



## Dale Martin Ashmun

March 17, 1952 - April 24, 2025

Dale Martin Ashmun, 73, of Glenwood Arkansas passed away from complications of open-heart surgery.

He was born on March 17, 1952, to Van S and Lyra Jeanette Ashmun and stepmother Rita Camp Ashmun in Lincoln Nebraska.

Dale graduated from Southeast High School and the University of Nebraska with a master's in education with Honors.

Local Lincolniters may remember him as "The Guru Rooty-Tute Kazooie". Dale had many interesting jobs and enjoyed extensive traveling. After an early stint as a disk jockey in Los Vegas, Dale moved to New York City for almost 10 years. He worked at Katherine's, The Club 54, and the CBGB's in its heyday and later as a Talent Scout for A&M Records and later he moved to New Orleans for over 10 years, and all across the southern states, including the Caribbean, working as a professional Poker Dealer. After Hurricane Katrina flooded his home in Louisiana, Dale ended up living in Glenwood Arkansas. He was predeceased by his parents and one brother, Tod Ashmun.

Dale leaves behind his son Christopher Bang; brothers Jay Ashmun of Lincoln Nebraska; Ray Ashmun of Portland Oregon.

# Tribute Wall

VW

“ I was told I had to meet Dale well before we did so in New Orleans; friends predicted a great meeting of minds. We ultimately became friendly just months before he moved Arkansas, and conducted a long distance friendship for years. He often stayed at his old home in New Orleans, and later Dale would stay with my son & I every October. That was when we would do the photos for our famous Xmas card, and Dale would do ANYTHING I asked: wear a toga to pose as Jesus, dress as a Santa on a bender, cross dress with a guitar, play the role of a hick, a victim of a Martha Stewart type holiday hostess, a beggar, a secret lover. Our nine cards document the fun we had all the time, and anywhere. My father was very fond of Dale and asked Dale to join us on little vacations from time to time, making for memorable beach time and meals. Dale was a true friend, one who counseled me as much as amused me. I am saddened and stunned to hear of his passing. ---Valerie Walker in New Orleans

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**Valerie Walker** - July 26, 2025 at 02:39 PM

NM

“ I knew Dale back in the late 70s. He was the kindest, funniest man I've met. He worked at the first record store and head in Nebraska. He was loved and admired to all he came in touch with. He would help me when I worked at Dirt Cheap Record store part time. All I can say, is Dale was the best human being. You will be missed my dear ☐ friend

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**Nedra Moore** - May 10, 2025 at 01:57 PM

JH

“ *Funny, smart, sarcastic, and a steady friend. We connected after Hurricane Katrina devastated his house. Dale docked on my island in the Virgin Islands on a cruise ship when he was card dealing onboard. We had lunch. He was just great to talk to and crack a joke and share our memories of our friends in Lincoln.*

*I'm so glad I knew him.*

*Jane Higgins,  
St Thomas*

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**Jane Higgins** - May 09, 2025 at 06:29 PM

PS

“ *What a great guy and good friend. Although he could be a little intense it was just Ash ! What a great story teller !*

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**Paul Schupbach** - May 09, 2025 at 01:00 PM

LH

“ *Oh Dale!! He was so dear to me. We met in the late seventies at the Mudd Club. Instant friendship, we stayed in close contact from then on. I will miss the laughter and joy! The most eccentric and delightful human ever. A huge loss. I miss him terribly. He was a total sweetheart. I will send him kisses forever ❤️*

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**Lily Hatchett** - May 09, 2025 at 08:54 AM

SL

“ Dale and I grew up together in Lincoln Nebraska. He was always a "special guy" and a joy to be around. He lived with his parents in a beautiful home and street in Lincoln--I believe it was "Sewell Street." His mother had a very charming Southern accent I can still hear in my head.

*Dale--I will miss you !*

*Scott Liggett*

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**Scott Liggett** - May 09, 2025 at 06:33 AM