



## Mr. David R. Riggs

August 10, 1948 - May 1, 2015

David R Riggs, age 66, died from natural causes at his home in Lynchburg, Tennessee.

Dave was born on August 10, 1948 in Danville, Illinois, to Asa Kendall Riggs and Helen Pauline (Ramsey) Riggs. Dave grew up on a farm, learning to work hard at an early age. He graduated from North Vermillion High School and then moved to Lafayette, Indiana, to attend Purdue University. Dave remained in Lafayette for most of his adult life, making many friends from all walks of life. He worked as a building contractor for Smith Enterprises and as a self-employed contractor. In 1975 he married his former wife Pat Dye and raised two daughters.

In 2006 Dave moved to Lynchburg, Tennessee. He loved his hilltop home and kept busy in the woodworking shop that he recently built. He quickly established a new circle of friends, enjoying breakfast almost daily with several of them at the Iron Kettle Restaurant. His only complaint was that he could not get a good steak in Tennessee, so he made a ritual of going to TC's in Battle Ground to enjoy a filet mignon every time he returned to Indiana.

Dave will be remembered for his independent and generous spirit; he was always ready to lend a helping hand. He was friendly to everyone and never knew a stranger. He also had lightning-quick wit, and a snore that will echo

through the ages!

Dave is survived by his brother Thomas Riggs (wife Doris); his two daughters, Shannon Burdick, of Annapolis, Maryland, and Blair Riggs, of West Lafayette, Indiana; and three grandchildren, Sophia, Julien and Arek.

Dave loved his Hungarian Vizsla dogs, so please make any memorial donations to Vizsla Rescue (see: <https://donate.rescueme.org/vizsla>) or your favorite animal shelter.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th at 2:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 333 Meridian Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906. No local services are scheduled.

Online condolences may be made at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com)  
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“ *Mr. David R. Riggs*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Tom in the loss of his brother and to David's children and grandchildren for the loss of their father and grandfather. Be comforted by the fact that David in his last years was very happy in his new home in TN, enjoying his hobbies.*

*With heartfelt wishes that you remember the good times. Sandy Wills (Tom's sister-in-law)*



sandy wills - May 06, 2015 at 03:29 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Dave's passing. We had become friends over the last couple of years, I worked at his house and shop for his propane gas needs and lawn mower service.*

*He was a really likeable guy. I will miss his visits and him as a person. Charlie Bratten*

Charlie Bratten - May 04, 2015 at 05:52 PM



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Nancy Wait - May 04, 2015 at 01:08 PM

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“ David was like a brother to me when we were in school and a good friend of my brother, Alan Wait. We all went on vacations and had great times. I was blessed to have David as a friend over the last 3 years. We had good times talking about his girls and his new building. He will be greatly missed.



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**Nancy Wait** - May 04, 2015 at 01:06 PM

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“ Where do I start...after 40 years of friendship? It's not often you meet someone and have an instant bond. The stories are countless so it's difficult to single out just one, but I'll try. The one that was a mark of your cleverness...You asked me to BBQ a slew of ribs you had picked up for a party on 800 North. I got there about 9:30 and started mixing sauce and the fire. You had laid out a rack the night before and it had gone bad...started to stink and I told you I wasn't going to use it for fear of making someone sick. You told me to cook it anyway , off to the side by itself.

People started arriving and Dick Little claimed a seat nearest the grill so he could 'watch me' cook.after about 3 beers the plan was set to happen. The ribs were close to done so I cut a bone off and gave it to Dick to try. he said they were done, keep in mind Dick would have and could have eaten it raw... Dick had a voracious appetite, Dave gave me a nod and I took a slab off, dangled it from a fork and announced'Dinner was Served", then threw the slab on the ground for Mindy, Dave's weimaraner. Dick jumped up out of his chair and was ready to tackle the dog. Dave and I busted out laughing and Dick thought we had both lost our minds..... There is another story involving a 1/4 stick of dynamite ,but, because the statute hasn't expired, I'll keep that one to myself....along with all the memories you and I shared. I miss you Uncle Dave, and even though in the past couple of years we didn't see each other very often, we spoke regularly. Knowing I won't see you again is difficult but knowing we'll never talk again is troubling....but then I DO have all these memories. Thanks for all the fun Uncle Dave. God Bless.  
Paul

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Paul Di Fabio - May 04, 2015 at 06:00 AM

EY

*Dave has been my good friend since we were in grade school. We reconnected when his mother, Helen, passed away. I greatly enjoyed the time we spent together and the conversations we had...lots of reminiscing about our younger days. Especially the trip Dave, Alan Wait and I took to California in 1967 and a few other adventures best left untold. Dave sent me a photo from that trip when we were at Disneyland. We had talked about my wife and I traveling to Tennessee for a visit this summer. Dave came in January for my Mother's funeral. I really appreciated that. Dave was a great man and the best friend you could ever have. I'm going to miss the surprise text messages. I'll see you again friend.*

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**Ed York** - May 04, 2015 at 07:21 PM

SW

*I did not know Dave for a long, but I knew he was a special person. He helped me with some work at my home. We also went to Indiana to see his favorite covered bridge and had dinner at a beautiful historic hotel in French Lick. He loved history and architecture. He had a great appreciation for nature and animals. He loved his dogs. I do hope they have a good home now. This man was so special in many ways. I will treasure the time I spent with Dave he was a unique person I will miss him.*

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**Sue wood** - May 25, 2015 at 09:34 PM