



David Lynn Ennis

June 12, 1947 - June 23, 2022

David Lynn Ennis passed away on June 23, 2022 at St. Anthony's Healthcare Center in Alton. He was born north of Virden, IL to William R. and Harriet (Lowery) Ennis. At the age of eight, following the death of his mother, Lynn was raised in Virden by his aunt and uncle, Robert and Mary Louise Lowery. From the age of 16, he lived with his father in Roxana, IL. Lynn graduated Roxana High School in 1965 and graduated from SIUE with a master's degree in education. He taught high school English at Roxana High School for 31 years where he also directed all plays and musicals, his favorite being "Annie", which he saw at numerous theaters, both in the U.S. and London. In 1975, Lynn met his best friend and life companion, Irwin Ballard. Together, they traveled summers, weekends and holidays to Europe and beyond. Lynn enjoyed organizing groups of students, fellow teachers and other friends to join their many travels. Following retirement, he enjoyed catering with his good friend, Chef Bob Brown, and for a short time, Lynn and Irwin operated Memories Café and Toy Museum in Wood River.

In 2007, Lynn became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was Ward Mission Leader, fully dedicated in guiding young missionaries in their journey of spreading the Gospel. Lynn never met a stranger and was loved by countless friends.

Lynn is survived by cousins, Ron (Karin) Lowery of Gillespie, IL and Mark (Karen) Lowery of Ft. Worth, TX and by Irwin and his family who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Kathy, and two brothers, Larry and Greg.

Visitation will be held from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, July 1, 2022 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6500 Humbert Rd., Godfrey, where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2022. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Tree House Wildlife Center in Dow, IL or the 5A's Animal Shelter in Alton, IL. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Avenue
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
6500 Humbert Road
Godfrey, IL

Funeral

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Lynn Ennis*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *David Lynn Ennis*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Lynn loved being with his students. He was so caring. Bless him, he took a group to Europe and watched over them like a mother hen. When we saw him at events he was catering he always asked how our daughter and her friends were doing. What a genteel soul. He is truly missed.*

Cheryl Maguire - July 08, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Lynn Ennis.*



June 30, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ *I really liked him he was a great teacher he will be missed*

Kim rogers - June 28, 2022 at 08:04 PM

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“ Hello, my name is Alison (Brown) Maguire. Mr. Ennis was one of my all time favorite teachers at Roxana! I was involved in all of the plays and musicals during my Jr. High and Sr. High years, so I got to know Mr. Ennis and Ms. Goode very well. Those were some of the happiest times of my life. I was fortunate enough to get to travel to England with Mr. Ennis and the theater group when I was 17 and let me tell you, that was an experience I'll forever be grateful for! We celebrated his birthday while we were there and saw many plays and musicals. My aunt taught English at Roxana and was a friend of his, which was really cool because when I got married, my aunt Lydia Martin recruited Mr. Ennis to help decorate the Wood River Moose for my wedding reception!! I am so sorry to hear about his passing since he was always so full of life. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.



Alison Maguire - June 28, 2022 at 07:58 PM