



Dale Farrell

May 27, 1953 - July 1, 2023

Dale Anne Sapp Farrell, longtime Martinsville, VA resident, passed away peacefully in her home in Lakewood Ranch, FL on Saturday, July 1, 2023, following a 15-month long courageous battle with Stage IV cancer. Dale's journey was conducted the same way she lived her life: with optimism, thankfulness and rarely a complaint. Dale was born in Martinsville on May 27, 1953, to Emmit Jackson "Jack" Sapp and Barbara Anne (Hudgins) Sapp. She was a 1971 graduate of Fairfax Hall in Waynesboro, VA and a 1973 graduate of Peace College in Raleigh, NC. She met the love of her life and future husband Kevin Farrell in Raleigh, NC and they were married on January 29, 1977, in Martinsville.

Following their wedding they resided in Raleigh where Dale worked for the state of North Carolina while Kevin finished school. Following Kevin's graduation they relocated to Houston, TX where she was an adjuster for St. Paul Insurance Company until the birth of their son Sean in 1984. In 1985 they moved to Traverse

City, MI where Dale enjoyed being a mom and spending time with friends. In 1990 they relocated back to Martinsville, and Dale renewed her membership to First United Methodist Church where she had spent her youth as a member of the youth choirs. She enjoyed playing golf and bowling in the Thursday Go-Bo Play Girls league. She also spent time crafting ceramic pieces and could be found most Mondays at Carolyn's Ceramics studio with a group of women whom she loved spending time with. She gifted many pieces she made to friends and relatives. Dale was an avid Yahtzee player and spent hours with friends playing. Dale also loved to travel, and she and Kevin took many trips both in the U.S. and abroad, often with family or friends from around the country. Throughout her life, Dale possessed a magnetic charm and a generous spirit that drew people to her, along with an easy nature, positive attitude, and smile that made them happy to be in her company.

Dale was preceded in death by both of her parents, along with stepmother Lillie L Sapp. She is survived by her husband Kevin and son, Sean Joseph Farrell of Sarasota, FL. Also surviving are her sisters Jan Martin (Tony) of Cynthiana, KY, Dana Sapp of Stuart, VA, brother Scott Sapp of Clayton, NC, and six nephews, three nieces, and a brand new great-nephew.

A Memorial Service will be held for Dale on Friday July 28, 2023, at 11:00 AM

in

Martinsville at the First United Methodist Church of Martinsville. A celebration

of

Dale's life will start immediately afterward at Chatmoss Country Club also in
Martinsville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Dale's name to The V

Foundation, the

Martinsville Henry County SPCA, or the First United Methodist Church of
Martinsville.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **28**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
146 E Main Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

A Celebration of Life will be directly followed at Chatmoss Country Club

Tribute Wall



“ Dale Farrell

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ Kevin, I haven't seen Dale since y'all left Houston. I've thought of her often, and she has been on my mind a lot for the last several years. Last week I tried to search for her and was crushed when I found out you had just lost her. I am sorry I didn't try sooner so I could tell her myself that she was a special friend to me for a time and I have never forgotten about her. I can't be there in person today, but I am there in spirit. I'm so sorry for your loss. Tammy from the Houston/St. Paul days

Tammy - July 28, 2023 at 09:24 AM



I was just looking at some of our camping photos from our Houston days and you were in a lot of them

kevin - August 10, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ Kevin I am so sorry to hear about 6th this 🥹. My thoughts and prayers 🙏 are with you!

Mike Boswell - July 07, 2023 at 07:39 PM