



Dale James Mettler

February 3, 1948 - November 2, 2019

Age 71 of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, November 2, 2019 at his home after a fierce battle with A.L.S. He was born February 3, 1948 in Jackson, Michigan to James Lewis & Norma Helen Beach Mettler. Mr. Mettler was a local teacher, coach and Vietnam Vet. He recently did an interview with Smokey Barn News, knowing that his time was short. He spoke of his love for teaching, coaching and Robertson county. He wanted to reach out to the community to thank them for welcoming him with open arms as he began his teaching career at East Robertson High School years ago. At the age of 49, he attended Vol State for two years and then TSU for two years, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in 2001 to teach. It was just three weeks ago that Mr. Mettler felt well enough to attend an A.L.S. golf charity event at The Legacy Golf Course in Springfield, TN. The event raised \$25K for A.L.S. research. Dale Mettler was a hobbyist who loved riding horses, restoring cars and golf. He even collected Native American artifacts and turned them into jewelry. He was also an author, songwriter and member of the Greenbrier American Legion Post #45 and a lifetime member of VFW Post #2120. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines in Vietnam and had served as the Quartermaster for the VFW.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James Lewis & Norma Helen Beach Mettler. He is survived by his daughter, April Dawne (Kassie Lane) Mettler, Paducah, KY; sisters, Norma (Jack) Majewski, Safety Harbor, FL and Rochelle (Doug) Bird, Tecumseh, MI.

A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2:30pm in the gymnasium at East Robertson High School with Chaplain Joe Eden officiating. Visitation is planned for Sunday, November 10, 2019 1:30-2:30pm in the gymnasium, with military honors. Inurnment will be at a later date in First Presbyterian Church Columbarium in Tecumseh, MI. Memorial contributions are requested to A.L.S. Foundation P.O. Box 40244 Nashville, TN 37204-0244 or to Amedysis Hospice 400 Royal Parkway Nashville, TN 37214 REMAINS REST AT AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

East Robertson High School Gymnasium
Cross Plains, TN

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

NOV 10. 2:30 PM (CT)

East Robertson High School Gymnasium
Cross Plains, TN

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Sorry to hear of Dale’s passing. He was in my class at Edon High School. I have many fond memories of him.
Cathy Hurd Kimpel

Cathy Kimpel - November 07, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale James Mettler.



November 06, 2019 at 09:37 AM

IB

“ In deepest sympathy Aunt Babs purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Dale James Mettler.



In deepest sympathy Aunt Babs - November 05, 2019 at 10:35 PM

DH

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of a friend growing up in Edon, Ohio. Welcome home Vietnam brother. Rest in peace.

Doug Herman - November 05, 2019 at 09:01 PM

JB

“ *Slow Salute, my Brother. Your last battle is won, Welcome Home.*

Joe Boggs - November 04, 2019 at 08:38 AM

BK

“ *So sorry to hear of Dales passing, he was a great person and always a good friend, we had many good times together. Always
Bob Kunsman*

Bob Kunsman - November 04, 2019 at 07:42 AM

BS

“ *Rest Peacefully Hero 🇺🇸 May the light of his
smile Forever shine in your heart April ❤️*



Brenda Simmons - November 04, 2019 at 07:34 AM

AH

“ *Both my children had him as a teacher and absolutely LOVED
him.... he left a lasting impression on them. Hugs love and prayers
going out to his family and friends*

Angelia Hagan - November 03, 2019 at 08:11 PM

BZ

“ *Mr. Mettler was one of the few teachers in my life that thoroughly held my focus throughout an entire class with pure enjoyment, especially a social studies class since that is not particularly my favorite subject, haha. My favorite projects were in his class. I still remember to this day building clay pyramids and baking a genuine Italian pizza to teach the class about Italian culture. I cherished my short time with him as he had a wonderful influence over my middle school career. He will be truly missed by so many.*

Bella Zizzi - November 03, 2019 at 07:41 PM

DR

“ *One of the first members of Post 2120 I connected with. Made me feel welcome. Often talked about his students that I knew and we carrying a m60 machine in Vietnam. A good man .*

Donnie Roach - November 03, 2019 at 02:47 PM