



David L. Gurke

February 23, 1946 - February 15, 2022

David L. Gurke, 75, of Genoa, formerly of rural Elgin, passed away Tuesday evening, Feb. 15, 2022, in his home.

He was born Feb. 23, 1946, in Elgin the son of Leslie and Helen (Tamms) Gurke. David was a member of the 1964 Class of Burlington Central High School. He worked the family farm for many years before beginning a career of driving trucks. He drove for Elgin Salvage, Elgin Paper, Hines Lumber, and Preston Trucking among others. David married Darlene M. Campbell on May 17, 1969. He served on the Pingree Grove/Countryside Fire Department for 28 years. He was also a lifelong member of the St. John United Church of Christ in Harmony.

Surviving is his wife, Darlene; a son, Eric (Tammy) Gurke of Genoa; a sister, Dorothy Gurke of Elgin; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Helen Gurke; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara (Alvin) Markham; and a niece, Beth.

A Celebration of Life Service for David will be at 2 PM Saturday, Feb. 26 at St. John United Church of Christ, 11821 E. Grant Hwy in Hampshire.

Visitation will be at the church from 1-2 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in David's memory should be directed to the church or the Pingree Grove/Countryside Fire Dept.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. John United Church of Christ
11821 E. Grant Hwy
Harmony, IL

Memorial Service

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you on your loss. You have been coming to Crandalls for years and I always enjoyed chatting with you. He will be missed.*

Barbara Wilson - February 27, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David L. Gurke.*



February 23, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I was a Central classmate. I remember David as kind and gentle. Please accept my sincere condolences to the entire Gurke family.*
Mary Konecny Friedmann

Mary Konecny Friedmann - February 21, 2022 at 05:14 PM

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“ *Darlene and Family, I'm sorry to learn of your loss. Dealing with you and Dave on Johnson Road twenty some years ago was a very decent experience for me as you sold your beautiful (and well-made) cabin.*
May this true gentleman know God's presence now.
Tom Nangle

Tom Nangle - February 20, 2022 at 10:49 AM