



David Lee Ricker

September 16, 1952 - March 25, 2025

David Lee Ricker of Ayersville passed away on March 25, 2025, at The Meadows of Kalida at age of 72. He was born on September 16, 1952, to the late James and Mary Lou (Verity) Ricker. On October 20, 1979, he married Linda Jo Wolford who survives in Ayersville.

Dave grew up in Glandorf, Ohio and graduated from Ottawa-Glandorf. He worked at General Motors for 38 1/2 years, retiring in 2011. Dave was a member of the Local 211 in Defiance. He was also a member of the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene, where he served his Lord in numerous positions at the church from Head Usher to Quiz Coach among them. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends playing cards and fishing.

A man of unwavering faith, Dave was a beacon of light to all who knew him. His life was marked by kindness, humility, and a steadfast trust in God's promises. Whether through his gentle encouragement, warm smile, or the countless ways he served his family, friends, and community, David embodied Christ's love in action.

Dave's legacy of faith and love will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know him. Though his earthly journey has ended, we rejoice in the knowledge that he is now in the presence of his Savior, experiencing the fullness of God's eternal glory.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Linda; daughter, Jamie (Eric) Cook; grandchildren, Oliver and Sabrina Cook; brother, Dale (Casey) Ricker; sisters Debbie (Roger) Peterson, Becky (Tom) Miner; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded by his brother, James (Kay) Ricker and In-Laws Marvin and Jeanne Wolford.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. A celebration of Dave's life will be held at the church on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial donations can be made to Napoleon Church of the Nazarene. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com. Arrangements entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR 1. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene
630 Appian Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Gathering

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene
630 Appian Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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630 Appian Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Linda, Our condolences and prayers to you and your family. It was great to have met both of you, even if it was for a short time. God Bless. Jim and Connie Rhodes-Putnam County EMS-Transfer crew.* ”

Jim Rhodes - April 01, 2025 at 02:11 PM

SC

“ *Steve and Colleen Cook purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of David Lee Ricker.* ”



Steve and Colleen Cook - March 31, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Lee Ricker.* ”



March 31, 2025 at 04:03 PM

KE

“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss Linda. Your family is in our prayers. Karen and Kenny Erhart of Kalida* ”

Karen Erhart - March 31, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JR

“ We will miss our Uncle Dave. He was fun, enjoyed joking, playing cards, and we are so grateful for him and our Aunt Linda.

Jennifer Ricker - March 31, 2025 at 11:33 AM

JH

“ Jen Ricker and Dave Haus purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Lee Ricker.



Jen Ricker and Dave Haus - March 31, 2025 at 11:30 AM

LM

“ Love, Marie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Lee Ricker.



Love, Marie - March 30, 2025 at 12:15 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathies Linda and Jamie. I have fond memories of David helping out at swim meets in total support of Jamie. You were a great supportive swim family.

Jeff Strata

Jeff Strata - March 29, 2025 at 12:03 PM

AE

“ Alan Eickholt lit a candle in memory of David Ricker



Alan Eickholt - March 29, 2025 at 08:34 AM

BS

“ So sorry for your loss. John and Betty Smith

Betty & John Smith - March 27, 2025 at 07:56 PM

LR

“ Linda, I know that you have lost much more than the love of your life, but also a lifelong friend. I'm so very sorry for the void that is now a part of your life. I pray that our Lord's peace and comfort will carry through this season. Your friend, Louie R.

Louis Reindel - March 27, 2025 at 11:53 AM

VW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Linda! You have left a lasting memory in our hearts. Sending you love and prayers for David. Betty Hamilton, Vicki and Roger Winkle

Vicki L Winkle - March 27, 2025 at 09:07 AM

B)

“ To a wonderful brother who will be missed always, and for ever, and his wife linda, always remember he will always be there for you watching over you. Love you both Dave's, sister Becky

Becky (ricker)miner - March 26, 2025 at 08:33 PM

PN

“ *Linda, So sorry to hear about Dave's passing. Sending our thoughts and prayers. Love Pam and Doug Nicholson*

Pam Nicholson - March 26, 2025 at 06:11 PM