

## Chester Leo Dye

October 11, 1926 - June 3, 2013

Chester Leo Dye was born on October 11th, 1926, in Hanna, Missouri to Harvey F. “Whis” and Stella May (Helton) Dye. He grew up in Hanna and attended Cave Springs School. He was a graduate of Waynesville High School prior to joining the United States Army in 1943. He faithfully served his Country in Tokyo, Japan during World War II.

At an early age, Chester accepted Christ as his Savior and later served as a deacon of the Deerlick Baptist Church in Waynesville and at the First Baptist Church in Crocker.

On June 1st, 1945, at the Deerlick Baptist Church, Chester was united in marriage to the love of his life, Virginia Mae Burkhart. They shared 52 years and were blessed with five sons: Chester Randolph, Gary Roger, Terry Ray, Richard Alan, and Robert Craig.

Chester has been a husband, father, friend, confidant and counselor. He was a farmer, gas station owner, janitor, and bus driver. He was committed to his marriage, raising his children, being a good friend, and educating others. He began his teaching years in a one-room schoolhouse in 1948 at Mount Salem and spent four years coaching junior high sports in the Waynesville school system. Chester moved to Crocker in 1955 to become the elementary school principal. He eventually earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education

from the University of Missouri, Columbia, in 1961 and a Master's degree in education from Drury College in 1965. He retired after 33 years from the Crocker school system, and the elementary school is now named in his honor. He recalled his years in Crocker as "true joy".

Chester enjoyed people, and never met a stranger. His favorite pastime was visiting with family and friends. He also enjoyed being outdoors hunting, fishing, golfing, boating, riding horses, or even cutting wood. He was an enthusiastic lifelong Cardinal's baseball fan.

Chester, surrounded by his family and numerous friends, passed away on June 3rd, 2013, at Lebanon Mercy Hospital.

Chester leaves to cherish his memory his sons (daughters-in-law): Randy (Suzi) of Salem, MO; Gary (Carol) of Waynesville, MO; Terry Ray (Dina) of Coppell, TX; Richard (Phyllis) of Jacksonville, FL; Robert (Cathy) of Los Alamos NM; two sisters: Clara Mae Black of Edgar Springs, MO, and Georgia Primus of Waynesville, MO; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Chester was preceded in death by his wife Virginia, his parents, and three brothers: Roy Lee, Charlie, and Harvey Dye; as well as four sisters: Freda Graves, Elsie Bailey, Virgie and Mary Dye.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 8, 2013 in the Deerlick Baptist Church of Waynesville with Rev. Calvin Gladden and Rev. Danny Graves officiating. Walter and Kenneth Dye sang "Purple Robe" and Pianist Georgia Primus accompanied the congregation as they sang "What A Day That Will Be", "Beulah Land" and "Victory in Jesus". Serving as escorts were Wesley, Cory, Adam and Tony Dye, James Skaggs and James A. Lamkins.

Burial with military honors followed in the Deerlick Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Chester Dye to the Deerlick Cemetery Fund and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Deerlick Cemetery

23245 Reporter Road  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
[memorialchapels@embarqmail.com](mailto:memorialchapels@embarqmail.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chester Leo Dye*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



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**SARA JONES** - October 12, 2013 at 03:21 PM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Chester Dye.*



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**Joyce Boren** - June 09, 2013 at 09:30 AM

AB

“ We were neighbors of the Dyes' for several years when they bought and lived in The Old Miller School House , in Crocker. Lost track of them after that...Chester was always well thought of as teacher and other positions he held. Hope the family will find comfort in precious memories.

*Alene (Thompsn) Briggs  
Cameron, MO.*

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**Alene Thompson Briggs** - June 08, 2013 at 11:11 AM

TH

“ Ted Helms sent a virtual gift in memory of Chester Leo Dye



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**Ted Helms** - June 08, 2013 at 09:42 AM

AC

“ Chester Dye was a wonderful school administrator and friend. Alice Carlton



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**Alice Carlton** - June 07, 2013 at 02:36 PM

M(

“ *Melinda Werths (Brumley) lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



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**Melinda Werths (Brumley)** - June 07, 2013 at 11:57 AM

MW

*Many people will reflect on all the memories Mr. Dye left behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Melinda & KC Werths*

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**Melinda Werths** - June 07, 2013 at 12:12 PM

BD

“ *I enjoyed visiting with Chester in the Nursing Home. I would often attempt to change my voice but could not fool him. He always knew who I was. He had a great sense of humor. He was a good man who did love the Lord.*

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**Bill Dudley** - June 07, 2013 at 07:19 AM

KB

“ *Karen Boorum lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



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**Karen Boorum** - June 06, 2013 at 09:41 PM

GM

“ *Gene McGhee lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



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**Gene McGhee** - June 06, 2013 at 08:52 PM

GM

*Chester was a dear, dear friend to me & my family. May God the rest of his family. You have lost a wonderful Dad & Person to all that knew him.*

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**Gene McGhee** - June 06, 2013 at 08:54 PM

GM

“ *Dear Dye Family,*

*Chet was a wonderful man and a true friend to so many. I'm so glad he was one of mine.*

*My prayers are with you!*

*Gary Mitchell*

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**Gary Mitchell** - June 06, 2013 at 03:25 PM

PT

“ *Pam Tingle lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



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**Pam Tingle** - June 06, 2013 at 07:15 AM

BY

“ *Many memories of elementary school come to mind, our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Donnie and Brenda York*



**Brenda York** - June 05, 2013 at 08:20 PM

TH

“ *Ted Helms sent a virtual gift in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



**Ted Helms** - June 05, 2013 at 05:53 PM

TH

*Each of us that attended Crocker Elementary are sad at the loss of OUR PRINCIPAL. We all grieve with the Dye boys today.*

**Ted Helms** - June 08, 2013 at 09:40 AM

LH

“ *Mr. Dye was a great man. He will be remembered by many. We send our condolences. Paul and Luge Hardman*

**Luge Hardman** - June 05, 2013 at 05:37 PM

MW

“ *Our deep condolences are sent to Mr. Dye's family and friends. We know he will be sadly missed by so many who knew and loved him.*

**Martin and Georgia White** - June 05, 2013 at 10:31 AM

SK

“ Sharon (hamilton) Kappelman lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye



Sharon (hamilton) Kappelman - June 05, 2013 at 09:51 AM

SK

I have many memories of Mr. Dye! Was always scared to death of him till later years. He was a great and very respected man. My sympathy to all family. Sharon Hamilton

Sharon (hamilton) Kappelman - June 05, 2013 at 09:53 AM

SK

“ My deepest sympathy to all the family. I have many memories of Mr. Dye! Sharon (Hamilton) Kappelman



sharon kappelman - June 05, 2013 at 09:37 AM

JA

“ Jinnie Crumley Alexander lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye



Jinnie Crumley Alexander - June 05, 2013 at 09:31 AM

AH

“ *Annette Hickman Hance lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*




Annette Hickman Hance - June 05, 2013 at 09:05 AM

BB

“ *Beverly Davis Brady lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



Beverly Davis Brady - June 05, 2013 at 07:51 AM

 Ronda Bradley

“ *Ronda Bradley lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



Ronda Bradley - June 05, 2013 at 07:33 AM

DY

“ *Denise York lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



Denise York - June 05, 2013 at 07:30 AM

WA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

William & Sue Anderson - June 05, 2013 at 07:20 AM

DC

“ *Danny Curry lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



Danny Curry - June 05, 2013 at 07:05 AM

WA

“ *William & Sue Anderson lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



William & Sue Anderson - June 05, 2013 at 07:01 AM

MS

“ *Marlin Syevens lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye*



Marlin Syevens - June 05, 2013 at 07:00 AM

SA

“ I can see Mr Dye now, walking down the halls of The Chester Dye Elementary School. He was a good man, and had a wonderful bunch of boys. Including Robert, who graduated with me in 1979. Sorry for your loss, Robert.

Susan Wheatley Alexander - June 05, 2013 at 06:52 AM



“ Shari Davis lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye



Shari Davis - June 05, 2013 at 06:07 AM

SD

“ To the Dye Family, We are very sorry for your loss may God be with you.



SRPD Dispatch - June 05, 2013 at 01:54 AM

D(

“ Debby Hull (Porter) lit a candle in memory of Chester Leo Dye



Debby Hull (Porter) - June 04, 2013 at 09:57 PM

D(

*Chester was an amazing man and will be missed by everyone who knew him. I got a call one day at work from Chester telling me my son had broken the rules and that he needed to give him a swat. I gave my permission of course. When my son came home he was mad at me for giving my consent because " Mr. Dye hits hard". Well, I'm glad he did because he probably saved my son's life because he was playing near the railroad tracks!! Chester always said hello and had a smile on his face. He even knew who I was when he lost his sight. I will miss seeing him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Debby Hull (Porter)** - June 04, 2013 at 10:02 PM

LM

*Mr. Dye was my math teacher as well as my principal. God bless his family as they celebrate his life and the many memories they have him. Praying that God's peace will be with all of you.*

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**Linda (Goosen) McLean** - June 08, 2013 at 08:13 AM