on many remodeling jobs. Garrett was a good man to ride the river with. I will miss him.

Patrick Dale

patrick dale - January 16, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JG

Always ready with a great smile and strong handshake. Awesome guy. May our Heavenly Father comfort you Mary Ellen and the extended family. Joe Garcia

Jose G. Garcia - January 16, 2023 at 09:52 PM

DV

“ RIP Dale. Good memories of our school days at Albany High School.

Donald Vaughan - January 08, 2023 at 05:20 PM