



Mr. David Kent Laughlin

August 26, 1931 - February 3, 2019

Laughlin, David Kent

Died February 3, 2019

Survived by loving wife Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Laughlin (née Nehrbass), sons Richard David (Joan) and Alan David (Denise) Laughlin, grandchildren Cristy (Colan) McGeehan, Jessica (Timothy) McDoniel, Jeffrey (Lesley) Laughlin, Amanda (Robb) Bartlett, Kevin (Lacey) Laughlin, Daniel (Ginny) Laughlin, and Melissa (Scott) Wensler, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Dave grew up in Oak Park, Illinois, starring for their state championship teams in both baseball and basketball. He received his degree in Agronomy and Farm Operations from Iowa State in 1953 and went to work managing the family farm in Bedford, Indiana. After three years on the farm, he went to work for Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, managing a rubber plantation in Liberia, West Africa. Returning to the States, he earned a second degree in Foreign Relations from the American Institute of Foreign Trade. Dave then went to work for Monsanto in their international division, with a short stint in St. Louis followed by two years in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. After moving back to St. Louis, he joined Chemagro Company as a sales manager of their agricultural chemicals in the Midwest.

A recession in the ag business in the 1970s moved Dave in another direction,

first as an owner-operator for Mayflower Moving, then as an over-the-road driver for Consolidated Freightways. He retired in 1996 with their three-million-mile safe-driving award.

Retirement brought extensive travels for Dave and Betty, as they toured many world locales, visiting all continents but Antarctica. Besides traveling, Dave had other interests, including managing the family farm in Indiana as a “gentleman farmer,” coaching his sons’ baseball teams, tinkering in his shop, helping friends and neighbors as Mr. Fix-It, tending to his barbecue grill, and solving even the most difficult crossword puzzles in record time.

A funeral mass will be held at Noon on Friday, February 8, 2019, at Incarnate Word Catholic Church, at 13416 Olive Boulevard, in Chesterfield, Missouri. A luncheon will be held at the Church following the Mass. Interment will be private, in Bedford, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Incarnate Word Parish
13416 Olive Blvd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I was saddened to learn of David's passing. I'm sure he will be missed, and was comforted by the loving support of his family and friends. Please accept my deepest condolences.

My sympathies,

Jackie Capriano

Jackie Capriano - February 08, 2019 at 11:02 AM

EM

“ Betty, so sorry to hear of Dave' s passing. Please know I am keeping you all in my prayers during this time of your loss. Earl moser

Earl Moser - February 06, 2019 at 10:49 AM

RL

“ My favorite uncle, now joined with our father Jim, his brother, in heaven. Uncle Dave's memory will always be foremost in both my wife, Beth's, and my memory. So many wonderful family events can be attributed to his graciousness, his willingness to offer his help in so many ways and his kindness to all. Our family, daughter Marisa & our son Jeff, both parents with their own families, remember him as the glue that held our family together. Many happy memories can be attributed to our "road trips" to the family farm. Uncle Dave will always be remembered as an inspiration to always treat others as we would wish to be treated ourselves. We miss him and will never forget his humble advice to lead a virtuous life.

Bob & Beth Laughlin and Family

Robert Laughlin - February 05, 2019 at 08:07 PM

RL

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Robert Laughlin - February 05, 2019 at 07:11 PM

LO

“ You are all in our prayers. He was so wonderful and special in the way he treated us. We have many wonderful memories.



Louisa Ooley - February 05, 2019 at 06:06 PM