



David Leon Lane

Dec. 12, 1941 - July 12, 2024

David Leon Lane went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, July 12, 2024, with his sons, Scott and Randy by his side.

David was born in Burke County on December 12, 1941. He was predeceased by his parents, Luke and Hester Lane.

Surviving are his sons Randy Lane (Allison) and Scott Lane, both of Morganton, as well as his beloved granddaughter Peyton Riley Lane; sisters Barbara Lane Mills (Jesse) of Gastonia, Edith Lane of Charlotte, niece Jessica Mills Klaus (Tim), and great niece Sarah Elizabeth Brown.

David graduated from Salem High School, after which he joined the US Army. He was employed by the General Electric Corporation plant in Hickory, NC and retired after 30 years' service.

He had a keen interest in classic Mustangs and in Civil War history. David never met a stranger and had a tender, loving heart for his sons, granddaughter and sisters as well as for friends, the elderly and for children. He was an active member of Denton's Chapel Church until health concerns limited his participation.

The family wants to extend special thanks to Samantha Greene for her loving support

and assistance during David's illness; his girlfriend, Karen Rollins, for the faithful, caring help she provided to David these past months; to VIA Health Partners of Burke County; and to all of the members of Denton's Chapel who were faithful to check in and offer support in David's final months.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at Denton's Chapel Church. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. in the church with Rev. Jimmy Queen officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military honors provided by the NC National Guard and the Caldwell County Veteran's Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Denton's Chapel Church, 5358 Denton's Chapel Road, Morganton, NC 28655 or to Via Health Partners, 101 Lenoir Street, Morganton, NC 28655.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Just received the E-mail of David's passing... cares and Prayers for you and your family my friend! Joe &Joan

–Joe and Joan Bingham

My condolences to all of David's family, and especially to my friend Edith. It is easy to see what a special person he was by all the great tributes to him. May his family and friends find peace.

–Mike McGhee



What a wonderful and special cousin David was! I will miss him! I know Aunt Hester, Uncle Lube, Maw Lane, my Mother, and all his family members in Heaven are so happy and rejoicing that David has come home. I love you David, yesterday, today, and forever! Lynette

–Lynette Denton Waters

Remembering David Lane. David was a good son, father, grandfather, brother, friend and neighbor. He was also an Army Veteran who proudly served our country so we could enjoy our lives of freedom. On a hot, sunny afternoon, David was baptized at Camp McCall's fish pond and we all shouted with joy, reminding him to "Keep your mouth shut or you could swallow a tadpole!" For many years David taught an adult Sunday school class at Denton's Chapel on Sunday

mornings. He always came early with a teacher's manual and a high-lighted Bible. The children at church called David "The Candy Man" because he also always had a bag of candy in his pocket to share with anyone as a gesture of love. Many of us remember David as the "Meals on Wheels" person at Denton's Chapel. He often delivered meals to shut-ins during the week or called to check if they

needed anything or a ride to the doctor. Paper plates were a NO-NO as he sweated and washed dishes during our dinners at Denton's Chapel. One of David's joys was hosting the family "get-togethers" at his home during holidays and special occasions. Life here on earth comes to an end, but life in heaven is a never-ending cycle of JOY, LOVE and PEACE. May these thoughts of David remain with each one of us as a comforting spirit during this time and in the future. We will meet again, David. God bless you. Written by Katherine Baker

–Katherine Baker



I am David Lane's niece, Jessica, and I wrote a poem for my Uncle as a gift since I could not visit him during his last days. I was in a car accident on January 16th, 2024, at the beginning of his decline, which left me unable to walk until June. It is now June and I still cannot put weight on my right foot. But I am very thankful to be alive. Below is the poem...
Heaven's Garden
A canopy of mist
sunlight on flowers,
sparkling dew,
I would look down toward David's home
through Grandma's garden, what a view!
A flower garden so pretty
Hester Lane in summer grew,
Geraniums, Black Eyed Susan's,
Azalea bushes, too.
The early morning mist in the garden
so heavenly with the dew,
on flowers laced with droplets of water
like diamonds, shimmering for you.
When I think about Grandma's Garden
up the hill from David's home,
I remember wondering if angels played
between their two homes.
Then on the 12th of July
God called David home,
escorted by Luke and Hester
to his heavenly home.
Up to heaven they rose
over Grandma's garden they flew!

David with Luke & Hester, God's angels escorting them too. I will never forget that view from Grandma's window in July, I remember seeing David walking up past her garden around 7:45, in time to visit Grandma & Grandpa getting his coffee by 8 or 9. I will never forget you David your eyes always sparkled & shined! I am so sorry you had to suffer now in heaven and healthy, you reside. Poem by Jessica Lane Mills in honor of her Uncle David Leon Lane-July 12th, 2024

—Jessica Lane Mills

We offer our sincere condolences to the family for the loss of David.

—Randy and Doreen Caudill

David was one of the finest people I've ever known.. He will be terribly missed by all who knew him. My sincere sympathy to Randy and Scott.

—Bobby Pless



To my dear Uncle David, I am so, so sorry I couldn't be with you these past 6 months. As I write these words I can see & hear you say "It's ok hon! You had to recover and I know you were thinking about me and praying for me and I love you." You had such a kind & gentle soul. You were so loving. You have blessed us in so many ways and been a constant for the entire family. I love you and will miss you dearly. All my love, Jessica

—Jessica Lane Mills



May the Holy Spirit comfort you with Joy, Love and Peace during this time and in the future.



–Katherine Baker



David was a close friend, neighbor, and fellow church member to our family for many years. He was always very

humble and considerate of others. He wanted to lift people up and brighten their day. David loved his family! Randy, Scott, and Peyton were always in his thoughts and actions. He was pleased to be able to spend time with them and help however he could. He also loved children and went out of his way to let them know that they were special. My 5-year-old grandson, Murphy, considers David a good friend! They spent many times together eating candy, laughing, and playing. Whenever there was a special meal at church, before he would eat, David fixed plates for the shut-ins and delivered them while it was hot and fresh. He also bought and delivered many meals and treats to friends on a regular basis while he was able. He was surely a light in this dark world and we will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely with love, Ricky and Valerie Jones

–Ricky and Valerie Jones

David, thank you for always being there for members of our family. You called to check on people, watched the neighborhood for anything unusual, and were always smiling and had kind words for everyone. How we will miss you! Know that we all loved you very much! Rest peacefully now, and know that your family will forever be indebted to you.

–Sheila Bradshaw Roberts

David was my precious, beloved first cousin. David, Edith, my brother Richard and I grew up as children together on Bollinger Loop. We were cousins, playmates and friends. Friendship was a deep, abiding part of our relationship that stayed

and friendship was a deep, abiding part of our relationship that stayed strong all through these years. As we lost aunts and uncles, David became a pillar of strength, wisdom, advice and help in our family circle and was widely respected and beloved in the community at large. We have all lost a very valuable person, a link to a sense of something good, caring, kind and stable. I already miss him terribly...there has always been David in my life. My world is now a little smaller and a little lonelier. David's obituary is a wonderful, loving tribute but he was so much more than any obituary could ever capture or communicate. I love you, David – will joyously greet you in the Resurrection! Amy

–Amy Bowman Martin

David was our friend and neighbor for 44 years. He was a very respectful man and always was so complimentary of our son, Travis! He was always telling me how proud he was of Travis and saying he was “so smart”! We appreciate David for allowing Travis to be a renter of his “homeplace” since 2009. All of us are going to miss David and his waves and chats as we drove by his garage where he often sat. Lucille Matthis

–Abe and Lucille Matthis

I was not blessed to have known David for a very long time, but on the few occasions we chatted, I could tell he was a wonderful, caring person. In fact, he was one of the first people to welcome me to my new home down the street, taking the time to drive up my driveway on his way by to say hello and introduce himself to a total stranger. I was so touched by his warm welcome. As an icon of the neighborhood, I know his presence will be sorely missed, but I hope his family and those who knew him well will take solace in the fact that he will never be forgotten as he will reside in your heart and in all your wonderful memories of him. May he rest in peace.

–Christine Jackman