



Dale A Reichert

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Dale Reichert, 75, of Amherst, passed away after a brief illness on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at Mercy New Life Hospice of St. Joseph. Born March 1, 1938 in Lorain, Dale lived in either Lorain or Amherst his entire life.

He was one of the most storied athletes in Lorain County history. Reichert was one of the captains of the 1955-56 Lorain High Steelmen basketball team which won the first ever Buckeye Conference Championship in that sport. He also excelled for the Steelmen baseball team, who also were Buckeye Conference champs his senior year. After graduating from Lorain High School in 1956, he attended Kent State University on a baseball and basketball scholarship. After his sophomore season at KSU, he signed as a “bonus baby” for \$24,000 to play baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers, where he hit 53 homeruns in the course of three minor league seasons, while being named the Midwest League Rookie of the Year and MVP in his first season.

Following successful minor league stops in Kokomo, IN, Salem, OR, Green Bay, WI and Great Falls, MT he decided to return to Kent State.

After returning to Kent State to complete his Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education degree, and in later years his Masters, Reichert then became a health and physical education teacher and coach for the Lorain City Schools. He coached several sports, including football, cross-country and golf, first at Longfellow Junior High, and then at the original Lorain High School, but was best known for coaching basketball. Over a 23-year career as head boy’s basketball coach at his alma mater, he won 286 games, and is the winningest coach of any sport in the school’s long history. He was named Buckeye Conference Boys’ Basketball Coach of the Year in 1987, and was the Associated Press Northeastern Ohio High School Basketball Coach of the Year in 1989.

Reichert is a three-time Lorain Sports Hall of Fame inductee. He was inducted as an individual into the LSHOF in 1979. He and his 1955-56 Buckeye Conference



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basketball team was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2003. In 2011, he and the other members of his 1987 Steelmen Basketball Team (that won the last Buckeye Conference title) were also inducted into the LSHOF.

Reichert was an avid Cleveland sports fan, especially when it came to his beloved Cleveland Indians. He rarely missed a game on the radio or on television.

Throughout his lifetime, he also enjoyed golfing, fishing, jogging/walking, sitting in the sun, Lakeview Park suppers with his wife, Nancy, doing crossword puzzles and spending time with his family and close friends. After retiring from teaching in 1991, Reichert worked for Zilch Florist for 16 years as a delivery man.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Martha Reichert (nee Moir), his first wife, Marianne (nee Miller), and his aunt and uncle Walter and Margaret Friese, his uncle James Moir, and aunt Billie Moir.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy (nee DeVinitz), a son, David (Jonathan) Reichert, of Lakewood, and two daughters, Dana (Steve) Zabrecky of Elyria, and Lacey Reichert, of Amherst, sister Jane Kapp (nee Reichert) of Columbus, brother James (Donna) Reichert of Amherst, and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Friday, December 6, 2013 from 3-8 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, where a service will be conducted by the Lorain Sports Hall of Fame at 7:45 p.m. Closing Prayers will be said Saturday, December 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the Funeral Center followed by funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Amherst. Rev. Fr. Lawrence Martello, Pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Dale Reichert Family which will then be disbursed to some of Dale's favorite charities.

Online condolences may be left for the Reichert family at www.dovinreberjones.com



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Visitation

 **Friday**, December 6, 2013

 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



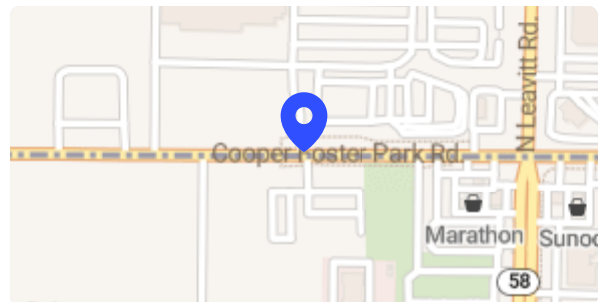
Lorain Sports Hall of Fame Service

 **Friday**, December 6, 2013


 7:45 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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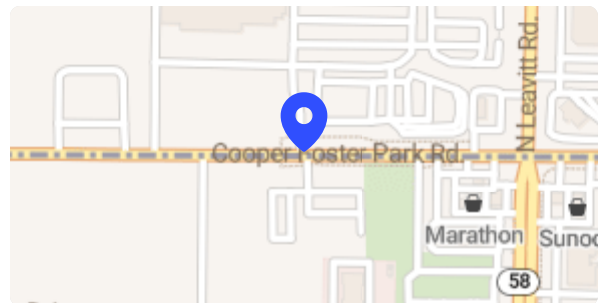
Prayer Service

 **Saturday**, December 7, 2013

 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM ET

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Cemetery Details

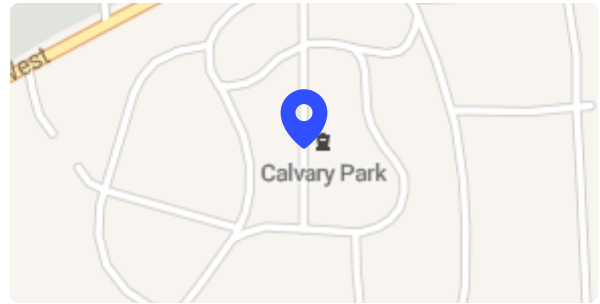


Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd, Lorain OH 44053



440-233-5117





Tribute Wall

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MC

Mike Camera posted:

Nancy Deepest sympathy and prayers. Mike and Linda Camera

December 7 at 6:06 PM

TD

Toni Campana Davis posted:

Nancy and Family, My deepest sympathy to you. I am so sorry to hear about Dale's passing. He was a wonderful coach and teacher at LHS when I was there. What a great man. May he rest in peace. God bless all of you. Toni Campana Davis

December 6 at 7:08 PM

JT

Joyce Trottier posted:

Nancy and Family, Our deepest sympathy- We always enjoyed chit-chatting with Dale in the afternoons at the Legion- You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jack and Joyce Trottier

December 6 at 7:15 AM

MK

Melissa Williams (Knieriemen) posted:

My deepest condolences to the Reichert family. I'll always have memories of Dale attending our high school basketball games and taking his place in the bottom row by the door (and we could always hear him forcefully cheering us on!). Our prayers are with Lacey and her family. David and Melissa Williams (Knieriemen)

December 6 at 5:28 AM

LP

Larry Pitts posted:

Very sad to hear of the passing of Coach Reichert. He was one of my PE teachers and a great man. He influenced so many lives, and my heartfelt condolences and prayers are with his family tonight. Rest in Peace.

December 5 at 8:00 PM



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LI

Lisa posted:

Aunt Nancy, David, Dana, Lacey and Steve, We were so sad to hear of Uncle Dale's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through your time of mourning. This photo epitomizes what I think of when I hear his name: fun-loving and carefree! Good times. All our love, Lisa (DeVinitz), Scott, Zack and Hanna Ritter; Wentzville, Missouri

December 5 at 6:35 PM

JB

J Brzoska posted:

Nancy, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Dale must have been a great guy from all the praises you have received about him. Please accept my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Take care, Judy Brzoska

December 5 at 5:18 PM

AP

Alan Petersen posted:

NANCY REICHERT: So sorry to learn of Dale's passing. My sincerest sympathy to you at this time. Hope Dana, Lacey and you are doing all right. Wishing the very best to all three of you gals. ~Alan Petersen (MLS)

December 5 at 4:48 PM

CK

Cheryl Kirschner December 6 at 7:44 AM

Nancy, David, Dana & Lacy, I have so many fun memories of Dale. My deepest sympathy. Wishing you all peace. Cheryl Kirschner

CR

Chad Reichert posted:

We're so sorry to hear about Dale's passing. He touched so many lives and made us all proud to be Reicherts. Amherst won't be the same without him. You're in our thoughts and prayers, -Chad, Neal, Barb, and Jay

December 5 at 4:16 PM



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LK

Linda Keller posted:

Joel and I offer our deepest condolences to all of your family. We were saddened to hear about Dale's passing. Linda and Joel Keller

December 5 at 3:15 PM

TS

Tiffany Secret December 6 at 4:29 AM

Reichert Family, So sorry to hear about Dale's passing. Sending lots of prayers and thoughts your way. -Tiffany Secret (Gumpf)

VA

Vangie posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy during your time of grief. We will keep your family in our prayers. God bless you and yours Vangie, Jordan, Tessa, Samy, Brianna and Jeffrey.

December 5 at 2:01 PM

BG

Bill Grassnig posted:

I am very sorry to hear about Dale. He was a wonderful person, coach and mentor. I am very grateful to him for helping me select a baseball scholarship to KSU. My deepest sympathy to the Reichert family. Bill Grassnig LHS class of '70

December 5 at 1:49 PM

RB

Ron Bakalar posted:

My deepest Christian sympathy on the loss of a great man. Through the years, I have had nothing but the greatest respect for Dale. He was a gentleman and a friend. Ron Bakalar

December 5 at 6:53 AM

TH

Tim Haupt posted:

Mr. Reichert was Lorain High. He was a great teacher and friend. I loved talking sports with him. May God be with your family during this time. God bless, Tim Haupt Lorain High Steelmen Class of 1983

December 5 at 4:13 AM



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MZ

Mike Zellers posted:

Mr. Reichert was a great guy and a great teacher. I have the utmost respect for him. My condolences to his family. I hope the knowledge that he meant so much to so many is of some comfort.

December 5 at 4:07 AM

PC

Patti Campana posted:

Dear Nancy and Family, I am so very sorry to hear that Dale has passed. I wish I was in Ohio so that I could pay my respects in person. Please know that I love you and I lift you up in prayer for comfort and peace. May Dale be free and peaceful with our Father in Heaven. Your Cousin, Patti Campana, Clearwater Beach, Florida

December 5 at 3:29 AM

TG

Tim Gebhardt posted:

My condolences to the family. I thought Dale was a credit to Lorain High. He was a true professional as a coach and teacher. I enjoyed covering his team's for the Chronicle-Telegram as a reporter. God Bless. -- Tim Gebhardt

December 5 at 3:26 AM

RB

Raynelle And Jerry Bozicevich posted:

our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this great of sorrow!!!!

December 5 at 3:01 AM

CK

Cyndi Kramer posted:

A Sports icon has passed and will be dearly missed by family; friends; athletes; students and educators. His life touched so many and he will always be remembered for the special person he was by all of those who loved him. We will always have great memories of Dale from the the 50 years that we've known him and were able to call him "friend". Deepest sympathy to Nancy; Lacey and the entire Reichert family. Love, Ken and Cyndi Kramer

December 5 at 1:10 AM



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LC

Laurie (Culig) Crlenjak lit a candle in honor of Dale.

Nancy, David, and girls, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you at this time. We loved Dale. The kids always looked forward to seeing him in the driveway from the time they were little until now. Our oldest son is stationed in Montana but sends his sympathy to you and your family. God gained a very special angel when Dale passed and I feel better knowing he will be watching over everyone. He was deeply loved by all who knew him and will be sadly missed. We are sending many prayers and much love your way. Love, Laurie, Jim, Alex and Sam Crlenjak



December 4 at 11:56 PM

TR

Tricia posted:

So sorry to hear about Uncle Dale. Our best goes out to Aunt Nancy, David, Dana, & Lacey. Some of my best Amherst summer memories involve Uncle Dale and that pool. He was a great uncle and gentle man. He will be missed. Take care of yourselves and each other. Love, Tricia Hahn (DeVinitz), Dave, & Patrick- St. Peters, Missouri

December 4 at 5:58 PM

DT

Donna Templeton posted:

To the Reichert Family, you have my deepest sympathies. We grew up next door to this loving man and his family. He will be greatly missed. Such a sweet man. Loved him very much. Sincerely, Donna George Templeton

December 4 at 4:44 PM

KP

Katie Pfrogner December 5 at 2:30 AM

My heart goes out to your entire family. I remember pool parties at your house when we were kids and how much he made us laugh. Mr. Reichert will remain an amazing man in my memories:). I'm incredibly sorry for your loss.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dale by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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