



James David "Dave" Coffey

June 13, 1942 - June 19, 2018

James David "Dave" Coffey, hard working horseman and loving father, passed away on June 19th, 2018 at Hearthstone Health Campus.

Born on June 13, 1942 in Bloomington Indiana. David was the son of Gerald "Jerry" Wilbur and Rosalie "Rosie" (Deckard) Coffey. True to his hometown, he served his community, owned a business, volunteered his time, farmed the land and raised his family throughout his 76 years in Bloomington.

David was a graduate of the Ellettsville High School in 1960 after which beginning his diverse career path. Dave's employment path began as a teenager at Roger's Building Supplies where he started off in the body shop before stepping up into the driver's seat of a ready mix truck. He bettered his career when he took a job at Otis Elevator as a Welder, later stepping up the corporate ladder, becoming a draftsman for Otis. This was a short lived position because (as Dave would describe) it was a "white shirt, indoor" job and he was happier doing more hands on, physical work. He then spent many years as a builder. In addition to many new residential homes, he also built several commercial buildings around the Bloomington area. In 1971 he began his firefighting career with The Ellettsville Fire Department. He held that position for 3 years at which point he transferred to the Bloomington Fire Department where he retired as a Fire Captain in 1997.

In addition to his building and fire department duties, David owned and operated E&N Mobile Manor on the cities west side for over 40 years.

David had a very rugged and calloused hardworking exterior, yet an extremely soft hearted soul. His thick skinned, calloused hands with nails chewed back to the quick were skilled beyond explanation. Whether working with horses or wood or kids or food or tools, David's talents in conjunction with his patients continually surpassed expectation. He would, at anytime, drop what he was doing to help his family or friends.

David is survived by 3 children (and spouses): Jimmie Dean (Phyllis) Coffey, Jayne Ann (Mitch) Moriarty and Jinni Lynn (Billy) Fleetwood (however, if asked, he would have told you that he had 6 kids); seven grandchildren (and spouses): Christa (Jarrod) Barlow, Cody (Emily) Coffey, Cali and Cami Moriarty, Garrett (Karissa), Briley and Brystin Fleetwood; 3 great grandchildren: Landon Barlow, Rydleigh and Deacon Fleetwood; one nephew and one niece (and spouses): Kevin (Kim) Spicer, Kerri (Walt) Anstead; his long time barn and horse show companion Ruth Jackson and his all time best friend of 25 years, stud horse, This Vesters Mine (aka Bronco Billy or Bronc).

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Jeralie Coffey-Spicer and brother-in-law William (Bill) Spicer.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 25th from 4-8pm at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old State Road 37. A graveside service by Glen Stidd, open to the public, will be held on Tuesday, June 26th at 11:30am at Knightridge Cemetery on Old 446. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, June 26th from 6-8pm at South Union Christian Church S. 6510 S. Rockport Rd.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Lewy Body Dementia

Association, Inc. 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047. The Fallen Horseman Memorial Horse Show (FHMHS), 15 South Valley Road, Xenia, Ohio 45385, The Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Knightridge Cemetery

Knightridge Rd
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 25. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Graveside Service

JUN 26. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Knightridge Cemetery
Knightridge Rd
Bloomington, IN 47401

Tribute Wall

JB

“ We are so sorry to hear about David. Our sympathy and prayers are with your family-Dooly, Jody and Chris Barlow

Jo Beth Barlow - June 25, 2018 at 01:18 PM

MM

“ Jimmy Dean,
We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
Mike and Sherry Mobley

Mike and Sherry Mobley - June 25, 2018 at 08:52 AM

HB

“ Sending our love and condolences from the Binkleys. May you always be surrounded by all the wonderful memories of your dad. May he now rest in the arms of Jesus awaiting for that great reunion day in heaven. Dave was a great friend to us, and will be greatly missed. He left behind a wonderful legacy. Love and prayers to all of you. Harold and Ruthie Binkley.

Harold Binkley - June 24, 2018 at 08:09 AM

JG

“ We were looking for another obituary on Allencares.com and saw David's here. We are so sorry for your loss. We had not heard. He was a good man. You all are a blessed and close family. He was the perfect patriarch. May God bless you all with his peace and comfort. From our hearts to yours, Jeff and Joani Grossnickle

Jeff and Joani Grossnickle - June 23, 2018 at 05:46 PM

SF

“ Steve, Kathy Headley and Family purchased the *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White* for the family of James David "Dave" Coffey.



Steve, Kathy Headley and Family - June 23, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of James David "Dave" Coffey.



June 22, 2018 at 05:14 PM

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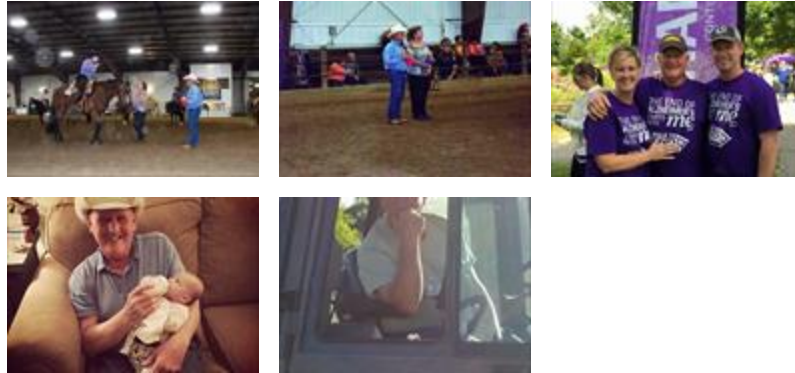
“ *Much Love from your United Country Family* purchased the *Plants-A-Plenty* for the family of James David "Dave" Coffey.



Much Love from your United Country Family - June 22, 2018 at 10:25 AM



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Jimmie Coffey - June 22, 2018 at 12:26 AM

JE

“ *Dave is now forever cured of illnesses and is experiencing a comfortable peace and sense of joy each of us is yet to know. Dave was an awesome man and an extraordinary friend. Never a finer gentleman did roam the earth! The measure of a life well-lived is not in how much money one has or what possessions they have accumulated, but rather through the lives they touched and the sorrow they leave behind. The outpouring of sympathy on his passing is an indication you can proudly and confidently say that his indeed was a life well-lived. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that this profound sadness is felt by all who knew and loved him. We are sorry and deeply saddened by your family's tremendous loss. Please know each of you is being held close in our thoughts and prayers during this painfully difficult time. Sending our heartfelt condolences and many hugs for all as we celebrate Dave's life with all those who were blessed enough to have known him!*



Jay Ard & Debra Jo Endres-Ard - June 21, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ *Dave was always a very good landlord to me as well as a very good friend. I really miss the long talks we used to have.*

Kelly Miller - June 21, 2018 at 09:14 PM



“ *To all the Family, we are so very sorry for your loss. We love you guys and if you need anything we are here for you. With heartfelt sympathy, Love, and prayers. Scott and Marsha*

Scott & Marsha Pate - June 21, 2018 at 05:30 PM