



David Lee Erickson

November 15, 1952 - December 27, 2019

David Lee Erickson, age 67, of Huntington, was taken home by God on Friday, December 27, 2019 via congestive heart failure.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County. A remembrance dinner will immediately follow at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at American Legion Post #85 in Huntington – all are welcome.

David was born on November 15, 1952 in Huntington, the son of Robert W. Erickson and Shirley Jean (Beady) Sills. He worked as a truck driver for 20 years and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post #7 in Huntington. He enjoyed auto racing, motorcycles, and coffee with friends and family. He was quick with good humor to make anyone smile, never afraid to laugh out loud, and he never met a stranger. He entertained many while participating in demo derbies at fairgrounds, drag races on his Harley “the Salamonie Rat,” and sprint car races at the dirt track. Many of his friends knew him as “Lief.” Often out and about, you would rarely catch him home, but if you did, he would offer you a cup of coffee or a snack.

He is survived by his mother, Shirley Jean Sills of Huntington, his father and stepmother, Robert and Eleanor Erickson of South Whitley, a son, Cory A. (Jennifer) Erickson of Huntington, and a daughter, Deanna L. Erickson of

Indianapolis. Also surviving are brothers Mark (Tiffany) Erickson of Warren and Bobby Erickson of Fort Wayne, sisters Amber (James) Butts of Markle, Cynthia (Dallas) Teusch of Huntington, Sandra Erickson of Huntington, Brenda Erickson of Columbia City, and Corinna (Rob) Weichman of Arizona, five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and many other loved ones. He joins his grandparents and granddaughter Riley in Heaven.

Cemetery Details

Lancaster Cemetery

5559 S. 300 W.
Huntington, IN 46750

Previous Events

Service

JAN 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JAN 8. 1:30 PM (ET)

American Legion Post #85
1410 S. Jefferson St.
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall

DE

“ 5 years since you passed and I can still hear your laugh. Not a day goes by without some happy memory. Every time I hear “Twas the Night Before Christmas”, I hear it in your voice, you read it to me so many times. Thank you for getting sober and helping me get sober. I know you helped a lot of people with this disease. I am grateful for the opportunity to follow your path and I hope to keep helping others achieve sobriety.

Deanna Erickson - December 26, 2024 at 09:32 PM

DE

“ It's been almost 3 years since I've had a cigarette. I know my dad would be proud :-) Now I'm working on cutting down on the sugar!

Deanna - December 03, 2023 at 05:40 AM

DE

“ My dad's birthday was in November, so I have been thinking of him a lot this month. I got some pecan pie for thanksgiving, I know he really liked it. I am glad this wall is here, I enjoy seeing the memories people have posted.

Deanna Erickson - November 28, 2021 at 03:30 PM

JM

“ To Dave's family, you have my sympathy. Worked with Dave a short time at Huntington Sheet Metal about 10 years ago.

John Myers

John Myers - January 06, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Lee Erickson.*



January 06, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Deanna Erickson - January 05, 2020 at 03:28 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Deanna Erickson - January 05, 2020 at 03:27 AM

SF

“ Dave came by the house late last fall, still nice weather so we sat outside, had coffee and donuts. Dave preferred the maple iced one, I had the chocolate. He went with me to Lowes in Bluffton to get metal roofing for my cabin. He helped me carry one pc about 10 feet but then had to lean on the fence post with his head down for a few minutes. I had worried about him ever since he called me out at the Markle Dairy Queen about 3 1/2 years ago but I didn't know he was in that much trouble until the last visit.

At the Dairy Queen he said "aren't you Steve Fisher?" I didn't know him so I said "never heard of him" Found out this is the guy my brother Carl had talked about back in the 1980's sprint car racing, Also Duane Beady's nephew, had been at Bunker Hill that day 52 years ago, 12 years old. it still bothered me. but talking to Dave made it better. We bonded right away. His memories and stories became my memories, he took me with him back to the racers, racetracks, car owners and builders., many I knew only Dave was there a generation after me. He even went racing with Art Terloski. My goodness I raced Art in the 60's at South Anthony. It was like having one of my brothers back. Dave took this old hard of hearing, losing eyesight, living a nothing life in Markle Indiana way back with him. What a joy. He often talked about his family, Norma, Cory and Deanna, his mom. The last visit he didn't talk about the next flea market or getting the bike back on the track. The future plans had kinda faded away. I send condolences to the family along with sharing their grief. I knew him 3 1/2 years, felt like I had known him all my life. I already terribly miss him. Steve

Steve Fisher - January 04, 2020 at 07:25 PM

VS

I'm just reading this and in shock. I went to Horace Mann with Dave. He was a year younger than me but had a smile you never forgot. He was funny...nice...popular and such a good looking guy. I'm so sad to read this. He truly is someone I knew growing up and can say he was a friend of mine. His dad was my supervisor in a local factory. A great family.

Vicki (Earhart) Smith - January 05, 2020 at 11:16 PM

DE

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Dessie Erickson - January 04, 2020 at 11:55 AM

LD

“ Love, Sharon Eckard, Lynn Scott, and Daryl Davis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Lee Erickson.



Love, Sharon Eckard, Lynn Scott, and Daryl Davis - January 03, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deanna Erickson - January 02, 2020 at 01:38 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deanna Erickson - January 02, 2020 at 12:06 AM



“ Dave's last race is done but he took the checkered flag many, many laps, too soon. I will miss his stories and his company.

Steve Fisher - January 01, 2020 at 10:48 AM



I do not know who this is, but I am very very sorry for your loss. With you through prayers.

Shaun - January 02, 2020 at 01:28 AM



“ I've uploaded a video.



Deanna Erickson - January 01, 2020 at 04:42 AM



“ Grandpa Bob to the left, Cory, Norma, David, Deanna with Apollo (Petersen) on the way. Not quite a 4 generations pic, but still one of my favorites.



Deanna Erickson - December 29, 2019 at 08:08 PM