



David Reeves

August 24, 1947 - February 2, 2018

David Alan Reeves, 70, of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on February 2, 2018 at his home. He was born August 24, 1947 in Beaufort, South Carolina to Richard Thomas and Pauline Lucille Mitrising Reeves. He married Billie Rae Hamersley on August 16, 1969 in Ottumwa, Iowa. The couple had two children, David Aaron and William Ryan.

Dave served in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam and then joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 1974 and served until 1978. In 1984, he reenlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard where he served in Afghanistan in 2003 and retired on August 31, 2007.

He was a member of V.F.W. Post #778 in Ottumwa, Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion in Bloomfield, Disabled American Veterans Wapello Chapter #1 in Ottumwa, Vietnam Veterans of America #667 in Ottumwa, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Iowa Association of County Commissioners of the Veterans Affairs, and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. At the time of his passing, Dave was the Director of V.A. Affairs for Davis County, a position he held since January 1, 2009.

Outside of military life, Dave worked for People's Finance, People's Savings and Loan, Hormel, and Vaughn Motors. He was also active in the Midwest Little League in Ottumwa where he had served as Vice President and manager and was an assistant coach with Davis County Little League and Babe Ruth while his children were growing up.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and going on family vacations. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren.

Dave is survived by his wife, Billie Reeves; two sons, David Aaron (Gloria) Reeves of Bloomfield, William Ryan (Tabitha) Reeves of Clermont, Florida; five grandsons, Andrew, Adrian, Braydon, Cole, and Dalton; two sisters, Deborah McDonald (Stephen "Burl") Newell of Eddyville, Iowa, Francis Darlene Garrett of Goshen, Alabama; two brothers, Richard (Mona) Reeves of Troy, Alabama, Thomas Reeves of Montgomery, Alabama; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Rick McDonald, Jack Garrett; and brother-in-law, Brad Hamersley.

Military rites for Dave will be performed at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Visitation with family present to greet friends will follow until 7:00 p.m. Memorials have been established to the Look to the Stars Cancer Foundation in Davis County, Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion in Bloomfield, and the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Wagler Funeral Home

304 West Jefferson Street, Bloomfield, IA, US, 52537

Comments



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Reeves.



February 08, 2018 at 08:36 PM



“ Dave wasn't cut from the same cloth that alot of us who serve/served were. He was the epitome of what it meant to be an NCO. His goal was to always look out for his soldiers. I'm not only proud to say that served with him, but also looked up to him as a mentor. From working together full time at the armory to serving together in Afghanistan and to his retirement. At which I finally planted a kiss on him, instead of the other way around. Dave was a character and there will never be another one like him. He had a heart for people, and to go out his way to help in any way he could. I think that's what people will remember the most. I'll miss you brother and may we see eachother again someday.

B.J. Wouterse - February 08, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of David Reeves.



February 08, 2018 at 12:38 AM



“ After a break in service Dave recruited me back into the NG in 1995 at the age of 40. I remember the day he took me to MEPS for in processing. He said when we were done he would buy lunch? Well I don't remember what happened, but we never did get lunch? I was hungry too LOL. Anyway better than lunch I gained a friend for life. He was real jokester, story teller and so full of life. Every time I would see Dave he would brighten my day! I know Dave loved his Country, Soldiers, Veterans, Friends, and especially his Family! We all in return loved him. This is a tough one for me and I will miss him dearly. If it was not for Dave I wouldn't of had the opportunity to finish my Military career and retire as a 1SG. I am so very thankful to Dave for all he has

given me and my family. I send prayers to his family that the Lord bless them and give them comfort in the days ahead. So thanks for the memories brother and until then RIP Dave until the day we meet again and resume the stories and jokes we have shared over the years.

1SG B.L. Parrish (Retired)

Bernie Parrish - February 06, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ Dave was very good man who was a great example of how we should care for others. He was a leader of men in the military and believed in "Taking care of your soldiers". That he did very well, both in the military and for veterans. It was a pleasure to have known him. MSG. (Ret) Mel Maeder

Mel Maeder - February 06, 2018 at 10:22 AM



“ So long old buddy, I really enjoyed serving with Dave in the 3654th Maint Co. We shared a lot of jokes and laughs. He was always ready to help and do whatever it took to get things done. Farewell my friend and God bless your family and close friends who will miss you the most.

Alex Reyes - February 05, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ The Good Man above definitely broke the mold with this guy. Dave was undoubtedly a hero to me. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Dave could more than likely write a sizeable collection of stories about him. He was and always will be a pillar of focus for all Soldiers to admire. Warm prayers and thoughts to Billie and the family. May God guide you to find comfort during this time of sadness. RIP and Godspeed Dave.

Tony Ray Hinton - February 05, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ Lots of memories of Dave (the General as my youngest used to call him, because he was "old") too many to write here but, here are a couple of my favorites. We were in the armory in Knoxville and it happened to be my youngest's birthday (had to be around 8) and Dave was going on about his birthday and how great it was and then he said he had a present for him and grabbed his face and gave him a big kiss! Benjamin's face was priceless.

Second story, I was in DSM working and got a call from my supervisor my son was in the Knoxville hospital and I needed to go home. After I realized he was serious and

that I couldn't get there for at least an hour, I called Dave (who was at work of course). He was giving me a hard time right away but then I told him Torie was in the hospital and I wouldn't be there for an hour, he pretty much dropped the phone and took off for the hospital. He stayed with Torie until we could get there. When Torie woke up (he'd had a seizure) Dave told him there were easier ways to skip school.

Condolences go out to Billie, the kids and all the Reeves family, he will certainly be missed by many!

Jodi Marti - February 05, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ I served with Dave in the 224th Engineer Battalion. During that time, Dave was a productive member of a state recognized recruiting team for the Iowa Army National Guard. Dave was always friendly, quick witted, and a proud soldier. We are saddened by his passing and wish to extend our best wishes and warm thoughts to Billie and Dave's extended family. May God bless Dave and each of you! COL (ret) Stephen and Cheryl Bloomer

Stephen M Bloomer - February 05, 2018 at 08:26 AM



“ Dave recruited me into B Co 224th EN BN after my active duty service, helped me get into the Iowa National Guard Counter Drug Program and was huge influence on me as an NCO and a person. Dave didn't stop there, he was always a great friend I could depend on. I will never forget the time I was able to spend with Dave, especially good coffee at his place on any given Sunday morning while I was working in Davis County. You will be greatly missed...

Clayton Slater - February 04, 2018 at 11:57 PM



“ David was known to my kid as Abraham Lincoln until they all grew up. I will miss his "hello neighbor" when and wherever he saw me. Goodbye good guy. My prayers are with you all

Pauline - February 04, 2018 at 09:59 PM



“ dave did great work for davis county veterans and will be missed grearly

Stephen Tews - February 04, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ We are so sorry to learn of this news about Dave. Please know that we remember him with fond memories. He could always make me (Marthana) believe anything. Billie and family, you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Our love. Byron and Marthana and family.

Byron and Marthana Newland - February 04, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ I first met SFC Reeves while on AT in Custer State Park, as I was walking across the field and he hollered and asked me what I was doing, and not in those exact words. He will always be in my heart. Prayers to the family during this time.

Dianna Raymond - February 04, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ David was my recuter in 1997. Latter we served in 54 together. I'll miss you my brother.

You will always be missed scurvy.

Richard Smith - February 04, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ The man i always referred to as my big brother. One of the best people i have ever met he helped me in so many ways and was always there to talk if you needed someone to talk to. I have way to many memories to text here ranging from hiariosly funny to frustation. I have never met a person since who knew so many people and always took the time to stop and talk to them, which it is why it took two and a half hours at walmart to get a single furnace filter HE KNEW EVERYONE IN THERE. Im going to miss him dearly. RIP big btother keep em on their toes up there

Dennis Hancock - February 04, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dave through the Veterans Affairs in Bloomfield, IA! He was very helpful in getting veterans what they deserved. Very personable man! Thanks Dave! Prayers to the family, God Bless!

Pamela Collier - February 04, 2018 at 10:25 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Reeves family...Dave was a kind and understanding man who loved to help people especially Veterans...He will be missed but never forgotten....

Abe Elam

Abe Elam - February 04, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ So sorry to see a great man go. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Billie, and the boys. Dave always had a smile and joke to share... his passion for others was always present, even veiled inside a joke. You will be missed brother... it was an honor to serve with you and share a bit of our life together. RIP

Mike

Mike Blomme - February 03, 2018 at 11:16 PM



“ Condolences to the family of Sergeant First Class Dave Reeves from myself & “Heather & the heathens” as he affectionately called my wife & kids. I have so many fond memories of Dave. He and Billie had a bengal bear back in early 1990s that Dave brought to a Battalion softball tournament. And he rolled around on the ground with the tiger like it was a kitten - only it was bigger than him! He had awesome stories, and he was a great storyteller! We put in a lot of mikes together behind a windshield, and he showed me many back roads and old cemeteries in Iowa. He was very proud of his sons, and I remember him telling me to enjoy your kids because they grow up way too fast. I definitely agree. I am very saddened to learn of Dave’s passing. No one who knew him will ever forget him - for sure.

Todd Jacobus - February 03, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ I grew up with Dave at the dealership! I loved every minute we worked together. Dave is an inspiration! His positive attitude is always infectious! My family is grateful for Dave. He was very good to all of us especially Leon and Ellie. God bless Dave and his family! Chad VanNess

Chad VanNess - February 03, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was a good man and I was honored to have served with him. Thoughts and Prayers to his family. May God comfort you now and in the days to come. . . . Vicki Johnson

Victoria Johnson - February 03, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ We are heartbroken. Our prayers are with you. He will be missed greatly. Jerry and Sondra VanDerPol

Sondra & Jerry VanDerPol - February 03, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ Our love and prayers are with you. D and D Enterprises will not be the same without the better half (they pulled off some dandies!) God bless family and friends. Dave and Barb Hawley

Dave Hawley - February 03, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ Billie & Family:

I am so very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. It seemed no matter where I would run into Dave, no matter what he was dealing with, he always took time to make me and everyone else around smile! There is no doubt that he will truly be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Lovie & Ron Parker
Johnathon woods & Family
Mikey Vinole & Family

Lovie Parker - February 03, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Bill & family. Once you met Dave, he always knew you as well as you did him. We 1st met Dave at Vaughan & my brother-in-law was in National Guards with him. He always had a ready smile. Thinking of all of you.

Bob & Sheila(Hannam) Houk

Bob & Sheila (Hannam)Houk - February 03, 2018 at 07:15 PM



“ To the Family of Dave-I was the VA Director in Monroe Co. for 32 + yrs. and was introduced to Dave by the Marion Co. VA Director, Mike Kuhn, several years ago

I always enjoyed his sense of humor and quick wit. He was very knowledgeable of VA issues, and worked hard for the Veterans. May your memories sustain you in the

healing process, as he will be greatly missed. I retired this past August, and had no reason to attend VA Fall School, but knew he was dealing with a serious health issue. May he rest in peace.

Diane Durian

Diane Durian - February 03, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ Sad to hear. I will miss you Scurvy. You were one of the best men I ever served with! Rest in peace brother.

Lamont Hibbert - February 03, 2018 at 04:16 PM



“ RIP my friend. It was an honor to serve with you. You always made life easier for the people around you. You will be missed.

Roger Elliott - February 03, 2018 at 03:32 PM



“ Billie,
I'm sorry for your loss.
Dave was a great guy. He kept us organized and entertained. He made my time at 3654 very memorable. Art Senn

Art Senn - February 03, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ Oh I am so terribly sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He always put a smile on my face.

Shannon Blackburn Konrad - February 03, 2018 at 02:43 PM



“ Billie and family ,so sorry to hear about David he will truly be missed. He was always willing to help me when I had a question. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

shirley Mcfarland - February 03, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Dave was one of the orneriest lovable human beings.He loved to tell jokes and tease everyone.I will miss his humor and wit.Love to Billie and family,so very sorry accept my condolences.



Kathy Craft - February 03, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of David Reeves



Regina Gooden - February 03, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ And Edward included in lighting a candle. Dave will be missed.

Regina Gooden - February 03, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ RIP Dave, Sharon and I will miss our 2nd Son. Your's forever,Ed Reese Jr.

Edward Reese, Jr. - February 03, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ RIP Dave Reeves he was a guy that had a big heart who helped a lot of Veterans, and anyone that needed him. My Deepest Sympathy to Billie and his whole family.

Diana Critchlow - February 03, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ Dave was one hell of a guy we shared the same birthday he will be deeply missed



Brandi Camp - February 03, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ Dave always was cookie ranger to me he had many other names he had been called went to PLDC with him in 1986 was a blast to be with will miss you buddy

William - February 03, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ Dave was the greatest ! Thank you sir for all you did for me ! I know you are in heaven, telling some jokes !

Phil Traul - February 03, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Daves passing, always a smile and a great sense of humor, knew him for many years both in the National Guard and outside in the community.

Mike - February 03, 2018 at 08:53 PM



“ I remember David from my time with the 224th in 1992/1993. Every time he saw me, he would say: "that's another fine mess you've gotten me into, Stanley"

Stanley - February 06, 2018 at 12:29 AM