



## Robert "Dale" Ladson Sr.

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Robert Dale Ladson Sr., 76, rural Rochester and the Mentone area, passed away at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Ft. Wayne, after being in failing health since December.

On June 29, 1937, Robert was born in Marshall County to LaVerne E. and Mildred E. (Shaffer) Ladson. Robert married Lois Ann England on Oct. 24, 1965, at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in Kosciusko County and she survives.

He was a dairy farmer as well as working for Petrolene Gas Company, Warsaw. He also worked as a seed salesman for Patriot, Brodbeck, Crow's and Sunstar companies. In addition, he worked for the federal crop insurance program.

Robert was a graduate of Talma High School in 1955 and he was an all-county softball pitcher. He was a veteran of the Army National Guard serving from 1960-1966 and receiving many commendations. He was a member of the Talma Bible Church. He enjoyed his morning coffee at Teel's, Tweedle Dee's, Akron Kountry Kitchen and the former Steer Inn. He loved traveling to the Dakotas to see family as well as going to casinos like Belterra and Four

Winds. He dearly loved his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Ladson, Rochester; a daughter, Roberta Ann Ladson, Warsaw; two sons, Robert Dale Jr. and wife Joanna Ladson, Bremen, and Ryan Ladson, Mentone; a sister, Mary and husband Jim Unzicker, Claypool; and three grandchildren, Nathaniel, Marisa and Joshua Ladson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Lena Goss and brother Lynn Ladson.

Funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2014, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St. Mentone, with Rev. Ben Hammond officiating. Burial is in the Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone, with graveside military rites performed by the Fulton County Honor Guard. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2014, at King Memorial Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mentone Fire Dept. for Grain Bin Tube & Rescue Training and Equipment.

# Cemetery Details

## Sycamore Cemetery

Mentone, IN 46539

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home  
101 North Tucker Street  
P.O. Box 56  
Mentone, IN 46539  
(574) 353-7975  
[info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com](mailto:info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com)  
<https://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Dale" Ladson Sr.



Hartzler Funeral Services - April 10, 2014 at 06:46 PM

JT

“ Dale had a wonderful memorial service, it is still lingering in my mind this morning. It began with Paul Harvey reading: "So God Made A Farmer". It was VERY touching and described Dale quite well. The entire service blessed the hearts of those of us that were there. Dale was a Christian man, a friendly man and he was very loved by his family who are missing him so much. What better legacy for Dad/Grandpa to leave than at the end of his life, he wanted to be sure his children and grandchildren had all accepted Christ as their Savior and that they follow Him all their lives. <3

Janie Teel - April 13, 2014 at 04:11 AM

PE

“ Lois and family  
Thinking of you and prayer for comfort that only God can give you at this difficult time.  
Remember how you would tell how you rubbed Dale back to help him relax and I always thought that was so great.  
Peg & Garwin Eaton

Peg Eaton - April 12, 2014 at 06:20 PM

KK

“ Dear Lois and Roberta,

*We were so very sorry to hear about Dale's passing. You and all the family are in our prayers for comfort during this difficult time of grief. We are so grateful for the hope you have of heaven. May God bless you all.*

*Love, Kent and Karen Kauffman*

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**Karen Kauffman** - April 12, 2014 at 02:18 PM

SA

“ Sandra Blankenship Austin purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Robert "Dale" Ladson Sr..



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**Sandra Blankenship Austin** - April 11, 2014 at 12:01 PM

RL

“ I love you dad not only was you my father but my best friend I could talk to you about anything. I never made a decision without your input . You taught me so much from loving the land and what it can provide to caring for any animal. I am the man I am today because of you I hope that I can be half the man you was with god family and friends . I greatly miss the daily drive bys to just to make sure I am ok but I know you'll always have an eye on me .

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**Ryan Ladson** - April 11, 2014 at 08:32 AM

RH

“ My Uncle Dale will be dearly missed... He help teach me to run from scary things, give money to others when they need to get something fixed, where to get the best root beer floats, how to work at my first job and how to love ones nieces and nephews. I love u and will miss u more than words can describe. Your niece Becca

Rebecca Hanes - April 10, 2014 at 09:33 PM

MY

“ Mark Young purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert "Dale" Ladson Sr..



Mark Young - April 10, 2014 at 03:15 PM

NL

“ Grandpa was very kind and loved me very much. He almost always said "yes" when I asked if he wanted to do something with me. He also encouraged me and told me to always follow Jesus. I'm going to miss him.

Nathaniel Ladson - April 10, 2014 at 01:04 PM

ML

“ I'm really going to miss my grandpa. He always gave me lots of rides on the four-wheeler and the mower. I love him.

Marisa Ladson - April 10, 2014 at 12:40 PM

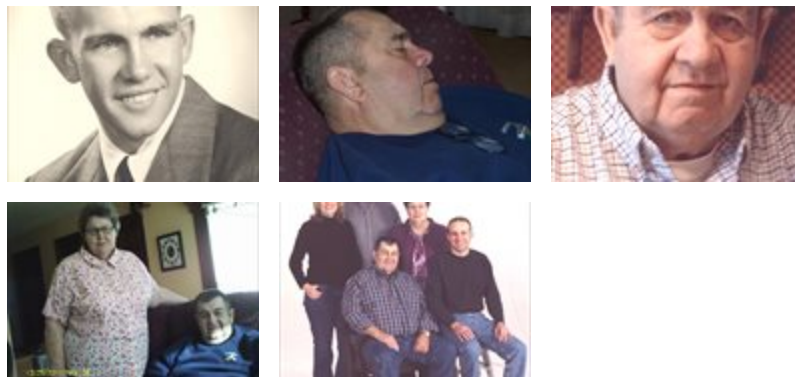
JL

“ I liked to play checkers with my Granddad....except he always won! Another thing I liked to do with him is to mow the lawn. Sometimes he let me do all the steering. I know Granddad loved me a lot and I bet he could tell how much I loved him. I will miss him.

Joshua Ladson - April 10, 2014 at 12:29 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Memories Album



Hartzler Funeral Services - April 10, 2014 at 09:21 AM

MP

“ We saw on Facebook that Dale has passed on, and we send our deepest sympathy to the whole family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Mary and Marvin Petersen

Mary Petersen - April 09, 2014 at 11:14 PM

RL

Mary we were talking about you & Marvin yesterday. We were wondering where you are now. Dad loved to hear you sing & we were hoping to locate you to sing at this funeral. Please friend me on facebook (Roberta Ladson) & private message me if you are in the area.

Roberta Ladson - April 11, 2014 at 08:19 AM



“ This man could always make me smile! I met him years ago when i first started working at the B&K in Mentone. I was 14 years old. He always had something to say to make me laugh:) I'm very sorry to hear about him passing away;(. My prayers go out to his family. R.I.P. Mr Ladson.

Angela Conley - April 09, 2014 at 10:25 PM



“ Great memories of our adventures as "The Headpins" bowling team. Always looked forward to spending those hours with Dale and his sense of humor.

Kyle Mauk - April 09, 2014 at 10:11 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "I thought of you" was purchased for the family of Robert "Dale" Ladson Sr..



April 09, 2014 at 07:20 PM