



## Dale B. Worden

January 13, 1949 - September 10, 2025

Dale B. Worden, son of Harold and Louise Worden, was born on January 13, 1949, in Bronx, New York and passed away on September 10, 2025, surrounded by loved ones in his home in Orlando, Florida.

He was baptized on October 23, 1949, by Norman Vincent Peele. He moved to Jamestown, New York in 1950, where baby sister, Sandy was born and they all lived with his Grandparents, Emmy and John Hanson, who came to the United States from Sweden in the early 1900's. In 1956 he moved to Florida with his parents and sister. They first went to Key Biscayne to visit his Aunt and Uncle, before settling in Orlando for the remainder of his life.

In 1959 the family welcomed baby brother John. Now a family of five, they took many beach trips, along with annual visits and reunions to Falls Church, Virginia, Jamestown, New York, and Miami, Florida to spend cherished times with close family and friends.

Growing up Orlando, Dale attended Lake Como Elementary School, Howard Jr. High School, and graduated from Boone High School in 1967. He enjoyed many fun times riding bikes and playing football with the neighborhood kids, who all became lifelong friends. In his youth, Dale was a member of Audubon Park Covenant Church, where he was confirmed, and was very active in the Hi-League Youth Group, attending summer Bible Camp at Camp Moon.

In the mid-60's, the Madden family moved into the house next to his family's home. Dale immediately fell in love with Teresa, the girl next door! They dated 4-5 years and in 1970, they were married and then welcomed their daughter, Karrie, in 1973. Dale loved her so much and was always proud of her, and very thankful they could face time from the hospital and home.

In the mid-70's, Dale met Pat Fulghum, who became his loving partner for over 30 years. He was a positive male role model and father figure to Renee, and the best partner Pat could ever ask for. He loved them and Renee's grandmother unconditionally. When Dave, his grandson, came along, they became best friends, and partners in crime. After Pat and Dave passed away, Dale and Renee were lost, but thanks to Jimmy, they found their way back to each other as if time had never stopped.

Dale spent most of his adult career doing what he loved--custom auto interiors for classic and vintage cars and trucks, several of which he personally owned and treasured. This led him to his involvement with local car clubs, including participating in car shows and earning many trophies. He was always so proud of his work. His childhood love of tractors also became part of his personal possessions. One of his tractors still stands in front of Fresh Field Farms in Orlando. Dale loved riding his motorcycle around central Florida with his family and friends and even won a motorcycle from the church fundraiser raffle! Friday lunches with his hot rod friends were always a staple of his social life, along with everyone just hanging out in his shop—the garage he built in 1988!

Dale fought a good fight against metastatic melanoma cancer that spread to his lungs, lymph nodes and brain. He remained very strong, positive and hopeful throughout the whole process. Now he's resting peacefully in the arms of Jesus and having a joyous reunion with family and friends. He will forever

be our Angel, watching over all of us from above.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Louise Worden, his partner, Pat Fulghum, their grandson, David Holbert, and his great granddaughter, Elizabeth Curry, along with several aunts, uncles, cousins and many very close friends.

He is survived by daughters, Karrie Linke (Ryan) of Bethlehem, New Hampshire and Renee Gandy of Orlando, son, Jimmy Holbert (Becky) of Beaufort, South Carolina, grandson, Collin Curry (Krystine) and great granddaughter, Emilee Curry of St. Cloud, sister, Sandy Pickett (Barry) of Orlando, and brother, John Worden (Laura) of Greer, South Carolina, along with many cousins, nieces and nephews..

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, October 11th at 1:30 p.m. at Audubon Park Covenant Church, 3219 Chelsea St., Orlando, Florida, 32803.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 1:30 PM (ET)

Audubon Covenant Park Church  
3219 Chelsea Street  
Orlando, FL 32803

# Tribute Wall



“ James and Tina, I'm sorry that I'm just now getting around to viewing all these amazing tributes to Dale. Thank you so much for the beautiful white flowers with the crystal cross--they were the perfect arrangement to take to the cemetery! Thank you especially for being his best friend, lifetime friend for over 65 years! And I'm so grateful that we can still stay in touch!  
He's resting peacefully now in the arms of Jesus and having a joyous reunion with all our family up there, but I sure miss him every day!  
God bless you, James!

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**Sandy Pickett** - November 23, 2025 at 08:14 PM

CD

“ My story is much like so many others shared here. I met Dale 43 years ago when I was just 16, and from that day forward, our friendship never stumbled.  
Life took me all over the country, but no matter where I landed, I could always count on Dale — just a phone call away, ready with his steady voice and good heart.  
  
I know he's at peace now, and that brings comfort.  
Rest easy, my friend. You truly made the world a better place.

Casey

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**Casey Dover** - October 10, 2025 at 03:05 PM

JT

“ James and Tina purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dale B. Worden.



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**James and Tina** - October 05, 2025 at 04:14 PM



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**Raymond Beary** - October 04, 2025 at 01:32 PM

JA

“ Dale was a great man. He was always there for friends and family. Dale has been in my life before I existed. My father and him were friends sense dad was 13. Later in life. Our shop was next to his. I got to know Dale. Countless car shows ,hotrod lunches, and holiday parties. My wife, children, brother, and sister all loved hanging out with Dale. I was blessed to go to the last couple of car shows with him. We were all blessed to know Dale.

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**Jason Algeo** - October 01, 2025 at 05:30 PM

JO

“ Dale

*I was so sad to hear of your passing on September 10 2025 but envious of you on where you went. I 'm sure there was dancing in the streets when you arrived and all the people you are with again. From your parents to mine, and being with Pat and David again. I'm sure as i sit and write this you and David are tinkering with something as in the pass .*

*Thank you for all the memories we shared together for close to 50 years*

*From the parties at the shop, to all the interiors you did in my trucks, for you and Pat marrying Little Pat and i, and to all the car and truck shows that we went to.*

*I'm not saying good bye, but see you later.*

*Until we meet again Love u Man*

*Jody ,Pat, Jody, and Michael*

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**Jody** - September 30, 2025 at 03:22 PM

VC

“ Dale graduated same year with me from Boone High. I am close friends with his sister Sandy. He will be greatly missed by many that knew Dale.

*Hugs, prayers and comfort for family. Vicki Carlson*



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**Vicki Carlson** - September 29, 2025 at 08:31 PM

DA

“ To my dearest friend I met Dale back in 1985 Dr thomas Teleky "Doc" I introduced me to Dale. And are friendship begun he was our best man in our wedding day.A day I will never forget we stayed friends through all years Dale was a great friend and giving person never asking anything in return always with is heart .Dale you will be greatly miss it was a honor to call you my friend. Until we see each other in the heavens. With all my love Dahlia (Dali).

Dahlia - September 29, 2025 at 07:17 PM

GD

“ Dale, I will treasure all the times we spent together, all the laughs, and maybe a few sorrows. The memories will stay forever with me, Donna and the boys. You were the best, my friend, thank you for so many things... until we meet again. Greg Dornes

Greg Dornes - September 29, 2025 at 06:35 PM

LE

“ Condolences Karrie! You have been through so much. Praying your loving memories carry you through this time and give you moments of comfort!

Letitia - September 29, 2025 at 05:37 PM

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“ Dale and I went to the same schools, Lake Como, Howard and Boone. In the 4th grade, he gave me a pearl necklace, which I still have. He was always a nice, kind person. Prayers to his family for peace during this time. 🙏❤️

Patricia Adair Adams (Penny) - September 29, 2025 at 03:55 PM

ZA

“ Growing up Dale was always the cool guy at the end of the street with all the hot rods. His old mint green c10 is what got me into trucks as a young kid, he was always open to letting us sit in and even take us for rides in his cars! He surely will be missed. A staple of my childhood.

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**zachary** - September 29, 2025 at 03:23 PM