



Dale Sands

September 18, 2025

Joseph DALE Sands, a member of Walpole Island First Nation, passed away at Victoria Hospital in London on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at the age of 76. Dale was the son of the late Joseph Elger & Ellis Jean (Lallean) Sands. Predeceased by his beloved wife Barbara Lynn 'Buffy' (Isaac) Sands. Loving father of Raquel (Lewis) and the late Lola. Dear grandfather of Marcus (Summer), Cherish and Larkin. Brother of Brenda (Jerry), Rocky (Martha), Lynda, Judy, Rosslyn (Doris), Peter, Joley (Greg) and Lily. Dale was a member of the Tahgahoning Enterprise as well as a founding member. He also served two terms on the Walpole Island Chief and Council. Dale had retired from Chris Craft Boats in Algonac and Walpole Island First Nation maintenance department and was the caretaker of Highbanks Cemetery for 52 years. He coached lacrosse, baseball and hockey. He guided duck hunters and fishermen and trapped. Dale enjoyed competitive billiards, archery, trap shooting and horseshoes.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg from 2-4 and 6-8 pm on Monday. The funeral will be celebrated at First Baptist Church (99 Thomas Avenue at Napier Street) on Tuesday, September 23 at 1 pm. Cremation with burial in Highbanks Cemetery to follow.

If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please consider the Kidney Foundation.

Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFun

eralHome.ca

Tribute Wall

CH

“ About 70 years ago dale and I "officially" became blood brothers on the banks of the Snye River. We shared many years of friendship duck hunting, and had some amazing hunts and off island adventures....so many laughs. Dale had an amazing sense of humor and loved his late wife "Buffy". He adored his daughter Raquel; of whom he was always very proud. Whenever we chatted, she was the star of his universe. Rocky; your entire family and I will never forget you and we will laugh again on the other side. Brother Chip.

chip harris - October 01, 2025 at 04:42 PM

BW

Awe chip thank yu for the kind words. My brother Dale and I were very close we were 11 and a half months apart, we always celebrated our birthdays together in July. I miss my brother so much. I remember yur dad and mum. We visited at yur house at the lake and I often think of that spot and climbing down the long steps to the water. I l'm in Sarnia a lot and drive down lakeshore every now and then. Passing by altho I don't remember the address . It was so cool. I'm so sad at losing my brother, I was blessed to have him in my life.

brenda whiteye - November 27, 2025 at 12:15 AM

LP

“ I am going to miss you DALE i enjoy talk to you when we meet and i am so sad that are go see him and your wife up in heaven safe journeys.

Lorne Peters - September 25, 2025 at 01:38 PM

DM

“ Our sincerest condolences to Dale's friends and family.

Daniel & Donna Miskokomon - September 24, 2025 at 01:44 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with all of you.



Sherry Dave Crowe - September 23, 2025 at 05:58 PM

RL

“ sorry for your loss



rob labadie - September 23, 2025 at 03:04 PM

RM

“ Reena L Myers lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands



Reena L Myers - September 23, 2025 at 02:05 PM

MB

“ Misty Blackbird lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands



Misty Blackbird - September 23, 2025 at 01:01 PM

MB

“ *Misty Blackbird lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands*



Misty Blackbird - September 23, 2025 at 10:02 AM

RD

“ *Ray & Harriet Dodge lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands*



Ray & Harriet Dodge - September 23, 2025 at 09:34 AM

CA

“ *Rest easy Dale.*



Cathy - September 22, 2025 at 10:14 PM

FD

“ *To the Sands family. I had the privilege of meeting Dale on a few occasions. He was kind and respectful. Funny and full of life. By his faith he is Saved. In God's mercy he is called to eternal peace!*

Frank DeAngelis - September 22, 2025 at 09:05 PM

RT

“ To his family sorry for your loss my condolences to all of you from Rick Hall



Roxanne Thomson - September 22, 2025 at 03:47 PM

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“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes

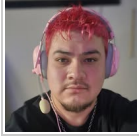


Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - September 22, 2025 at 11:19 AM

AS

Dale was a very good nephew to sonny an me,, always come by tohave a few drinks an go riding around the rez,, laughin an the 2 of them joking around,, dale ur 1 very great man,, when u reach heaven hugs ur parents for me an tell sonny babycakes sent her love,, have fun fly high alice sands

ALICE-MARIE SANDS - September 24, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ *Im just happy he completed his mission. Im happy he is with Jesus now. Im happy he is with his Dad, Mom & Buffy again. The day he went home I felt my Gram telling me to pray for all the siblings, more specifically 'Pierre Laporte' aka Peter. Love You Dale, Love You Requel.*

Jordan White - September 22, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ *Dale you will be missed.*



Gord and Joyce Ritchie - September 21, 2025 at 10:42 PM



“ *Harvey Handsor lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands*



Harvey Handsor - September 21, 2025 at 08:36 PM



“ *To the family of Dale, I am very sorry to hear of his passing
Susan Crowe-Granger*



Susan Granger - September 21, 2025 at 07:55 PM

AN

“ abee Nahdee-Southgate sent a virtual gift in memory of Dale Sands



abee Nahdee-Southgate - September 21, 2025 at 05:31 PM

RT

“ To all his family sorry for your loss . My condolences to all his families. From Roxy



Roxanne Thomson - September 21, 2025 at 03:17 PM

TB

“ Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands



Tim Bechard - September 21, 2025 at 02:05 PM

GH

“ George Heldt lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands



George Heldt - September 21, 2025 at 01:07 PM

SI

“ Please accept our most sincere condolences upon the passing of Dale - Su Innis and the late John Innis

Su Innis - September 21, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DT

“ My Deepest condolences to the family my thoughts and prayers are with you all During this very Difficult time



Doug Trudel - September 21, 2025 at 02:20 AM



“ Noodin Miskokomon lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands



Noodin Miskokomon - September 20, 2025 at 11:34 PM

CR

“ Deepest sympathies to all of his family and friends.



Cindy Rooke - September 20, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JC

“ Lily and the entire Sands family please accept my sincere condolences.



Janice Conway - September 20, 2025 at 01:12 PM

DD

“ I have many great memories of Dale. Fishing, hunting or just hanging out with Dale, loving wife Buffy and, of course, Raquel were all a pleasure. I will not forget my kind and generous friend. RIP Dale.



Dick Dawe - September 20, 2025 at 11:50 AM

DI

“ He was always a great friend. Very upbeat whenever you saw him. Full of humor and jokes. One of the first people Bruce introduced me to besides Brad. What a great crazy group reuniting in the spirit world.

Deborah C Isaac - September 20, 2025 at 09:23 AM

JH

“ To Many Dale was a lot of things. But to me..he was my much beloved biggest brother. Those r mighty big shoes he left to fill..I will Always miss his calm presence. I love u my brother. Love u so much!

Judy Hall - September 20, 2025 at 07:13 AM

JW

“ I Love ❤️ you my big brother Dale! I will miss you until I get to heaven 🙏 too, you were so funny and I still remember when you bought Jordan that Barney when he was a little boy that meant so much to me. LOVE Spy and I remember when Dog Glover called haha Dog not Doug ha! Spelled it wrong laughed about that all these years, me and Rozz just laughed about that the other day! You were the firstborn of Momma and Daddy, all of us your sisters and brothers we all Loved you so much, we still do.

Joley Dee White - September 20, 2025 at 06:58 AM

NA

“ Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands



Norma Authier - September 20, 2025 at 06:43 AM

DB

“ Prayers and Condolences to the family



Duncan and Melina Blackbird - September 20, 2025 at 06:18 AM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands*



Gerry Flynn - September 19, 2025 at 11:49 PM

VC

“ *Dear Raquel our sincere condolences for the loss of your father.
May Dale Rest in Peace*



Verna Christian - September 19, 2025 at 08:22 PM

MD

“ *Our deepest condolences to the families*



Mark and Nancy Dewolf - September 19, 2025 at 07:48 PM

JM

“ *Jane McGill lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands*



Jane McGill - September 19, 2025 at 06:47 PM

SC

“ Sue C. lit a candle in memory of Dale Sands



Sue C. - September 19, 2025 at 05:58 PM