



Dale Darnell Holbrook

September 7, 1959 - July 15, 2025

DALE'S LIFE STORY

We celebrate the life of Dale Darnell Holbrook who was born on September 7th, 1959 to his parents, Calvin Lee Holbrook, Sr. and Mollie Nairne Holbrook-Russell. Born in Salisbury, Maryland, Dale was raised in Mount Vernon, Maryland, in Somerset County. He was a graduate of Washington High School in Princess Anne, Maryland, Class of 1978.

Dale joined the United States Air Force on January 9, 1986 and he separated from the Air Force on January 30, 1996. He re-entered the military via the United States Navy on March 15, 2001, serving until February 28, 2011.

Between his services with the military branches, Dale served at Hillsborough River State Park in Tampa, Florida. He was a Park Ranger and served as a model for their uniform catalogue.

During his military time with the Air Force, he served in Iraq as a part of the military campaign Desert Storm. He was a war veteran. Dale loved his military career and would always talk about his various adventures and the numerous countries to which he traveled. Dale was also appointed as a United States Navy Ambassador to Africa.

Dale loved music and he had a beautiful voice; he was an avid and talented bass guitar player. While serving on the USS George Washington CVN-73, in 2003, he opened up for the Popular Rock Band, "Three Doors Down." In his younger years, he was also a member of a local band called "Fantasia", a

band that played at a number of venues on the Eastern Shore, especially in Ocean City, Maryland.

He leaves to cherish loving memories: his son, Duncan Dale Holbrook of Norfolk, Virginia; his mother, Mollie Holbrook-Russell of Salisbury, Maryland; his brother Calvin Lee Holbrook, Jr. of Martinsburg, West Virginia; his sisters, Angela Holbrook Barkley (Larry) of Somerset, New Jersey and Tina Holbrook of Upper Marlboro, Maryland; one cousin "brother" Vincent Cottman of Princess Anne, Maryland; one uncle, Dr. Wendell Patrick Holbrook of Jersey City, New Jersey; one aunt, Shirley Jolley (Robert) of Mardela Springs, Maryland and one special "aunt", Jessie Burke Spence of Willingboro, New Jersey. Dale is also survived by: two nieces, Dayna Holbrook and Janay Barkley and two nephews, Devin Barkley and Larry Barkley, Jr. Dale's great-niece is Mikayla Barkley and his great-nephews are Em'ry White, Dayon White and Cameron Barkley, along with a host of cousins, extended family and friends.

Preceding him in death were: his father, Calvin Holbrook, Sr.; his paternal grandparents, Rendle and Marguerite Burke Holbrook; his maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Cottman Nairne and maternal grandfather, James Edward Nairne; his uncle, Alvin Kenneth Holbrook and his aunts, Martharita Holbrook Deliotte, Joyce Nairne, and Marsha Saunders.

SUBMITTED WITH DEEPEST SORROW ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

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AUG 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - August 08, 2025 at 06:21 PM

LH

Dale was a very good man with a great sense of humor. The world will never be the same without him. RIP my brother.

Lafontaine Hippolyte - August 13, 2025 at 04:55 PM

EC

“ *We regret being unable to be with the family during this time of sorrow. Please know that our prayers of comfort are with you.*

Edward and Charlotte Cottman - August 08, 2025 at 08:44 AM

MM

“ *Will always remember the fun times Dale and I had in Maryland. We were thick as thieves. He was more than a friend, he was a brother.*

Michael Moore - August 07, 2025 at 06:39 PM

MM

“ *Michael Moore purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dale Darnell Holbrook.*



Michael Moore - August 07, 2025 at 06:35 PM

MJ

“ Michael and Joy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dale Darnell Holbrook.



Michael and Joy - August 07, 2025 at 02:09 PM

DC

“ Denise Copes lit a candle in memory of Dale Darnell Holbrook



Denise Copes - August 05, 2025 at 01:30 PM

FT

“ Faith Tull-Church lit a candle in memory of Dale Darnell Holbrook



Faith Tull-Church - August 05, 2025 at 10:29 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - August 05, 2025 at 08:14 AM