



## Dala Ann Vonderheide

November 23, 1953 - August 13, 2016

Dala Ann Vonderheide, age 62, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family at her side on Saturday, August 13th. She was born on November 23, 1953 to Kenneth and Barbara (Averitt) Howard who preceded her in death. Dala was a 1972 graduate of Rushville Consolidated High School. She obtained her Bachelor's in education in 1976 from Indiana State and went on to obtaining her Master's in education from Ball State and her license for teaching the emotionally disabled.

She is survived by two brothers, Ken Howard and Tom (Linda) Howard both of Rushville, IN. She is also survived by her husband, Scott Vonderheide and their four children, Amy (Tony) Bultinck of Indianapolis, IN; J.D. (Andrea) Vonderheide of Hamilton, OH; Jeni (Michael) Toudouze of Aledo, TX; and Keevan Vonderheide of Terre Haute, IN as well as seven loving grandchildren, Hope, Mia, Lilah, Harper, Maddox, Hudson and Gracyn.

Dala served her community tirelessly. She retired from teaching two years ago after 38 years of inspiring hundreds of students to always give their best and to never give up on their dreams...and to always keep reading! She inspired not only those students, but all who knew her as she never met a challenge that she did not face head on with a gusto and determination.

Dala also participated in several committees and boards at her church, St. John's United Church of Christ. Every summer she led the vacation bible school program helping to spread God's love to the children in such an electric

way. Each spring she cherished her participation in the Easter Ecumenical choir as well.

Dala's family and friends were the light of her life. Meeting her friends for a quick bite to eat and then to chat for hours were always a highlight for her. Of course, she never turned down an opportunity to babysit her grand babies. She was loved by so many and inspired by so many more. Her legacy will live on far past the days God gave her to us here on earth.

Memorials can be sent to St. John's United Church of Christ Youth Fund or Outrun the Sun for Melanoma Research

Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's United Church of Christ, 300 N Huntersville Rd, Batesville, IN. Funeral Service will be conducted on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the church with Pastors Dennis and Linda Frische-Mouri presiding. Burial will follow in the St. John's Church of Christ Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. John's United Church of Christ,, , IN  
300 N Huntersville Rd  
Batesville, IN 47006

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dala Ann Vonderheide*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Michael and Susan Howard, Steve and Sally Croom purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



**Michael and Susan Howard, Steve and Sally Croom** - August 17, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



August 17, 2016 at 01:32 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Vonderheide & Howard families. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this time of remembrance.*



**Greg Raiké** - August 17, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



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August 17, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



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August 16, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



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August 16, 2016 at 07:50 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



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August 16, 2016 at 11:49 AM

MI

“ *Dala was my sons first grade teacher when she first started teaching at Laurel. She was the sweetest nicest teacher that I have ever met. One morning she had to scold him for something and she felt so bad that she held him on her lap all day that day while teaching.*

*She told me that story then and it still brings tears to my eyes after all these years. She also kept up on facebook etc. with students in that class for years. That is what you call a teacher that had a heart of gold.*

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**Miriam** - August 16, 2016 at 11:34 AM

BF

“ *Beau and Julie Schwegman and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



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**Beau and Julie Schwegman and Family** - August 16, 2016 at 10:18 AM

JF

“ *John & Barb Roth - Brian & Kelly Roth Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



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**John & Barb Roth - Brian & Kelly Roth Family** - August 16, 2016 at 09:23 AM

IS

“ *Indiana CPA Society purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



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**Indiana CPA Society** - August 16, 2016 at 08:49 AM

SM

“ *Susan McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Dala Ann Vonderheide*



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**Susan McDaniel** - August 16, 2016 at 05:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



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August 15, 2016 at 11:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



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August 15, 2016 at 10:45 PM

EW

“ And Jesus said to Dala "Well done my good and faithful servant"  
(Matthew 25:33)

*I was lucky to be a small part of Dala's life. We shared a mutual passion for talking so I was always eager to see her at any of the parties, family dinners, and birthdays. Dala was fierce about family!! You couldn't sit next to Dala without feeling the love pouring off her! We will miss you! I hope you are happy in your new magnificent home and being with Barbara and Kenneth. I hope some of Dala's essence is still here so we can be soaked some up and be better human beings*

*Ellen (Fahey) Kwiatkowski*

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**Ellen Kwiatkowski** - August 15, 2016 at 09:44 PM

DW

“ Dala was such a good friend growing up together in Rushville. She always had a smile and was just fun to be around. When our paths would cross through the years, it was like we'd never been apart. She will be missed. Many prayers and condolences to Ken, Tom and her family. Deda

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**Deda Winkler** - August 15, 2016 at 07:56 PM

BA

“ Behavior Analysis Center for Autism purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.



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**Behavior Analysis Center for Autism** - August 15, 2016 at 04:33 PM

BS

“ *Our thoughts are with your family* ”



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**B et A Sloan** - August 15, 2016 at 04:00 PM

KS

“ Not many people will know or remember this but back in 2011 myself and several of my friends were taking part in the Race Across America (RAAM) which drove straight outside Dala's house. Due to pure exhaustion we ended up crashing our RV right outside (see picture below), it was a mess and we were all in shock. Lucky to be alive and pretty shaken up. Dala took us in, fed and watered us and arranged us a lift to the nearest airport to collect a hire car (once those of us had returned from A&E. I was amazed then, and am still to this day, by what an incredible and special person Dala was. I only spent a few hours with her but that was all it took to realize that she was special. I respected her, looked up to her and in many ways idolized her stoicism. Her spirit was strong. Whilst I and several of my friends are devastated to read that Dala has now passed, I am grateful that she is no longer in pain or discomfort. I'm sure she will be looking down on her loved one's for years to come and supporting them and guiding them as she always did. My own father (who Dala met briefly) passed himself a few years back, I know he will be eager to see her and overjoyed by the company. My thoughts are with you all, it was very evident how much friends and family meant to Dala and I'm sure you are all missing her hugely but I believe she will still be walking beside you just as my father walks beside me!



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**Kate Slaymaker** - August 15, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.



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August 15, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ I remember how hard she tried to help me.



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**Kodi Pate** - August 15, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ Condolences especially to Kenny and Tommy. I've known Dala for 100 years 😊 and never knew a more kind person. Always smiling. Growing up together in the First Baptist church in Rushville, we shared many memories including BYF, church camp, Bible school and swooning over the guys that came to sing from Taylor University! But one thing I know for sure, EVERYONE loved Dala---and Dala loved everyone back. So happy she will get to hug her Mom and Dad in Heaven.



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**Debbie Hardin Cherry** - August 15, 2016 at 11:08 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



August 15, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dala Ann Vonderheide.*



August 15, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ *Rhonda Maupin lit a candle in memory of Dala Ann Vonderheide*



**Rhonda Maupin** - August 15, 2016 at 07:52 AM



“ *Dala's dazzling smile would light up any room and her sunny disposition brightened the day for everyone. Fortunate to first know her as a teacher then as a friend. She was so proud of her children and their accomplishments. Blessed to have known her, will always cherish the memories.*

**Cinda Brown** - August 15, 2016 at 07:25 AM

BM

“ You were such an inspiration. You will be missed by all that knew you. Huge hugs to your family in this sad time.

Barbara Payne McLain - August 15, 2016 at 07:19 AM

PG

“ Penny Goins lit a candle in memory of Dala Ann Vonderheide



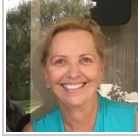
Penny Goins - August 15, 2016 at 07:12 AM

RM

“ Dala was on my floor in Mills Hall at Indiana State University and we became friends! We enjoyed our Dorm Life and had lots of fun and then she and Teresa (Brown) Vaughan served cake at our wedding June, 1975. As we both went our on to begin our families and careers, we lost touch, but it was so nice to reconnect on FB and catch up on our lives and families! I am touched by how she had such a wonderful teaching career and Christian life and feel humbled to have known her! May God bless all of her family and friends during this most difficult time and may God give you so many wonderful memories of Dala!

With sympathy and prayers,  
Rebecca (Burke) and John Miller  
Monroe City, IN

Rebecca Miller - August 15, 2016 at 07:10 AM



“ *To fight the good fight with such dignity. RIP Dala, I pray your family finds comfort in your faith and healing our our Lord. Janet SMith Ralstin*

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**Janet Ralstin** - August 15, 2016 at 07:05 AM



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**Bob Lee** - August 14, 2016 at 09:58 PM



*I graduated with Dala at Rushville Consolidated High School. Such a super sweet girl.*

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**Bob Lee** - August 14, 2016 at 10:07 PM

“ *Dala had the sweetest smile and disposition of anyone I have ever known.  
Now she can rest and be at peace. The stars in heaven will be a little brighter now that she is home. She will be missed by those whose lives she has touched. Mary Heim*

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**Mary Heim** - August 14, 2016 at 06:06 PM

CP

“ *Dala is the bravest, strongest, most faithful woman I've ever known. She raised four beautiful children who exhibit her qualities. She has touched countless school children and adults through all aspects of her life. She will be terribly missed; God has called His "best" home to give her rest.*

*Love to her family,*

*Cheryl Prentice*

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**Cheryl Prentice** - August 14, 2016 at 03:03 PM

JJ

*Dala's light has and will always shine brightly. With much care to family*

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**Julia Kunz Johnson** - August 15, 2016 at 07:39 AM

MD

*Dala has been through so much and, yet, accomplished so much and touched so many. I am sad to hear about her passing. With sympathy to Ken and Tom and all of the family. Prayers to all of you at this time.*

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**Melissa McManus Daubenspeck** - August 16, 2016 at 11:56 AM