



## Dale Ketcham Graves

May 16, 1942 - January 13, 2023

Dale Ketcham Graves of Halesite passed away peacefully in her home on January 13

surrounded by family.

She was a direct descendant of William Rogers, a signer of the deed for the purchase

of Huntington Townsite in 1656.

Dale, or 'GG' as she came to be known, was born on May 16, 1942 to Captain and

Mrs F. Rogers Ketcham. A World War II baby, her early years were spent in Halesite

with her mother and great grandmother while her father was away in the Coast

Guard.

Like her father, she loved being on the water. She spent summers with her parents

and siblings sailing to Newport, Block Island and Montauk. She was a skilled sailor

and during her teenage years worked as an instructor at the Huntington Yacht Club.

She attended Nathan Hale and East Woods School in Oyster Bay, and then high

school at Concord Academy. She graduated from Manhattanville College in

1964.

After college, she took a job at the Hubschman Fund in New York City where she

became a Vice-President. Later in her career, she commuted daily from Long Island to

New York City to her job as a Commodity Trader at REFCO.

She was involved in her local community, volunteering at Huntington Hospital and

attending daily Mass. She also enjoyed playing Bridge and Canasta with her dear

friends. She was especially blessed to have these friends, as well as her family by her

side when she was diagnosed with ALS in February 2022. It was an incredibly difficult

situation which she handled with strength and grace.

Family was always Dale's priority. She is survived by her children, Hillary Graves

Brown (Dean) and Paul T. Graves II (Ruthie), her beloved grandchildren, Montgomery

Graves Brown, Ridley Ketcham Brown and Ford Ketcham Graves, as well as her

siblings, F. Rogers Ketcham Jr. and Kathleen K. Wikowitz, and her nieces, nephew and

their families.

Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 21 at St Patrick's Church in Huntington, with

arrangements by A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home. Memorial donations can be made to

the Halesite Fire Department [www.gofundme.com/f/dale-ketcham-graves](http://www.gofundme.com/f/dale-ketcham-graves)

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to:

Halesite Fire Department

1 North New York Avenue

Halesite, NY 11743

<https://halesitefd.org/contact-us/donations/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN **20**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **21**. 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Patrick R.C. Church  
400 West Main Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

# Tribute Wall



“ A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale Ketcham Graves



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**A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 23, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ Dale was a very special lady in my life. I was her driver for many years when ever she traveled to visit her family and friends. Joe Thamm.

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**Joe Thamm** - February 13, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ Dale was a special person and a special I friend..I will miss her..Carolyn Sargent

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**Carolyn Sargent** - January 19, 2023 at 06:33 PM



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**Carolyn Sargent** - January 19, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Ketcham Graves.*



January 18, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ *Love, The Kays Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Dale Ketcham Graves.*



**Love, The Kays Family** - January 18, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Dale and I were classmates at Manhattanville College. She was a lovely person and I am very saddened to learn of her death. My sincere condolences.*  
*Cathy Sattenstein Callender*

**Cathy Callender** - January 18, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Ketcham Graves.*



January 14, 2023 at 03:59 PM