



Dell Siler

June 8, 1943 - July 21, 2025

Dell Siler of Crystal Falls, Michigan, beloved husband of Lorraine (DeGanton) Siler, father of Marti Siler, Matthew (Stephanie) Siler, Lee (Stephanie Jo) Siler, brother of Lynn (Siler) Garcia, passed away on July 21, 2025, at the age of 82 years.

Dell was born in Saginaw, Michigan, in 1943 to Dr. Delbert and Ethelyn (Hammond) Siler, graduating from Arthur Hill High School in 1961. Dell went on to earn a master's degree in fisheries from Michigan State University, becoming an avid and vocal Spartan sports fan to the end. Go Green!

In 1969 Dell moved his family to Seattle where he began working for the University of Washington, spending summers in Alaska researching Sockeye Salmon, indulging in his love of fishing and hunting, and bringing home an impressive moose rack. Dell moved his family to Crystal Falls in 1971 after hiring on with the Department of Natural Resources, where he would spend the next 30 years working as a fish biologist and Supervisor in the Crystal Falls and Escanaba District Offices. Dell made the most of the outdoors during his life in the UP, enjoying any and all fishing, hunting, trapping, and gathering opportunities the area had available. He also made numerous hunting and fishing trips out west and in Canada with friends and family. Dell passed his love for the outdoors onto his children and grandchildren, creating years of great memories spent in the field.

Dell also enjoyed traveling with his wife, whether they were visiting family, hiking the country's national parks, taking a river cruise in Europe, or taking an African safari - which he described as his trip of a lifetime. His travels enabled him to indulge his many interests in history, culture and varied cuisines.

Dell was a family man, often avoiding social outings, preferring to spend time with family and close friends. He took great pride in his children as they grew up and that pride grew as they came into their own as adults. He also loved his many pets over the years, which included numerous black labs and cats, treating them as well or better than family. More than anything, Dell was a loving and supportive husband, treasuring 60 wonderful years married to the love of his life

Dell was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers-in-law.

He is survived by his wife, three children, his sister, and two sisters-in-law. He is also survived by four grandchildren Joshua (Krista) Siler, Jacob (Andee) Siler, Kayla Kowalski and Easton Siler. He was recently blessed with four great-grandchildren. There are also several nieces and nephews who survive him.

To honor Dell's wishes there will be no funeral service. If you care to honor his memory please make a donation to North Woods Animal Shelter, 930 Selden Road, Iron River, MI 49935 or Iron County Medical Care Facility, 1523 US-2, Crystal Falls, MI 49920.

The Siler family are profoundly grateful for the excellent, compassionate, and professional care received from the staff at the Iron County Medical Care facility.

Condolences to the family of Dell Siler may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

The family has entrusted Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DI

“ Condolences to the Siler family. I had worked several summers for Dell while going to college. He was a great supervisor and person to discuss things going on at MSU. May he rest in peace. Dr. Edward G. Brauer II

Dr.Edward G. Brauer II - July 29, 2025 at 09:11 PM

JE

“ I am so sorry to learn of Del's passing. I always enjoyed talking MSU basketball with him. I especially remember the time he didn't want to cancel his appointment with me but also didn't want to miss the Spartan's playoff game. He came in and while Lorraine and I talked, he watched the game on his phone, keeping me updated on the score. My prayers are with all of you. Joyce Erickson

Joyce Erickson - July 25, 2025 at 01:38 PM

GK

“ Sorry to hear of Dell's passing away was a very good guy.

Glenn Koons - July 25, 2025 at 11:27 AM

CG

“ Sympathies to the Siler family. It was a pleasure to know and work with Dell.

I always looked forward to his celebratory phone calls after a big Spartan victory.

Cary D Gustafson - July 25, 2025 at 08:34 AM

SD

“ I worked with Del part of one summer in the late 70's. Very nice guy. Silar family, my heart holds up your hearts at this sad time for you.

Sue Schenk Drobny - July 24, 2025 at 07:06 PM

JP

“ I got to know Del and Lorraine when I hired on with the DNR in Crystal Falls in the late 1970s. My wife and I came to know Del and Lorraine and became friends. I enjoyed our many visits and the good conversations. Rest in peace Del.

Jack Pilon - July 24, 2025 at 01:47 PM

JD

“ My sincere condolences to all of the family. Dell was a very good man in so many ways. I had the pleasure of working with him with our employer, the Michigan Dept of Natural Resources, Dell a Fisheries Biologist and I a Forester... We did a few outdoor adventures together like floating some rivers and jump shooting ducks to fishing a bit here and there.....always a pleasure and good time.... I send thoughts and prayers to Dell and all family members... PEACE be with you.

Jerry Divine - July 24, 2025 at 11:53 AM

JH

“ I count it as a honor to have worked with Dell and shared a friendship over the years. He was an honest and dependable friend. Canoe trips, fishing trips, sharing views on resource management, and of course lots of laughs together will remain with me always. Im only glad is no longer suffering with this terrible disease. Deepest condolences to the entire family.
Jim

Jim Hammill - July 23, 2025 at 01:46 PM

FF

“ From The Avena Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dell Siler.

From The Avena Family - July 22, 2025 at 09:41 AM

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“ From The Avena Family purchased the "Cardinals" Black 36" Cylinder Sonnet for the family of Dell Siler.



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