



Dale René Parker Neil

May 11, 1957 - May 29, 2024

The final chapter of the life of Dale René Parker Neil came to a close on May 29, 2024. In life, she was a fearless warrior, who chose to live every moment intentionally, leaving no adventure unexplored. Dale transitioned this life to her heavenly home after courageously battling significant health challenges.

Dale graced the world with her vivacious, energetic presence when she was born on May 11, 1957, to the late Carrie Dale and Marvin Parker. The epitome of a “ride-or-die,” she was widely known as a fierce and unapologetic protector of her loved ones. Family was important to Dale, and she did not hesitate to defend them with sharp words or decisive force, when needed. Her love of family knew no bounds and she willingly offered assistance to those in need.

Dale graduated from Paris High School, where she was an accomplished saxophonist. While there, the Paris High School Band earned the distinction of being one of two bands from the United States invited to attend the International Band Festival. This experience allowed her to travel to Vienna, Austria and Rome, Italy, and sparked a lifelong passion for world travel. Her travels spanned almost six decades and four continents, including countless cruises and trips to Nigeria and the Galapagos Islands.

After graduating high school, Dale attended Kentucky State University, where she met her husband, Dennis Neil. They shared their lives for 46 years. Dale

had four children: LeRon, Dennis, Roné and Kimberly (who preceded her in death), whom she loved unconditionally.

Employed by the United States Postal Service for more than 30 years, Dale retired in 2023. Many of her former customers fondly remember her as one who provided stellar service and “greeted everyone with a smile.” Dale was a loyal and supportive friend who maintained long-term relationships with good friends, Sophonian Braddy and Myrna Damudt, Lamina Williams, Greta Hunter, and Sandra Coello.

A woman of faith, Dale’s spiritual journey began at Shorter Chapel AME Church in Paris, Kentucky. Though she was not always united with a specific church, she willingly shared her love of God and Christian faith with others. Occasionally, she attended church with her neighbors in Brooklyn.

Dale happily marched to the beat of her own drum, eagerly embracing life by pursuing various interests. She was an avid stamp collector and well-known for her extensive African American Barbie doll collection. Dale was truly a “Top Chef” in the family and her delectable recipes for lasagna, steak, seafood, broccoli casserole and meatloaf are unmatched. She also enjoyed swimming (on the swim team at the YMCA), watching track and field, and attending family functions, where she was the life of the party. Whether she was commanding the room as a glamorous fashionista or tearing up the dance floor, you knew when Dale was present. Whenever she stepped out, she was flawlessly styled, complete with her signature hat or tiara.

Dale was preceded in death by a host of special loved ones who welcomed her to her heavenly home, including her parents and grandmother, Lucy B. Patterson; brother, Marvin E. Parker; sister, Mary T. Fields; husband, Dennis Neil; daughter, Kimberly Neil, granddaughter, Evangeline LaDella Parker; maternal great aunt, Sallie B. Robinson; cousin/mother, Sadie Melson; special

great nephew, Denzel L. Steward, and fur-baby, Serena.

Dale is survived by her siblings, Darryl H. Parker and Cydney T. Parker; sister-in-love, Pat Boykin; children, LeRon M. Parker and partner, Laborah Edward; Dennis E. Parker and wife, Wafa Abdul-Saleem, and Roné C.D. Neil and partner, Joseph P. Jones; grandchildren, Markus Dale Parker; Bella LaSalle Parker, Dennis Parker, and Rayana Abdul-Saleem; great-grandchildren, Alissa Abdul-Saleem, Alani Woodbury and Ava Woodbury; other siblings, Gloria Coons, Cardelia and Gayle Parker; fur baby, Xena (Pretty Girl), and a host of nieces, nephews and dear friends. Though she will be dearly missed, her legacy will live forever.

Cemetery Details

The Evergreens Cemetery

1629 Bushwick Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 455-5300

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels
607 North Conduit Blvd.
Brooklyn, NY 11208
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Funeral Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ I was a customer of Dale's at the post office in Manhattan for 15+ years. She regularly made my day with her charisma, humor, vivaciousness and wisdom. Although I hadn't seen her in a few years, she had a deep impact on me. Simply put, Dale had a knack for making people she liked feel special. Rest easy Dale. My condolences to her family. ~Athán M.

Athán M. - June 11, 2024 at 02:22 PM

VS

“ Veronica Sumpter lit a candle in memory of Dale René Parker Neil



Veronica Sumpter - June 07, 2024 at 10:08 AM

VA

“ Aunt Dale I'm going to miss our talks so much! I love you!!

Vatreece - June 06, 2024 at 11:16 PM

NS

“ NYU Mail Services and Copy Shop purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dale René Parker Neil.



NYU Mail Services and Copy Shop - June 06, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dale René Parker Neil.*



June 06, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ *your friend & co-worker Lorrie Williams purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dale René Parker Neil.*



your friend & co-worker Lorrie Williams - June 06, 2024 at 07:02 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ronecneil - June 05, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ *One of the sweetest person you could ever know her smile lit up the room she will be missed but never forgotten family I'm sorry we have lost an angel love Martina 📞💔💔💔🙏🙏🙏*

Martina Turner cousin - June 05, 2024 at 06:02 PM

MF

“ *Myrna, Lawrence, Mr. Hall and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dale René Parker Neil.*



Myrna, Lawrence, Mr. Hall and Family - June 05, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Mary Trumbo lit a candle in memory of Dale René Parker Neil*



Mary Trumbo - June 05, 2024 at 03:48 AM



“ *Mary Trumbo lit a candle in memory of Dale René Parker Neil*



Mary Trumbo - June 05, 2024 at 03:41 AM

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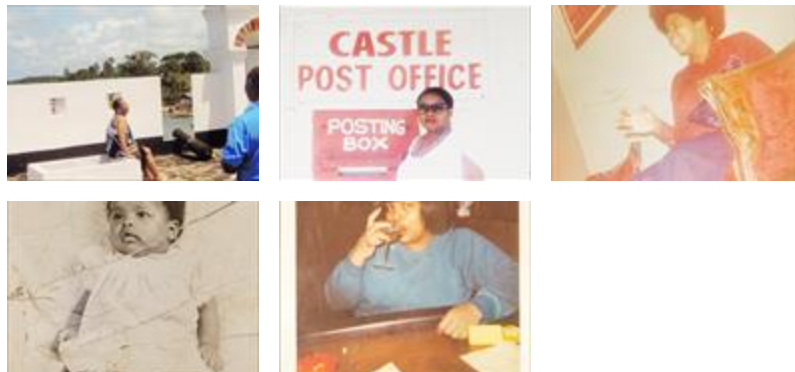
“ *Mccall family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dale René Parker Neil.*



Mccall family - June 04, 2024 at 07:22 PM

RO

“ 30 files added to the album *The Life of a Queen*



Ronecneil - June 04, 2024 at 12:48 PM

KB

“ *I will forever remember the times we work at the stamp shows. The smiles and laughter, the lunches and the dinners. When I look up at night I'm sure to see your star shining bright. You will be missed* 🥹

Khadidja Drayton-Bey Bailey - June 04, 2024 at 11:23 AM

BB

“ *Thank You! For being a part of my life. For the friendship, conversation and the memories. My family and I will miss you dearly. May you Rest among the Angels and Sleep in Paradise.*

Betty Bo - June 04, 2024 at 12:54 AM

SJ

“ *Thank you for all the gifts, love, and laughter you gave your grandson Markas. We love you Grandma Dale as your light continues to shine in heaven.* 🍷 🍷

Stanley Jackson - June 03, 2024 at 10:01 PM

DI

“ *My sister. You were a force to be reckon with. You will be missed. Working next to you at Cooper station was so much fun. You had such a big caring heart. Sleep well my sister. I know the angels are having a blast with you now.*

Diane - June 03, 2024 at 09:11 PM

SL

You have being more than a friend to me . I will always remember your kindness and your beautiful smile.

sonia lewis - June 04, 2024 at 02:35 AM

LA

“ *We're so saddened by the news of your loved one. She was a true gift from God. She was missed before, more so now that she won't be stopping by to visit cooper station if we can be of service in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are available*

Lee-Myers Adelaide - June 03, 2024 at 05:43 PM

LB

“ *Laborah Edwards Aka Bae lit a candle in memory of Dale René Parker Neil*



Laborah Edwards aka Bae - June 03, 2024 at 03:59 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ronecneil - June 03, 2024 at 03:13 PM