



David Otto Kayser

July 13, 1932 - August 18, 2020

Dateline: Alton

David Otto Kayser was born in Edwardsville, Illinois on July 13, 1932. He died at age 88 on August 18, 2020 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital with family at his side.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he served 6 years active duty from 1949 to 1955, including 4 years on the USS Bayfield as a boiler operator-mechanic. He continued that trade more than 35 years at McDonnell Douglas and Boeing aircraft companies in St. Louis. He was handy, humorous and sometimes inventive and creative. Since childhood he read fiction profusely—thousands of books. His notable traits of frugality and perseverance cannot be overemphasized.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Otto Henry Kayser and Wilma (McMichael) Kayser Toll, and his sister, Mrs. Doris (Kayser) Parcel. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Annie Mae Kayser. He is also survived by a son, 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

A private family memorial service will occur at a later date. Memorials may be made to an organization of your choice. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of cremation arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ Dave used to come into Stull's Body Shop at the time when I worked there. He was a great guy, very mild mannered and humorous. We at one time talked about building a hang glider together, but never got around to doing it. I last saw him about a year ago and he was as nice as ever. He will be missed. Danny Griffin

Danny Griffin - August 26, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Dave was a great friend and we enjoyed some fun times over the years, hunting trips to Colorado, cycling around the area, and playing golf. He was always a pleasure to be with, he had a great sense of humor! I always admired his mechanical skills, he knew his way around a VW! It was my honor to know him and his great family. He will be missed.
Bill Rodgers

Bill Rodgers - August 25, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Kayser family.
Jon and I are so saddened to read about David
We spent many hours with him after he and Jon got off work.... playing pool , telling stories and of course drinking a few beers. His laugh and sense of humor will never be forgotten.... he was a true gem ...
Rest In Peace dear cousin and friend we loved you deeply
Jon and Linda Schmoeller

Linda Schmoeller - August 22, 2020 at 09:42 AM