



David Alan Stafford

February 20, 1944 - July 4, 2023

David Alan Stafford

Of Minooka, IL passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 after months of failing health. He died peacefully at his home with his wife of 50 years, Lana (nee Zink) by his side.

Dave was born in February 20, 1944, to William and Helen (nee Lamping) Stafford. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Marilyn (Jack) Severson, William (Judy) Stafford and Susan (Ron) Kuykendall.

Dave is survived by his loving wife, Lana (nee Zink); his children, David Scott Stafford of Littleton, CO, Alan Michael Stafford of Aurora, CO and Eric Charles (Dawn) Karr of Channahon, IL; his sisters, Phyllis (Michael) Feeney and Margaret (James) Furto; beloved grandchildren, Myles Stafford, Lucas Stafford, Sofia Stafford and Gilbert Karr, his sister in law Lora Zink, brother in law Frank Zink as well as a host of nieces, nephews and other beloved friends and relatives.

Growing up in Minooka, Dave enjoyed working on farms, especially with his uncle, George Stafford. Dave learned to work hard at many different jobs throughout his life and retired as a local and farm truck driver. However, he never lost his interest and love of farms and gardening, as was evident from the gardens he planted each year in alleys, garden patches and wherever else he could plant a vegetable.

Dave and Lana married and blended their family of three sons. They shared times of quiet and times with others such as gourmet dinner clubs and road

trips. Dave was happy for and proud of his sons, he bragged about their successes and worried about their troubles.

Family and friends were the essence of Dave's life. Although he enjoyed and excelled at his woodworking hobby, fishing in waters near and far and extolling the details of the best foods he ever ate, it was family that was the essence of his life. Dave's stories, somewhat embellished as he grew older, he entertained and endeared himself to his family and friends alike. Whether sitting outside on his back patio, walking the neighborhood or meeting his friends at least once a day for coffee, he left a permanent mark on their hearts and smiles on the faces of those who knew him.

This caring, funny and gently-gruff man will be missed greatly by those who have known him their whole lifetime as well as those he met along the way. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 9:00 AM until Service begins at 11:00 AM at Channahon United Methodist Church located at 24751 W. Eames (Rt 6), Channahon. Pastor Eunbae Doh officiating. In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials may be directed to the Channahon United Methodist Church.

Arrangements entrusted to The Maple Funeral Home. For information please phone 815. 467-1234 or visit www.themaplefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Channahon United Methodist Church
24751 W Eames St
Channahon, IL 60410-8704
(815) 467-5275

Funeral Service Will Begin at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Debra C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Alan Stafford.

Debra C. - August 05, 2023 at 03:55 PM

FC

“ From Lia, Erik, Simone, Luc, and Carl purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Alan Stafford.



From Lia, Erik, Simone, Luc, and Carl - July 18, 2023 at 10:25 PM

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“ From Lia, Erik, Simone, Luc, and Carl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Alan Stafford.

From Lia, Erik, Simone, Luc, and Carl - July 18, 2023 at 10:25 PM

TH

“ Dave had such a great sense of dry humor and I loved that in him. Sometimes you would have to think for a second or two before you got his joke. He was one of the best friends I ever had and I will miss him for the rest of my life.

Tom Harrington - July 06, 2023 at 12:39 PM

JC

“ I always enjoyed talking to Dave. He was honest and funny. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Dave is lucky. Dave is one of those guys who will be missed often by so many. Rest in Peace my friend.

Jane Carhart - July 05, 2023 at 09:27 PM

CD

“ So sorry for your loss ...Dave was such a good person.

Cindy Todd Davis - July 05, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of David's passing...such a great guy! Our prayers are with his family and friends during such a difficult time.

Carol Cissell - July 05, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Alan Stafford.



July 05, 2023 at 06:45 PM

JR

“ Dave will surely be missed by all who knew him. He was always there to lend a helping hand no matter what the chore. I feel so badly for all of his family and friends. Lana, I will keep you all in my prayers.

Janet Robb

Janet Robb - July 05, 2023 at 05:15 PM

RT

“ *Love from my heart to yours, dear Lana. So very sorry.*

Rebecca Taylor - July 05, 2023 at 04:50 PM

SF

“ *You and your family are in our hearts and in our prayers. He will be so very missed. Love you, Lana.*

Sandy and Tom Fenn - July 05, 2023 at 04:44 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Breen lit a candle in memory of David Stafford*



Vickie Breen - July 05, 2023 at 03:20 PM