



Dale Delane Beacock

May 1, 1930 - August 4, 2011

DALE DELANE BEACOCK May 1, 1930 ~ August 4, 2011 "Dale had a great sense of humor and saw the best in everyone. We don't know how to continue on without him." Dale Delane Beacock, 81, of Vancouver, WA, a longtime musician and co-founder of Beacock Music, tragically passed away on Aug. 4, 2011 from a cycling accident near Garibaldi, OR. He was born May 1, 1930 in Ypsilanti, ND to Keith and Leone Beacock and grew up in a musical family: his mother played guitar and violin and his three siblings were musicians as well. He played clarinet and saxophone throughout his school years at Shumway Jr. High School, Fort Vancouver High School, Clark College and the University of Portland. While attending the University of Portland he joined the U.S. Navy and attended the Navy School of Music. Later, earning a Master of Music degree at the University of Portland. Returning to Clark County he took his first public school teaching job and considered himself the luckiest guy in the world. Teaching and playing music lasted his lifetime and he never looked back. Dale was a close family man, involved in his children's activities and accomplishments and attending his grandchildren's school and sporting events. He always kept in touch with family around the country while continuing his busy schedule. Dale was a loving family man and friend and his children and grandchildren meant everything to him. Dale was the orchestra conductor for many years for the Miss Washington Pageant. These were live shows - no canned music. He also conducted countless shows and musicals. Dale enjoyed all types of music, walking, biking, camping, collecting antiques,

especially tin toys and postcards and had earned his pilots license. Dale loved his dog Casey and traveling in his motor home to meet his brothers. Each fall they camped in the Northern California mountains to ride motor bikes.

Beacock Music was his pride and joy because he could continue teaching the New Horizons Concert and Stage Bands, who rehearsed and played every week. His music never stopped. Dale is survived by his sons, Steven Beacock (Renee) of Portland, OR and Russell Beacock (Heidi) of Vancouver, WA; daughters, Pamela Cleavenger (Rocky) of La Pine, OR and Gayle Beacock of Vancouver, WA; brother, Laverne Beacock (Marilyn) of San Jose, CA; sisters-in-law, Donna Beacock of Hayward, CA, Adell Beacock of San Jose, CA, Jeannie Daggy of Vancouver, WA, Alice Hendrickson (Chris) of Vancouver, WA and Mary Storm of Vancouver, WA; brother-in-law, Walt Johnston of Nashville, TN; mother-in-law, Alice Farnen of Vancouver, WA; father-in-law, Nick Nickell of Vancouver, WA; grandchildren, Angel Ware, Rocky Cleavenger, Nick Beacock, Jane Beacock and Sarah Beacock; former wife, Susan Beacock of Vancouver, WA; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Keith and Leone Beacock; brother, Nordean Beacock; sister, Arliss Johnston; and grandson, Solomon Beacock. Everyone is invited to come to Dale's memorial service to be held on Fri., Aug. 12, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at Clark College's Gaiser Hall, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. In honor of Dale, Beacock Music will be closed Fri., Aug. 12th so that our family and staff may attend the services and honor his life. Memorial contributions may be sent to Southwest Washington Humane Society. Please sign Dale's guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:25 PM

KF

“ So Sorry for your loss, Bob Kauffman told me about it. my prayers are with you and your family

Kay Fors - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Gayle and Russ, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I never had the honor of meeting your father, but I know he was highly respected in the music industry. His legacy will live on with the two of you at the helm of your company as well. Many prayers sent your way. Wendy

Wendy Kephart - August 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Thank you for helping me, with my gift and love of music. With out you, rhythm may never have been the same. My life would not be the same. Thank you again

Shiloh R. Freeland-Holcomb - August 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ ** Mr. B was a mentor of mine since the tender age of 6. Started with him at Washington Elementary, 1961 when I was 9 and now with New Horizon Band. He has profoundly touched my life. He always inspired me to do my best then push a little harder to open my eyes to the possibilities of my strength, a true teacher. His teachings and love for music will live on for generations. My deepest condolences go out to his children, family and friends. I will miss him.*

Barbara Ponder - August 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Dear Gayle & Russ We are truly saddened by your loss. A father is a figure that we count on day and night. Remember you can draw on lots of memories to help you through the coming days and weeks. Our thoughts and prayers are with you right now and always. sincerely, Steven Loweth, Carol Simpanen and family from Mayfair Music Publications.*

Steven Loweth - August 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *Dale was an educator, musician, mentor, and friend to so many. I have many fond memories of Dale. Hard conversations from a friend who wanted only the best for his students and employees. But by far my favorite memory is seeing Dale in front of me directing with a pencil; enjoying every moment. I will miss him!*

Eugene W Joner - August 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dearest Russ, Gayle & Sue The grief for all is so immense. We lift you in our prayers every day and hold you in our hearts. Words seem like nothing, but want you to know how much you are loved. Dale gave so much to everyone. God be with you and hold you close thru these difficult days..Love, Ron & Donna

Ron & Donna Frasier - August 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Mr. Beacock was a primary influence in my life as a person and musician. He taught creativity, patience, discipline and the love of music. I am thankful for all the many gifts he gave to me and thousands of other human beings. Well done Mr. Beacock ... You are amongst the few who can truly say they made a difference in music education. You walked your talk. This is a tremendous loss to our community ... But be thankful we had him for as long as we did!

Jim O'Banion - August 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I remember sitting behind you at many dances and concerts. It was always a great pleasure and I will never forget your last. Once when I came in the store, you caught me admiring a King trombone that I had always wanted. You let me take it home for the weekend. When I brought it back on Monday, I was sold. Now whenever I play it, I will always think of you. Ken Stine

Ken Stine - August 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EY

“ To the Beacock Family, Since Dale was an English Lit minor, he would have appreciated the fact his life played out like a Shakespearean play. He was a hero to so many, yet perhaps with that tragic flaw that contributed to the inevitability of his conclusion. He lived fully, loved fully, and encouraged others to do so as well. Remember only the good times, and the fact he died well and happy. A wonderful teacher, father, businessman, and loyal friend. I send my condolences through the pain of unfinished plans and abbreviated potential. He will be missed excruciatingly.

Elaine Yuzuriha - August 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ To Sue, Russel, Gayle, Stephen and Pam...I share your sorrow. The big band in the sky is fortunate to have a new leader. You'll not be forgotten. I've never had a brother, but to have been your brother-in-law makes me more complete. Walt

Walt Johnston - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ To the family of "Mr Beacock"...My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to you. He was such a great teacher and mentor. I have not seen him for many years but he remains in my heart as my favorite teacher. I graduated 40 years ago from the "Old Fort" but my first meeting with him was in 5th grade band at Minnehaha school. He was the traveling music teacher when I got my first clarinet. I continued playing the clarinet(struggling along the way!) and when in high school I was fortunate enough to have Mr Beacock again as our band instructor AND to take private lessons from him. It was then that I truly began to enjoy the instrument and the music. To be able to pick up a piece of music and be excited to sight read and play was so much fun. He will be sorely missed by so many. He has left lasting memories for us all.

Patricia (Lund) Springer - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Russ, Gail, Sue: We are sorry for you tragic loss. Dale was a great Teacher & Person. Bob & Carol Kinder

Bob & Carol Kinder - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Russ and Gail, I enjoyed your dad so much over the last 4 yrs. His enthusiasm for music and life was boundless. His high expectations for my musical abilities made me a better musician then I would have thought possible. I will never forget him and he will always have a special place in my heart. God Bless Peggy Morris

Peggy Morris - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Sue, Russ, and Gail, It hurts to know Dale is gone. What a difference he made for me and so many of us with his humor, his tough guy softy attitude, and his directing and teaching us music. Ive come to know Dale in the last 11 years by participating in his bands and understanding what a terrific person he really was so much like my dad. My prayers are for him and you all. May the memory and contributions he has left us live on. With deep affection, Dave and Paula Paola

Dave and Paula Paola - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ My friend from Winnemucca, Nv said to mention to Dale's family that he made a lasting impression on her, when she visited me and the band. He will be sorely missed. He feels like a part of our family. His example, encouragement and excitement for music has been a blessing and encouragement for me. He was a great man in more ways than I can number! God bless all of you, you are in my prayers.

Gayle Stoddard - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Russ and Gayle, We know God endows people with various gifts. Dale's undeniable gift was that of a Master Teacher. Dale knew exactly how to draw out the very best in us as musicians. He knew how to inspire us to do better than we thought we ever could do. Dale leaves a huge hole in our hearts and in the heart of the community of Vancouver. I will miss him deeply. We are praying for you both and your entire family.

Bill (& Judy) Davidson - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ Dale truly loved making music and music makers. His energy and enthusiasm lit up the room at every rehearsal. He will be sorely missed.

Gordon andCarolynn Zenk - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I will miss a wonderful man and a great teacher who always had a smile and an encouraging word.

William Steiner - August 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Gayle As you know, your Dad has been my friend, teacher and mentor for 45 years and I can't begin to tell you how totally devastated I am of his passing. I always considered him my second father. He was a one of kind person with a wicked sense of humor, "can do attitude" and bigger than lifer personality. It was always a pleasure and an honor to be a member of his band(s). I am so sorry for your loss and wish I could say words to console you - just know he made such a positive difference in so many lives, including mine. I know I am a better person for having known him and I will keep him in my heart & prayers forever. Love, Patti Keller Perigo

Patti Perigo - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Sue, Rusty and Gayle, I am so deeply sorry for your loss and grieving with you - as I know the rest of the band is. Dale was like a second Dad to Patti and I all through high school and college. I just can't imagine life without him. The knowledge that he went out on top, doing something he loved gives me comfort and I pray that it does for you too. I believe we'll see him again on the other side, he better let me play in the band! love and deepest sympathy, Sharon

Sharon Rasmussen - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I am sending you this poem in hopes it helps comfort you in some small way. Mr. Beacock was loved by all of us at Fort Vancouver High School (The OLD FORT) & will be greatly missed. We will cherish the great memories especially from our 40th class reunion. All my Love to your family. Molly Ann Straub Reis The Broken Chain We little knew that morning God Was going to call your name, In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, You did not go alone; For part of us went with you, The day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide; And though we can not see you, YOU are always by our side. Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same; But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

Molly Ann Straub Reis - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ It is hard to accept the fact that you are gone, and that I will never again hear that fabulous Beacock laugh. I miss you - but, I am so thankful to have so many wonderful memories of you from my youth. You touched so many lives. Our family camping caravan journeys will be some of my fondest memories, forever. You burned so brightly and led the way for so many. You were, and will always be, dearly loved - and you will be greatly missed by your family, and the countless hundreds whose lives you in some way enriched. Your four children are wonderful people, and your legacy lives on. You were a wonderful man who truly lived life to the fullest. I love you, Uncle Dale. Bobbi (Roberta) Your niece from Nashville, Tn

Bobbi Daugherty - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ My heart will always be with you. Thank you for the memories. Love Barbara

Barbara Camp Kelley - August 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM