



## John Dave Reynolds, Sr.

July 18, 1945 - September 22, 2024

John David "Dave" Reynolds, Sr., 80, of Irvington, Illinois, passed away Sunday, September 22, 2024, at Centralia Manor in Centralia, Illinois, with family by his side.

Dave was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 18, 1944, to John Dennis and Marie (Johnson) Reynolds. He grew up in rural Woodlawn, Illinois, beginning elementary school at one of the many one-room schoolhouses still common then, before attending Woodlawn Grade School and Woodlawn High School. At Mount Vernon Community College, Dave met Linda Sue Willmore, and on August 25, 1963, they married in Woodlawn, Illinois. Dave later graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale with a degree in Biology.

After teaching junior high school science for a semester, Dave worked for two years in the Illinois Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation crime laboratory in Springfield, Illinois. In 1968 an opportunity arose to help develop the new Toxicology Department of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Animal Disease Laboratory in Centralia, and Dave and Linda moved their young family to Irvington. As a chemist Dave developed several new techniques, including one for detecting Warfarin in tissue samples. He always considered it ironic that he eventually was prescribed Warfarin by his own doctor. After many years of service, Dave retired as Bureau Chief from the Centralia Laboratory in 2000. In retirement Dave served for several years on

the Irvington Fire Protection District board.

Known as "Papa" to his grandchildren, Dave loved to play and be silly with them. One of their favorite games was to "argh-you" with Papa. He had many interests and hobbies over the years, but he'll be remembered especially for raising Christmas trees and for his love of old Ford trucks and Mobil oil memorabilia. For about 25 years Dave and Linda grew and sold Christmas trees at the family farm where he grew up, and he restored and enjoyed driving a red 1956 Ford F-100 pickup truck. Dave had an extensive collection of Mobil oil items, and he published a book about them.

In addition to his wife, Linda, of 61 years, he is also survived by a son, John David Reynolds, Jr. and wife Linda Kay of Centralia; a daughter, April Allison and husband Brian of Byhalia, Mississippi; six grandchildren, Sara Hall and husband Steven of Norman, Oklahoma, Shelby Wallace and husband Seth of Sydney, Ohio, Christine Oechsler and husband Cody of Byhalia, Mississippi, Leah Ritter and husband Jesse of Harrison, Tennessee, Rebecca Reynolds of the Caucasus, and Jonathan Reynolds of Centralia; two great-grandchildren, Dorian Hall and Declan Hall; one great-grandson on the way and one great-granddaughter on the way; and several nieces and nephews.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marie Reynolds; three sisters, Hazel Pape, Joyce Hancock, and Rose Cole; one nephew and one niece.

A Visitation will be held Monday, September 30, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. On Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 11:00 AM a Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Burial will follow at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Woodlawn, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Odd Fellows Cemetery and will be accepted by the Sutherland-

Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801, 618-532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Reynolds Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services and the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **30.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

OCT **1.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Dave Reynolds, Sr.*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - September 30, 2024 at 10:19 AM

“ Go rest high on that Mountain Dave. Such a good man to have had in our lives. My dad, Dave Klomp, was transferred to the Centralia Animal Disease Lab when I was in 4th grade. Even before we found a home to live in, Dave and Linda took us under their wings and showed us the area and welcomed us to Centralia. Linda used to invite my mother, brother Glen and myself over. We would play with Dave jr. and April, and then I would listen to Dave Sr. 45's. He had all the good songs! "Joy to the World" was a very popular song back then, and I can still picture him singing "Jeremiah was a bullfrog!"

We would visit the lab sometimes when we went to Centralia. My dad and Dave had a very fun relationship and liked to tease each other. I remember several times when we were there and Dave would come in and put my dad in a head lock, grinning and laughing the whole time. They used to go out together with their wives to beer and chicken dances. When I moved out on my own, I would still visit the lab and he would always make me feel welcome.

Granddaughter Sarah had the horse bug like me, and was my first riding student. I was so happy to find out that she has been able to continue with her riding. What an awesome job she did at the funeral cherishing her memories of her Papa.

When my mother was sick with cancer, Dave and Linda came to support us, because that is the kind of caring people they are. After mom passed away, dad said he wanted to have the memorial service in the front yard among mom's flowers. I was trying to arrange things and Dave was the first and really only person I could think of to officiate the ceremony. When I called and talked to Linda she said she would ask Dave, and it wasn't 2 minutes before the phone rang and Dave said Yes, he would do it. It would have pleased my mom very much, and comforted my dad.

So thankful to have had this smart, caring, funny, loving man in all our lives, and so happy he found Linda to share his life with.

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**Jill (Klomp) Kline** - October 03, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Dave Reynolds, Sr..*



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September 27, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Your Americana Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dave Reynolds, Sr..*

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**Your Americana Family** - September 27, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Hello, Linda and family. Denise Dudley here. I want to extend my sincerest condolences. Dave was very kind to me when I was a little kid. Although I haven't seen him since, I'm sure he was just as wonderful to everyone else throughout his life. I send my deepest sympathies.*

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**denise** - September 27, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ *CN Railroad purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Dave Reynolds, Sr..*



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**CN Railroad** - September 27, 2024 at 12:38 PM

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“ Connie Webb Jenny and Todd Schall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dave Reynolds, Sr..

Connie Webb Jenny and Todd Schall - September 25, 2024 at 04:21 PM

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“ Connie Webb Jenny and Todd Schall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Dave Reynolds, Sr..



Connie Webb Jenny and Todd Schall - September 25, 2024 at 04:21 PM

JS

“ Jenny and Todd Schall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dave Reynolds, Sr..

Jenny and Todd Schall - September 25, 2024 at 04:11 PM

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“ Jenny and Todd Schall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Dave Reynolds, Sr..



Jenny and Todd Schall - September 25, 2024 at 04:11 PM

PC

“ Linda and family, Thinking of you all at this time am praying God perfect peace surround you all! Oh how he loved his family and love to laugh and play with them. I will always remember him as one of the best 1st cousin I ever had. When I was 6 or 7 we lived with Aunt Marie and uncle John and David and I and my syblings all played together. His sisters were all older than me so I knew David best. I was there when Margie Marie was born and the family all talked about baby girl Margie Marie and I thought they were saying Margie To Me! Lots of sweet memories for sure. He surely Loved all of his Sisters and Nieces and Nephews. A big heart he had and I Love him and Thank Him for all he has given us.....

Priscilla (Cookie) Collins - September 25, 2024 at 11:54 AM

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“ From Skip, Deugkyoung, and Hannah Pape purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Dave Reynolds, Sr..



From Skip, Deugkyoung, and Hannah Pape - September 24, 2024 at 08:07 PM

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“ From Skip, Deugkyoung, and Hannah Pape planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dave Reynolds, Sr..

From Skip, Deugkyoung, and Hannah Pape - September 24, 2024 at 08:07 PM

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“Tears fill my eyes as I write this. Uncle David was such a special man. From my early memories and all through his life, he was like a big brother to me. Fun stories - word was that, when I was a baby, he dropped me into a bucket of water! Then as a grade schooler, I was pitching a ball to Uncle David and he line drove it right in to my stomach and it knocked the wind out of me! He thought he had “killed” me. 😞🤔.

If anyone picked on me at school - Woodlawn Grade School - I would tell them my Uncle David would get them! Speaking of “Uncle David” - he would correct us (nieces & nephews) if we didn't call him “UNCLE DAVID”. He was indeed Uncle David!

Jump ahead and I found out Uncle David and Aunt Linda could dance! They came on over to the St. Louis area to hear my husband's band and they danced all night!

I am getting carried away - so many memories - all of them good. Uncle David, you were a great example to all of us. First in the family (I am pretty sure) to get a college degree and you were always patient, encouraging, caring, and all good things.

Uncle David you are missed!!! You will always be in our hearts. See you in heaven!!! 💕😊

Margie

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Margie Buckels - September 24, 2024 at 12:00 PM