



Dale Emerson Harro

September 17, 2014

Dale Emerson Harro, 84, died on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at Arbor View of the Willow Valley community.

Born in the village of Lucknow near Harrisburg, PA, Dale E. Harro was the last of 11 children born to John Myers Harro and Mary Shoop. He learned to value hard work, good fun, and the joy of a strong family while growing up in the Great Depression. From a young age, he worked in the family coal delivery business and gas station while finding time to play in and along the Susquehanna River with his brothers and sisters.

After graduating from Susquehanna High School in 1947, Dale went on to graduate from Wheaton College (IL) where he met Dorothy Vosgian, his treasured wife of 61 years. He completed his medical training at Temple University Medical School with additional preparation for his life of service at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia and The Johns Hopkins University. A single-minded dedication to serving the practical and physical needs of the weak, ignored, and disadvantaged marked the ensuing 40 years of his medical career, where he served the very young, the very poor, the mentally handicapped, and the elderly.

Medicine was Dale's training. Ministry was his calling. He fulfilled that calling through volunteer service as well as his career. Dale was a founding member

of Bethlehem Community Church in Delmar, NY and a board member of Deerfoot Lodge, a Christian wilderness camp for boys in the Adirondacks where he served for more than 30 years.

Along the way, Dale and Dorothy had five sons who in turn married and provided 17 grandchildren to whom Dale was affectionately known as Poppop. He was never more alive than when he could orchestrate a gathering of that frequently rambunctious crowd, especially when the get-together happened in the Adirondacks or on the seashore.

Dale's wife, Dorothy; his brothers George (Gerry) and Tom (Barb); his sons Bruce (Kathy), Dwight (Laurie), Stewart (Cheryl), Clayton (Elizabeth), and Ted (Gretchen); and his surviving 15 grandchildren encourage you to thank God for the gift we all received in Dale's life. To God be the glory.

The Harro family invites you to celebrate a life well lived. Services will be held at Willow Valley (Lakes Campus), 300 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Willow Street, PA at 2PM on Friday, September 19, 2014 and at Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Avenue, Delmar, NY at 11AM on Saturday, September 27, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to make donations in Dale's memory to either the Capital City Rescue Mission (www.capitalcityrescuemission.com) or Deerfoot Lodge (www.deerfoot.org).

Tribute Wall



“ Dale Emerson Harro

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ My condolences to your family. My late husband, Bill Frueh, thought the world of Dr. Dale. I know Dale helped Bill through some trying times, and was a good friend. May he rest in peace, wrapped in the love of his Heavenly Father, and may you all be comforted by that same love.

Mrs. Bill Frueh - October 01, 2014 at 05:01 PM



“ Dear Alfred,
Thank you for this note. This weekend we are going to be with Dale's wife, my Aunt Dottie, and George and Tom Harro. I imagine those other "Harro boys" will remember you.
I am printing your remembrance to take along to the service at Uncle Dale's home church.

Sincerely,
Carol McCall, niece of Dale Harro
Harrisburg

Carol McCall - September 25, 2014 at 06:36 PM

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“ Dale and I first met when I went to Coxestown grade school after moving to Pennsylvania in the summer of 1937.

I was the new kid on the block and didn't have many friends, but Dale soon made me feel welcome and before long I knew I had found a friend along with other members of our class.

We attended Herbert Hoover Jr. high school and went on to Susquehanna H.S. to finish our years together. Although we all went our separate ways, I will always remember Dale and how welcome he made me feel in those first months.

Alfred E Rivers - September 24, 2014 at 12:06 AM

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“*"I am so blessed." We can hear Uncle Dale saying that again and again. We were blessed to have Uncle Dale and Aunt Dottie with us in so many part of our lives. From childhood, I can remmember him helping my parents fix up the house we bought. The family came to Harrisburg numerous times for visits, help for Grandma, fun picnics and family times.*

Uncle Dale took my father, a Civil War and history student, to a very special place in New York, the cabin where U.S. Grant spent his last days. What a treasure for my dad!

We all traveled to Longwood Gardens several times. In our adult years, we were treated to time at the Delmar home and at Sunnymeade, Lake George.

I can see Uncle Dale and Aunt Dottie walking in the door of our house one Thanksgiving bearing a box of homemade pies for a surprise visit with my parents. More recently they visited and encouraged his older sister, our Aunt Mary, as she recovered from illness.

We learned much from him, and his godly example. His legacy lives on in his children and grandchildren, and with many campers at Deerfoot Lodge.

We will treasure our memories and the love we felt from Uncle Dale. We send our love to those dear family and friends whom we know will miss him, too.

Carol and George McCall - September 18, 2014 at 11:36 AM