



David LaMarr Gammaitoni

July 3, 1942 - June 8, 2023

David LaMarr Gammaitoni, 80, passed away at home holding his beloved wife's hand at 12:58 am on Thursday, June 8, 2023, after a courageous battle against Dementia, Atypical Parkinson's, congestive heart failure, and polymyalgia rheumatica.

Also known as Dave, he was born July 3, 1942, in Alton to the late Sarafino Gammaitoni and Alma "Wink" Forbes Auston. Raised in Grafton, he graduated from Jerseyville High School and enlisted in the US Air Force, serving from November 1961 to November 1965 with a specialization in Pneudraulics.

After finishing his service, David returned to the area and married the former Carolyn Heckman, who proceeded him in death in 1993. In 1997, David married the former Mary (Maher) Clouse, and she survives.

A jack-of-all-trades and master of most of them, David could fix almost anything. Throughout his career, David worked for a variety of companies, including Canteen, Colonial Bread, and SuperValu in several maintenance positions, specializing in HVAC and ammonia cooling systems. After retiring in October 2007, he enjoyed working on projects around their home and for others, especially lending his vast knowledge in air-conditioning, which was invaluable during the sweltering summer months.

For the last few years, David enjoyed participating in the Rock Steady Boxing program at Senior Services Plus (SSP) for individuals battling various forms of Parkinson's.

In addition to his wife, David is survived by his children and stepchildren: Dana Gammaitoni of Alton, Chris Gammaitoni (Nyssa) of Godfrey, Candi Clouse-Guccione (Tom) of Alton, & Aaron Clouse of Springfield, IL.

Additional survivors include his grandchildren Danielle Togtokhsuren (Tsend), Katelin Esarey, Lizzie Bartels, Crysta Ridenour, and Victoria, Aiden, Jonathan & Maria Gammaitoni, along with his great-grandson Nolan Togtokhsuren. He is also survived by his younger sister Jan (Doug) Welch of Norwich, CT, sister-in-law Karen Auston of Alton, IL, and sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ruth & Bill Albrecht of Godfrey, along with many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

In addition to his parents and first wife, David was preceded in death his older sister and brother-in-law Charlene and Bill Aery and younger brother Jeffrey Auston.

David's family would like to extend special thanks to the various members of their BJC Home Hospice team, especially Tina, Melissa, and Michelle. Additionally, they would like to thank their friends and family for providing support and care throughout the last few months, especially to Candi, Nyssa, Ruth, and Julie. They would also like to thank their neighbors, Eric and Kristy, CJ and Rita, & Brad and Allison.

Gent Funeral Home is serving the family. Visitation is on Sunday, June 11, 2023, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The funeral service is at 11:00 am on Monday, June 12, 2023. A private burial will be held for family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in David's name to the Rock

Steady Boxing Program at SSP at 2603 N Rodgers Ave in Alton. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ So sorry to see that Dave had passed. Mary and family, yiu are in my thoughts and prayers. Always enjoyed seeing Dave at the Pharmacy at Kmart and then at WellCreek. He was always kind and had a great smile. Bruce

Bruce D Brueggemann - June 12, 2023 at 11:09 AM

BD

“ Dave was the kind of guy you'd want to have as your neighbor, so we've been blessed, since moving in next door, to have him as our neighbor. We knew him to be kind & gentle, light-hearted, and wise. It was hard for him when he wasn't able to physically do things because he was a man of action. He was a handy guy to have around and was easy to get along with. He will be missed. - The Donohos

Brad Donoho - June 11, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ I have fond memories of Dave. My parents were good friends with Dave when I was a child. He was always very kind to me. He was a smart man. It seemed he knew something about everything. I'm sure he will be missed. My condolences to Dana, Chris and the rest of the family. --Bryan Ready

Bryan Ready - June 10, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David LaMarr Gammaitoni.*



June 10, 2023 at 06:41 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of David LaMarr Gammaitoni.*



June 09, 2023 at 02:23 PM