



## Dale E. Schonewis

May 20, 1938 - August 3, 2023

Dale E. Schonewis, 85, of Springfield, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, August 3, 2023. He was born on May 20, 1938, the son of Erbie C. and Velma K. (Cramer) Schonewis. Dale grew up in Sandridge, ten miles north of Petersburg.

Dale graduated from Petersburg High School. He went on to graduate from Western Illinois University. After graduating from Western, he moved to Springfield. Dale enjoyed being part of his college fraternity. He maintained lifelong friendships with his fraternity brothers.

Dale was preceded in death by an infant sister, Patricia Ann, his parents Velma and Erbie Schonewis, grandparents, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is survived by several cousins.

Dale began his career in sales. He took over the family farm upon the passing of his parents. He was proud of his family's agriculture history and his connection to Menard County.

Dale's great love was ballroom dancing. He spent much of his time enjoying the company of others on the dance floor. He was proud of the time he spent working on cruise ships as a dance instructor and seeing all the many different cultures and countries. He enjoyed the excitement of travel and was always looking forward to his next trip.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Rick Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg. Visitation will be held one hour

prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to: United Methodist Church of Petersburg, 221 West Jackson St., Petersburg, IL, 62675, or your charity of choice. Online condolences can be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Petersburg, IL 62675

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 10.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 10.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the family. Yes Dale enjoyed dancing, was my dance partner for many years.  
Rest in peace 🙏 Michele Wehner.

Michele Wehner - August 10, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dale E. Schonewis.

August 09, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale E. Schonewis.



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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dale E. Schonewis.



August 08, 2023 at 10:20 PM



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August 08, 2023 at 09:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale E. Schonewis.



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“ Dale was my fathers cousin. I was glad to get to know dale through his visits to my fathers home in Florida. Dale was a kind charismatic man with a lot of stories of he and my dad as children. His mother Velma was my great Aunt but was more like a bonus grandmother. She was a great lady and Dale was a great source of pride to her. They will now be reunited for eternity. God bless and Rest In Peace

**Laurie Schonewis** - August 08, 2023 at 09:36 PM

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“ I didn't have the opportunity to see Dale very much but when I did so it was always an enjoyable experience.  
I know he was close to my father George and heard many stories of him and Dale. I remember his parents Uncle Erbie and Aunt Velma and how nice they were and thoughtful they were towards myself and brother Mark and Sister Laurie.  
RIP Dale. Now you are up there with all the family members we dearly miss.

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**Andy Schonewise** - August 08, 2023 at 09:32 PM