



David E. Stolzenburg

November 14, 1944 - May 21, 2020

David Everett Stolzenburg was born to Everett F. Stolzenburg and Ferne E. (Trapp) Stolzenburg on November 14, 1944 at Geneva, Nebraska. He passed away from complications due to the Corona Virus on May 21, 2020 at St. Elizabeth Regional Health Center in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 7 days. He was one of 3 children born in the family.

David was a lifelong member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Shickley, Nebraska receiving his baptism and confirmation in the Church. He graduated from Shickley Public School with the class of 1963. After high school, he attended Nebraska Wesleyan University graduating in 1967 with a teaching degree. He taught high school science class for 42 years. Outside of teaching he farmed the family farm and operated heavy equipment in the township he and Gayle lived in. Many people remember him for his gun shop, Stolz's Gun Shop, purchasing their first gun from him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Everett & Ferne and brother Dennis Stolzenburg.

He is survived by his wife Gayle (Erickson) of Shickley, Nebraska; sons Sean Stolzenburg and William Stolzenburg; grandchildren Amber Wiebe and husband Kirk, Nate Stolzenburg; great grandchild Shepard Wiebe; sister Dorothy Miller and husband Robert; sister-in-law Barbara Stolzenburg; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

A private family memorial service was held for David on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Shickley, Nebraska. Pastor James Moll officiated the service. Special music was provided by Amber Wiebe with the singing of "Amazing Grace." Inurnment took place in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are suggested to the Fillmore County Hospital Foundation or the Shickley Rescue Squad.

Cemetery

Zlon Lutheran Cemetery

Shickley, NE,

Events

MAY **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Zlon Lutheran Cemetery

Shickley, NE, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - May 22, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ I enjoyed Dave as a neighbor, teacher of our kids, 4-H leader, fellow community foundation member and friend. Enjoyed his sense of humor and his keen wit. He will be missed. Sincere condolences to Gail, Sean ,and Bill. Judy Dondlinger

Judy Dondlinger - May 22, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Stolzenburg was hands down one of our favorite teachers and coach, a true gentleman and inspiration to so many! Dave was one of those leaders that everyone looked up to and respected, he will be missed greatly. Rest in peace my friend.

-Brad Krause, Class of '75 - May 23, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Although we hadn't seen Dave in quite some time, he was in our wedding here at Valentine, and Greg was in he and Gayle's wedding. We have great memories of those events, as well as fraternity events. Please accept our sincere condolences. Greg and Angie Brown

Angela Brown and Greg Brown - May 29, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ He loved his old cars..He was a kind man. So sorry for his loss....I just now saw this.



dean and laura kassik - May 27, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of David E. Stolzenburg



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - May 27, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ Our sympathy to Gayle & the family! Our girls enjoyed having him as coach & teacher at GHS. He influenced many students and always had a smile for everyone.

Dorothy & Harold Moravec - May 26, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ Condolences to this family, as memories of his class bring a smile to me. RIP Mr. Stolzenburg.

Vicki Allgood - May 26, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Mr. S was one of my favorite teachers. I was usually the go to guy to start talking about new guns or hunting when a “pop quiz” was in the near future. He got me into bow hunting and taught me a lot of valuable life lessons. He never had to do any of it but he did because he truly cared. My condolences to the family. He was a great guy that will truly be missed.

Josh Nelson & Family

Josh Nelson - May 26, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - May 26, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of David E. Stolzenburg



Virginia Johnson - May 26, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ Lori and Bob Brooke purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of David E. Stolzenburg.



Lori and Bob Brooke - May 26, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Uncle Dave was always trying to make us laugh in almost any circumstance. He used to entice us kids to get him a beer from the fridge by saying, "Mitchell... how'd you like to stay in my will...?" We'd nod and he'd lean back in his chair with a grin on his face as we went to the fridge.
He also loved telling funny stories, hunting, fishing, teaching, laughing, and just enjoying his time. He will be missed. Love to Gayle, Bill, and Sean.

Mitch Apley - May 26, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Dave Stolzenberg. He was a teacher through and through... always encouraging, ready with the next interesting fact, story, or leading question. He coached the Geneva Wildcats Gbb team to the state tourney in 1978....coaching, teaching, and having fun along the way. Mr. Stolzenberg taught Biology and allowed a few of us to take advanced Biology, an independent class. I am forever thankful for the experience. So many in the class of '78...we went on to become teachers, nurses, doctors, dentists, morticians... a tribute to the influence of talented GHS educators, such as Coach. We were blessed to have his family share him with us in the classroom and during bb seasons. Prayers for peace and comfort for those who knew and loved Coach Stolzenberg. Mary Uldrich Bruhn



Mary Uldrich Bruhn - May 26, 2020 at 01:24 AM



“ Dave was bright, sharp witted and always a hoot to be around. You have lost a treasure and we have lost a good friend. P.R. Farmer

Paul Farmer - May 25, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Dave. He always had a "witty" comment and loved his old cars. He was a great teacher, neighbor, and friend. We enjoyed many fun "get-togethers" when we lived at the "church" house at Turkey Creek. Our condolences go out to Gayle and the family. Love, Ed & Darlene Briscoe

Ed & Darlene Briscoe - May 25, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Gayle, Sean, and Bill so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I have many fond memories while teaching and coaching with Dave at Shickley. After his retirement he was always willing to sub for me and share his knowledge with my classes. I will always cherish our deer hunting trips to the river and friendly conversations in the gun shop. Rest in peace my friend.

Dan Sorge

Dan Sorge - May 25, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ We were saddened to hear of Dave's passing. He was 'teacher' to our three sons and they always spoke well of him.

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to his wife and family.

Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

Larry Eichelberger - May 25, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ To Gayle and family our heartfelt sympathy. Dave was One of the family faculty members at Geneva while I was teaching there. He later became a customers of our fertilizer business in McCool. It didn't mater if the conversation was fertilizer, teaching or gun buying, Dave always had a wit and genius backing his opinion. It occasionally took a cocktail to make a business transaction, and we are blessed we had many opportunities to negotiate. For all of us it has been a good life, but so sad when one of the good ole boys departs our company. Gayle and family, we are saddened by his lost but great full for his friendship, Paul Underwood

paul underwood - May 24, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ I'm sitting here looking at an old pine board inscribed with numerous signatures and the Theta Chi crest. It was affectionately known as the "pledge paddle" and each pledge had one. Pledges had to obtain the signature of each active member and it was customary in those days for the actives to extract a non-monetary "fee" for signing it. Dave's is the last signature from a lengthy list of actives that signed my board. I do remember that Dave exempted me from the "fee" for his signature and because the entire chapter had signed before him, and my behind was weary of paying those fees, it was very much appreciated! I last saw Dave several years ago at the funeral of another Brother in Geneva. I believe the above subject came up in conversation about the good old days. May I extend my deepest sympathies to Daves family!

Tom Parker

Tom Parker - May 24, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ I met Dave our freshman year @ NWU. We became fraternity brothers (brothers is a good term to describe our relationship over the years). With his unique and quick sense of humor he was always fun to be around. He was a good good man, that was a great teacher and mentor to many students. I will miss him a great deal. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Bill Nelson - May 23, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David E. Stolzenburg.



May 23, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David E. Stolzenburg.



May 23, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ While it's been 50 years, I was still very saddened to hear of Dave's passing through Theta Chi connections. He was my fraternity brother and roommate for at least two years at Wesleyan. Always upbeat and funny, it sounds like he positively impacted many people throughout his life. I'm not surprised. My deepest condolences to his family.

Gary Moore

Gary Moore - May 23, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ We have many great memories of times shared with Dave teaching and socializing. Our sympathies to the family.

Dave & Lois Wegner - May 23, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ I'm so sad to hear of Dave's passing. He fought the good fight. I will always remember his attempts to short cut his therapy while at Madonna. Sympathy and prayers to all.

Laurie Reinsch - May 23, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ Mr. Stolzenburg was a 'one of a kind' teacher. Kind, considerate yet with an edge of discipline. Still today just looking at his picture I cannot help but smile. He will ALWAYS stand out as one of my favorite teachers! May you rest in peace... -Nancy (Ward) Hansen



Nancy Hansen - May 23, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ One of my favorite high school teachers. Extra credit questions were usually sports related. So sorry for your loss. Sincerely Steve and Lisa Schweitzer

Steve Schweitzer - May 22, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was such a character to teach with! He brings back memories of fun times for us. Prayers to Gayle and the boys. Bonnie and Jack Sibert

Bonnie Sibert - May 22, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ Gail, Sandy and I send our love and prayers to you and your family. God bless you and keep you in His loving arms now and always. Pastor Richard Hoogerhyde

Rev Richard Hoogerhyde - May 22, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ I absolutely loved teaching next to him. He always could make us laugh as he enjoyed living life to the fullest! He was a wonderful role model when we were raising the boys. He will be greatly missed!

Candi Nelson - May 22, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ So many memories of Dave and your family. He was one of a kind and always ready for a good time. Our sympathy and prayers. Mary Johnson, Michael Johnson , and Michelle Johnson Fredrick

Mary Johnson - May 22, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ I remember sitting in his class as a para and he would be sharing a story and it would be fun to listen to whatever story he told. We would laugh and have a good time. I enjoyed seeing him drive his classic cars around. He will be truly missed!

Jill Shipley - May 22, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Enjoyed Working with Dave at Geneva High School & also took EMT classes with him. Great guy. Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers.



Mike & Lynne Houser - May 22, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ we are sincerely saddened by your loss of your husband and father, our hearts, tears and prayers are with all of you , Keith and Cristy Koch and family

Cristy Koch - May 22, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ Always enjoyed having Dave as a substitute. He was a great guy and will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Gabrielle Schumacher - May 22, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of David E. Stolzenburg



virginia johnson - May 22, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. Stolzenburg. Have a lot of memories of him as the girls basketball coach at Geneva. The McCarthy girls remember him fondly. His family is in our thoughts and prayers.
Roger and Mary (McCarthy) Lundberg

Mary Lundberg - May 22, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Mr. Stolzenburg. He was a great teacher, one of my favorite
He will be missed, but left some everlasting memories

Mark & Satah Reinsch - May 22, 2020 at 03:00 PM