



Dave Etnier

April 24, 1946 - March 22, 2025

David William Etnier, born on April 24, 1946 in Sheffield, Iowa, was sent to his eternal home on March 22, 2025. Dave was the beloved husband to Estella (O'Connell) and son of Leonard and Stacia Etnier.

Dave had a way of making a friend of any stranger. His sense of humor made frowns turn into smiles. Aside from his humor, Dave taught his sons what his father taught him.....be honest and work hard. Dave worked in engine sales at Caterpillar until retirement, making a side step with the U.S. Army. After retiring, he founded Central Illinois Business Brokers, where he specialized in marketing businesses. He also collected more vehicles than any other person could imagine.

Dave is survived by his wife, Stella; two sons, David Jr. and Todd (Rebekah); grandchildren, Ashlei, Shyann, Skye, Cam, CJ, and Collins; great grandchildren, Aleia, Audrey, and Korben; brothers, Ed (Betty), Roger (Marcia); sister, Nancy; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Larry.

Dave's family has arranged a celebration of life gathering from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at the Pekin Moose Lodge #916, 2605 Broadway Street, Pekin, IL 61554.

Memorials may be made to a charity of donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ My deepest condolences 🌸 In Julie Grant-Barrow

Julie Grant-Barrow - April 07, 2025 at 02:14 PM

DB

“ College buddies. Dave and I came to Peoria from College and freshly hired by Caterpillar. Thought we were on top of the world with our \$119.00 weekly salary. Boy did we and three roommates have fun doing things that boys shouldn't do. We soon joined the Peoria weekend activity of cruising Main Street from Steak and Shake on top of the hill to the Steak and Shake in the south. Dave had a 63 corvette convertible and one Saturday night two girls, Barb and Estella, pulled up beside us at Main and Perry. A few months later they became our wives. Rest in peace Dave and keep the lights on for us. Be seeing you Dow the road.

Dale Bull - March 31, 2025 at 12:30 PM

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Shyann Etnier - March 30, 2025 at 12:13 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for David William Etnier - March 30, 2025 at 10:29 AM