



David "Dave" McCarthy

June 19, 1938 - October 20, 2017

Dave McCarthy, 79, lifelong Grand Island resident passed away on Friday, October 20, 2017 with his family by his side.

To honor his wishes his body was donated to the Nebraska Anatomical Society. A memorial will be held on Friday, November 3 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Grand Island.

David "Dave" McCarthy was born June 19, 1938 to John F. and Pearl (Copple) McCarthy.

After graduating from Grand Island Senior High in 1956, he attended Regis College and then entered the United States Air Force in 1961 and served four years.

In 1963 he married Judy McClintock in Wichita, Kansas and they returned to Grand Island in 1965 from Blair Oklahoma. Dave was a firefighter for both the city and the rural departments, a postal clerk until he retired and then delivered auto parts for several years. A lifelong musician, he played his bass horn for over 60 years in area polka bands, GI City Band, Harvest of Harmony Alumni Band, and Maverick Band. He was planning to play with the Friends Czech Band this month.

He belonged to the American Legion and was very proud of serving his country. Dave was always ready to volunteer in various organizations over the years.

He is survived by his wife Judy, two sons Michael and Stephen (Theresa), seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, infant brother and one great grandchild.

Memorials are suggested to Dave's family to be designated at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *David "Dave" McCarthy*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was a wonderful musician and will truly be missed. We will miss those outdoor concerts he played at. Prayers to the family at this time.*

Jack/Joan McKee - November 09, 2017 at 10:59 AM



“ *Dave and I were in the same cardiac rehab class. Dave was always friendly to me as well-as his wife. I will miss my friend. I wish the best to Judy and his family. Brian A*

Brian Andersen - November 01, 2017 at 10:04 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to David's family. Together we went through Wasmer, Barr and GIHS. He was really a friendly fella and I am so glad that he and I had a nice visit at our last reunion. May he rest in peace.*

Mary St. John Norman

Mary St.John Norman - October 30, 2017 at 12:54 PM

TC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Tom Carlson - October 29, 2017 at 10:32 AM

TC

This is the 1965 Honda Motorcycle that Dave used to own. I met Dave earlier this year and was sorry to hear of his passing. Tom Carlson

Tom Carlson - October 29, 2017 at 12:39 PM

AM

“ *Always friendly and helpful at the post office, I never knew his last name, but thankful he was so helpful.*

Annetta Milhon - October 29, 2017 at 10:24 AM

JS

“ *Have Known David all my life, saw him in GI at our class reunion last one.....we had a good visit.....such a great guy. I lived in GI till i graduated GIHS in 56, on Division street, and at Kuesters lake. iknow our parents knew each other too.... . May his soul rest with the Lord. Isaiah 40;31. to each of you i send my blessings and heartfelt Sympathys. Julie Pulliam Schultz; Alma KS now.*

Julie Pulliam Schultz - October 25, 2017 at 03:37 PM