

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



A LIFE REMEMBERED



DAVID LEE WILLIAMS

MARCH 10, 1943

JUNE 5, 2024



David Lee Williams

David (Dave) Lee Williams of Sedalia, MO, passed away on June 5, 2024. Dave was born on March 10, 1943, in Elkhart, IN, the son of Richard and Rubye (Stump) Williams, who both preceded him in death. He is the eldest of three children born to Richard and Rubye: his brother Richard Paul Williams of Granger, IN, who survives, and Sue Ellen (Wiser) Williams of Lexington, KY, who passed away on March 10, 1998, were his younger siblings. Dave was a son, a brother, a husband, a soldier, a father, a step-grandfather, a friend, and a devoted Christian.

Dave graduated from Goshen High School in 1961, where he participated in football, basketball, and track. His favorite “subject” was shop class, and all his life, he enjoyed mechanics, building cars, and tinkering in the garage. After high school, Dave joined the United States Air Force and served his country honorably from 1961 to 1965. His active duty service stationed him at both Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster and Anderson Air Force Base in Guam. While stationed at Whiteman, he met his first wife, Linda (Callis), and married her on December 26, 1965, in Sedalia, MO. From that union, two sons, Darren Lee Williams (Gastonia, NC) and Chad Alan Williams (Kansas City, MO), were born.

In August 1992, Dave married his second wife, Joyce Kathleen Smith, and he was married to her until her death on August 29, 2019. From that marriage, Dave had three stepchildren: Debbie Stotlemeyer (Upham), who preceded him in death, Michael Stotlemeyer (Chillicothe, OH), and Gary Smith (St. Peters, MO). Additionally, Dave is survived by one daughter-in-law, Heather (Rowell) Williams (Gastonia, NC), three nephews, one niece, and seven step-grandchildren.

Over 40+ years, Dave worked at Mike O’Conner Chevrolet, Olin Conductors/Alcan Cable, Parkhurst Mfg., Ditzfeld Transfer, and Caterpillar. His lifelong love affair with cars was most evident by his being a 48 year and charter member of the West Central Missouri Vintage Auto Club and by owning over 45 cars, including a 1966 Impala Super Sport 427, a custom-built 1929 Model A Ford, a 1955 F-100 Ford Pickup, and two different corvettes. He also enjoyed building 14 Chevrolet high-performance engines in his later years. In addition to cars, his other passions and joys were derived from his family at First Methodist Church, fishing, golfing, line-dancing, the Moose Lodge, playing cards, and traveling.

One of the greatest things in his last four years has been the companionship and love of Kathy Baker. She reignited his zeal for life, and the last four years of his life have been a joy-filled adventure full of laughter, travel, dancing, swimming, new adventures, and love.

Funeral Service

11 a.m.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Celebration Center, Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Candace Fowler

Special Music

“Help Is On The Way”

“Why Me”

“For Good” - Video Tribute

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone” - Solo by Pastor
Candace Fowler

Interment

12:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13, 2024

Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Higginsville, MO

Military Honors

United States Airforce, VFW Post #2591, Patriot Guard

Pallbearers

Gaylon Alfrey, Charles (Bill) Chevalier,
Keith Daleen, Mike Green, Mike Hart, Floyd Hatfield

Honorary Bearers

Phil Brown, Bob Hiller, Mike McDermott, Charles Roberts