



## Dale Lee Crawford

December 29, 1933 - September 9, 2013

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend passed away Monday, September 9, 2013 at age 79 and is now celebrating his eternal life in heaven with his savior Jesus Christ. Dale was born on December 29, 1933 in Raton, NM to William and Ruth Crawford and had an older brother William. While growing up in Raton, Dale met his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Barbara ("Barbie") Mitchell whom he married in 1959. Dale graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1956 with a degree in architecture. While at UNM, Dale joined the Sigma Chi fraternity and many of his fraternity brothers remained close friends for 60 years. Dale was commissioned an officer in the Air Force in 1959 and served until 1962 when he began his architecture career in Albuquerque. During a 45 year career, including 33 years as the owner of his own practice, Dale designed buildings throughout New Mexico, including many prominent architectural landmarks, and earned numerous design awards. He was an active member of the American Institute of Architects and an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. Dale was an active member of the Central United Methodist Church for 60 years and designed many renovations of the church. He took great joy in being in the church choir and valued his friendships with choir members. Dale loved to snow ski, play golf in retirement, watch western movies, and listen to opera and country western music. Dale and his wife, Barbie travelled throughout the world and have been blessed with tremendous friendships. He was a wonderful father to his three sons: Kelly, Kevin, and

Keith, joining them in Boy Scout campouts, Philmont treks, fishing trips, and skiing. Dale took great joy in watching the families of his three sons grow and was known as “Pops” to his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbie of Albuquerque, NM; son, Kelly and his wife, Robin of Dallas, TX; son, Kevin and his wife, Maureen of Mercer Island, WA; and son, Keith, and his wife, Debi of Portland, OR. Dale is also survived by 8 grandchildren and a great granddaughter: granddaughter, Katie Gold and her husband, Mark Gold of Houston, TX and great granddaughter, Emma Gold; Bridget Crawford of Chicago, IL; Travis Crawford, a student at Texas A&M; Mitchell Crawford, a student at Sewanee University; Jamie Crawford, a student at Texas A&M; Clayton Crawford, a student at Birmingham Southern College; and Oliver and Emmett Crawford of Portland, OR. A celebration of Dale’s life will be held Saturday, September 14, 2013, 3:00 p.m., at Central United Methodist Church, 201 University Blvd NE, 87106. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Central United Methodist Church.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **14.** 3:00 PM (MT)

Central United Methodist Church  
201 University Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ I only recently learned of Dale's death as we were out of the country at the time. I so remember Dale and all the fun AIA trips we all took together. He was a dear friend and so supportive after my husband, Ron Hutchinson, died in 1984. Barbie, I know you miss him dearly. Love and Hugs to you and your family.

*Barbara Hutchinson-Stewart*

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**Barbara Stewart** - January 15, 2014 at 11:13 AM

GJ

“ Dear Barbie and family:

*So sorry to hear of your husbands/fathers passing--the journey of life now brings him peace. May God bless you all in this difficult time. Please know that thoughts and prayers are with you. May the good warm memories of your loved one be a source of comfort to you in the days ahead----may time ease your sorrow.*

*Loving thoughts your way,  
John & Gerry Jewell and Family*

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**Gerry Jewell** - September 29, 2013 at 10:27 PM

AN

“ Dale you are an amazing man and so kind! We really appreciate all you did for your Chi Omega Girls! We are so happy that we were able to honor you and our Sister Barbie at our Eleusinian Celebration back in April! We will miss you so much and we know you will be shining down on all of us from up above! All my Love to the Crawford Family! Love in Chi Omega, Amy Schwartzman Nolker

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**Amy Schwartzman Nolker** - September 14, 2013 at 02:56 PM

CM

“ Deepest condolences to the entire Crawford family. So grateful for the many fond childhood memories playing your house. Such lovely people. So sorry for your loss.

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**Cristina Martinez** - September 13, 2013 at 01:28 PM

BR

“ Dear Barbie,

*I just happened to access my daughter Betty's FB page and noted the Chi Omega announcement about Dale. I am truly sorry you have lost your soul mate and am reminded of the first time I saw you. I lived in Dawson at the time and attended a program at the then Raton High gym. You and Dale were sitting in the audience and I've never forgotten what a darling couple you were and so very much in love even at that tender age (you had to be around 16 or 17 at the time). When I moved to Raton when Dawson was no longer a community, I enjoyed seeing the two of you in the halls of Raton High.*

*And then in later years, we lived in the same Albuquerque neighborhood, and it was fun to see you and Dale walking around the park.*

*My daughters, Betty A. Roberts and Ellen Roberts Sommers, pledged Chi Omega, and so we had yet another connection.*

*I shall be thinking about you across the miles. Both you and Dale have given much of yourselves, and we are grateful. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

*Betty Tovar Roberts*

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**Betty Roberts** - September 13, 2013 at 11:09 AM

SU

“ *My heart goes out to your family. Dale you will be missed.*  
*Sue McCreary (Wasson)*

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**Sue** - September 12, 2013 at 10:26 PM

JL

“ *Dear Barbie;*  
*I just received an email from brother Sig', John Morrison, with the sad news of Dale's passing. I have not seen either of you for many years but I fondly remember Dale (and you) from our days at the Sigma Chi house at UNM. My wife Karen and I both send our deepest condolences to you and your family and extend our best wishes for the future.*

*Sincerely, John M. and Karen Z. Lucas, Vienna, VA*

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**John Lucas** - September 12, 2013 at 04:20 PM

DG

“ *Dear Barbie,*

*Not only was Dale a talented architect whose work shone brightly, but a wonderful man in his own right whose presence brightened the lives of others around him. We will miss him dearly.*

*Don and Jackie Grossetete*

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**Don & Jackie Grossetete** - September 11, 2013 at 07:10 PM

JC

“ Barbie,  
Happening with regularity all too often in recent years, we are reminded of our own mortality by reading of the passing of a friend from our adolescent years. Dale and I were high school team mates and buddies and I vividly remember being a passenger in his car as we traveled from Raton to Albuquerque for my freshman -and his sophomore- year at UNM sixty years ago. Although we lost track of each other for over 50 years it was with pleasure that we were reacquainted over a few golf dates. I know Dale will be missed by his many friends and by his life time partner. Our faith teaches us that love and fond memories will eventually replace the ache in our hearts. May God continue to bless you and your family as he welcomes Dale into his Holy family.

*John and Irene Cleland*

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**John Cleland** - September 11, 2013 at 05:56 PM

BW

“ Barbie,  
Bob and I are so sorry to read of Dale's passing. Even though we haven't seen you in years we think of you often. You have our deepest sympathy. God Bless You.  
*Bob and Barb Woodward*

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**Barbara Woodward** - September 11, 2013 at 09:27 AM

KG

“ Barbie,  
Dale and you have been a joy to me.  
My thoughts are for you.  
*Karin G*

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**K G** - September 11, 2013 at 08:18 AM

PB

*Barbie,  
Frank and I were sorry to see in this morning's paper that Dale had passed on. Please accept our deepest sympathy. We had such a great time on our tour with the two of you. God bless you always, our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Frank & Pita Burke*

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**Pita Burke** - September 11, 2013 at 05:58 PM

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“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.*

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**Apollo Miller** - September 10, 2013 at 02:46 PM