



## David James Salrin

October 15, 1942 - May 29, 2025

David James Salrin, 82, of Peoria, passed away on May 29, 2025, at Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

He was born on October 15, 1942, in Minnesota to James and Donna Salrin. He married Suzanne Short on August 16, 1985, at their home in Laura, IL. She survives, along with their daughter, Ellie Salrin of Los Angeles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Donna, his sister, Barb Johnston, and brothers-in-law Dave Johnston, Mike McSimov, and Harold Fuson.

He is survived by his sisters, Judy Fuson, Kathy (Phil) Borland, and Bonnie McSimov, and their families, sisters-in-law, Julie (Randy) Henderson and Karen (Bret) Johnson, and brother-in-law, Chris (Susan) Short, and their families. Dave was also greatly admired by his mother-in-law, Nancy Burdess.

Dave graduated from Limestone High School in 1960. He then worked with his father at Salrin Excavating. In 1964, he joined the U.S. Navy. His first

assignment was in Key West, FL, where he attended torpedo school. He was then stationed in Mayport, FL, serving as a Gunner's Mate Missileman (GMM3) aboard the U.S.S. Charles R. Ware.

His deployments included cruises to the Mediterranean, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Guantanamo Bay, and he passed through the Panama Canal on his way to Vietnam in February 1967. Dave was honorably discharged in October 1967. He went on to work at United States Cold Storage for 33 years, serving as Chief Engineer until his retirement in 2000.

Dave's hobbies and passions included fishing and mushroom hunting with his daughter, trap shooting, attending the Indy 500 and Daytona 500, and deer hunting in Pope County for 50 years. He also dedicated many hours to volunteering - working alongside his aunt, Alice Salrin, to clean up the pet cemetery in Springdale, assisting with local running events alongside his wife, and preparing meals in support of motorcyclists participating in the St. Jude Rides.

Dave and Sue lived nearly 30 years at their home in Dunlap, IL, where family and friends often gathered to enjoy the yard and pool that Dave cared for with precision... and, of course, to eat his famous fried fish! He leaves behind him a legacy of love and many cherished memories.

A special thank you to Dave's friends - Bill Ludolph, Bill Hurst, Rick Wieland, Joe Mullineaux, and Art Lindsey - who called, visited, and did their best to continue being a part of his life.

Sue and Ellie invite family and friends to a celebration of Dave's life on Sunday, June 22, from 4-6 p.m. at the American Legion, 4501 S Airport Road, Bartonville with military honors being rendered at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served. There will be a private graveside service at a later date at Dickison Cemetery in Dunlap, officiated by Dave's wife and daughter.

Memorials may be made in Dave's name to St. Jude Rides, 4722 N Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61614, or to the Bartonville American Legion.

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ Dave was such a nice and kind person. You will be missed. Denny and Gloria Beam

Gloria and Denny Beam - June 22, 2025 at 10:11 AM

JU

“ Dave was more than just a neighbor. Along with Steve we cut trees and cleared land and played at being lumbermen taking down the dead ash trees from Dave's property. What a great time we had working, and while we rested, we laughed, swapped stories, and became better friends. We made chain saws sing and the tractor groan, but we had great times doing it. Jerry Ulrich

Jerry Ulrich - June 20, 2025 at 03:21 PM

RW

“ Dave wasn't an uncle by blood, but WAS an uncle. I always looked forward to seeing Dave and uncle Larry growing up. That never changed when Larry passed away, as I thought of Dave as an uncle but more than that a best friend. I will miss him, but memories of fishing and hanging out with Dave will last forever.

Randy WIELAND - June 18, 2025 at 11:17 AM

JM

“ Sue and Ellie,\nOur deepest sympathy goes out to you. When we would see Dave he always had a smile and we would have a pleasant conversation. A very nice guy indeed.

Jim and Pam McIntyre - June 16, 2025 at 05:45 PM

JG

“ Sue and Ellie , \nOur deepest sympathies during this difficult time. Our hearts were broken for your family when we read about Dave's passing . That's a big hole to fill in your hearts . Such a great partner, dad and friend. Prayers being sent .

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**JoAn, Mike and Raigan Grane** - June 16, 2025 at 08:43 AM

JH

“ Sue and family: my profound regrets that I cannot attend, Dave brought smiles to everyone, he was a just and righteous man, God bless Dave!

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**James Hagler** - June 14, 2025 at 07:14 PM

JT

“ Sue, Ellie & family - thinking of you in this time of deep sadness. We do share some fun memories with our involvement in the Steamboat Classic and many years of the IVS Kids Running Series! \nR I P Dave - Bill and I really enjoyed knowing you and sharing some good times

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**Judy & Bill Tolliver** - June 13, 2025 at 04:32 PM

TT

“ I would like to Salute Dave for his service to our Country. He will be sorely Missed! I got to Know Dave and His Wife Sue who Helped with the Brimfield Old Settlers Race for 26 Years as a race volunteer. The race helped raise funds for those in need in the Brimfield Illinois Area for many years We salute Dave for his service in the Military for Our Country!\nTim Tucker

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**Tim Tucker** - June 12, 2025 at 07:53 PM

KJ

“ For many years, I have told many people that Dave is the kindest person I have ever known. He always had a smile and a beer for you when you walked into his home! He will be missed tremendously by so many.

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**Karen Johnson** - June 11, 2025 at 11:13 PM

LL

“ I was fortunate to have befriended Dave after losing my dad, who was one of his friends. Little did I know as a young man that I would have a confidant and fatherly figure for over 30 years when I needed him most. Dave was my friend and a fellow outdoorsman. We enjoyed time together and I knew if I needed him he would always be there for me. Our kids knew him as Uncle Dave and he generously supported them. I will cherish the memories I have of Dave and the friendship we had. Love to you Sue and Ellie. Bill, Lura, Will and Liam Ludolph

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**Lura ludolpj** - June 11, 2025 at 07:55 PM

TB

“ Sue, My deepest condolences. God bless you and your family during this difficult time. Looking forward to seeing you soon.  
Sincerely, Tiffany

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**Tiffany Barnard** - June 11, 2025 at 06:24 PM

JH

“ I will always remember walking into Dave's big Morton Building when he was having one of his famous fish fry's \nHe would say with a smile, "How's Julie doing?" Never had an unkind work to say about anyone. Love you and will miss you.

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**Julie Henderson** - June 11, 2025 at 05:53 PM

AS

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

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for David James Salrin - June 11, 2025 at 09:14 AM**