



## Yale Hyder Metzger

October 29, 1959 - June 1, 2024

ANCHORAGE, AK- Yale Hyder Metzger, age 64, of Anchorage, Alaska, died at home on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Yale was born on October 20, 1959, in Adrian, Michigan. He lived a life full of constant adventures in Michigan, Tennessee, Georgia and Texas before settling into Anchorage, Alaska at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

He graduated from the University of Alaska. He completed his law degree at Gonzaga University. Yale practiced law for about 30 years in Anchorage as a paralegal, investigator, and attorney/litigator. Yale and his wife Susan endowed a scholarship at Gonzaga University School of Law primarily for Alaska residents who are required to leave Alaska to attend law school.

On May 19, 1995, Yale's greatest blessing was granted when he married Susan Esther Richmond. Together Yale and Susan built a beautiful home and life in Anchorage. They recently celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Yale and Susan continued a life full of adventures and many blessings that they enjoyed sharing with family, friends.

Yale was passionate about our justice system, arts, sciences, hunting, fishing and exploring. His interests led him to remote areas of Alaska as well as Ecuador, South Africa and Scotland. He was an avid collector of art, books,

antiques and many other things. The collection he held as most dear, was the collection of the many friends he made over his lifetime.

During the last decade or so, he expanded his networks of equally enthusiastic people from Alaska to Scotland. He and Sue restored a cottage, Ellerig Bheag, in Glen Shira (Inverary) in the Scottish Highlands. He frequently entertained family and friends in Inverary and at Balmoral where he was known as a frequent guest. He reveled in showing these sites. A few weeks before his passing, he drove down the one-and-a-half lane roads to share the Scottish Highlands with his mother, brother, sister in-law and close friends.

In addition to his wife, Susan, Yale is survived by his mother, Shirley; Susan's children, Bonnie (Jeremy) Hough, Waylon (Sarah) Knudsen and Joshua Pluid; grandchildren, Brayden Reeves, Riley Reeves and Mason Knudsen; siblings, Deborah (Bob Dahl) Metzger and David (Julie) Metzger; and his mother-in-law, Esther Richmond. He was preceded in death by his father, John A. Metzger.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the Yale Metzger and Susan Richmond Endowed Law Scholarship online at [gonzaga.edu/lawgive/metzger](https://gonzaga.edu/lawgive/metzger) or mail to:

Gonzaga Law School Foundation  
721 N Cincinnati Street  
Spokane, WA 99220

Alternatively, you may give to any children's art program in your community.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a future date in Anchorage, Alaska.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it” Albert Einstein

“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.”  
St. Gregory Nazianzen

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I was privileged to have met and spend an entire evening with Yale while he was visiting his mother, my sweet friend, Shirley. He was one of the most knowledgeable people I have ever met. He had a vast knowledge of so many things. He was a delight to know and I am, especially now, very happy to have met him. Rest in peace, Yale Metzger, you will be missed.



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**Sharon Fuller** - July 13, 2024 at 11:11 PM

DA

“ Yale had a subtle way of leaving no doubt he was the smartest man in the room but not in a proud or boastful way...but it was ok because he was on your side. I will miss our many conversations about his adventures around the world and the way he could draw you into them as if you were there. He will be missed.

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**Dave and Robin Allen** - June 21, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Yale Hyder Metzger.



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June 14, 2024 at 05:47 AM

DB

“ Dave & Jen Byers purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Yale Hyder Metzger.



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Dave & Jen Byers - June 11, 2024 at 11:21 PM

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“ Dave & Jen Byers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yale Hyder Metzger.

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Dave & Jen Byers - June 11, 2024 at 11:21 PM

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“ Kent S. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Yale Hyder Metzger.



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Kent S. - June 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM

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“ Kent S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yale Hyder Metzger.

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Kent S. - June 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM

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“ *Yale was an incredible man and a great friend. I will never forget him, his personality, his intellect or his passion. He will be greatly missed. It was an honor to be his friend.*

*Tom Van Flein*

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**Tom Van Flein** - June 11, 2024 at 12:02 AM

RD

“ *1 file added to the album R. Drysdale*



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**Richard & Mary Drysdale** - June 10, 2024 at 05:03 PM

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“ *Pam Snow purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Yale Hyder Metzger.*



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**Pam Snow** - June 10, 2024 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Kevin and Mei Saxby purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Yale Hyder Metzger.*



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**Kevin and Mei Saxby** - June 10, 2024 at 01:19 PM

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“ Kevin and Mei Saxby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yale Hyder Metzger.

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**Kevin and Mei Saxby** - June 10, 2024 at 01:19 PM