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D avid McAvena Obituary

David Allan McAvena, 80, of Vermilion, passed away peacefully January 27, 2025 at Kingston of Vermilion. He is now at peace in heaven; reunited with loved ones including his cherished wife, Jenny, whom he missed deeply every day since her passing in 2010, brother, Greg and mother, Reverend O. E. Rusty Curry whose love and guidance shaped his life and step-father, Lorain Leichty.

Dave was born May 13, 1944 in Elyria and lived a life full of love, laughter, and adventure. He leaves behind his children; Steve (Legea) McAvena, Jeff (Genia) McAvena, Ashley (Scott) Salvadore, Jr. and Hannah McAvena; beloved sister, DianaLynn Leichty; brother, Steve Leichty; nieces and nephews, Michelle, Michael, Amanda and Matthew and great-nephew, Corey. Dave had a special place in his heart for his many grandchildren, Letea, Cody, Chris and Reyvin as well as the joy of becoming a great-grandfather to Zayden, Avery and Anzley Jo.

Dave was employed at Ridge Tool Company, Elyria before branching out to open Ski's Southend CBs and a landscaping company, "God Grows It, Dave Mows It". A man of deep faith, Dave knew what awaited him in the next life—a life in the arms of Jesus, his Savior, free from pain and tears. His unwavering belief brought him peace throughout his life and continues to comfort his family now.

Known for his larger-than-life personality, Dave was the source of countless hilarious memories that his family will forever cherish. He had a passion for fishing and hunting, a love he passed on to his children and grandchildren. His love for the water didn't end with fishing; he was also an incredible water skier. Many knew Dave by his nickname, 'Skis,' a nod to his love of the sport, which he often signed off as during his time in the CB business. Dave loved to ride motorcycles, animals, was an avid fan of westerns (Gunsmoke was his favorite), enjoyed splitting firewood and Mt. Dew.



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Dave loved competition, whether it was who could catch the most fish, who could swim the fastest, who could eat the most shrimp at Red Lobster, or who could win at Uno. His playful spirit and competitive nature brought out the best in all of us, making every moment together an unforgettable adventure.

Above all, David cherished being around people and his presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Friends will be received Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 10:30 am until the time of a 12:30 pm service at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria with Reverend Charles Marcum and Reverend James Monday officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of David A. McAvena, please visit our floral store.

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AM

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For David A. Mcavena posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for David A. McAvenaWe are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation ServiceJoin in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:56 AM

NW

Naomi Williams posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of David A. McAvena by Naomi Williams. Plant a TreeIn loving memory, David now rests in God's hands. May we remember only the good times. Thanks for saving my life many years ago. I will never forget. Naomi WilliamsNaomi Williams

April 22 at 8:56 AM

JK

Jodi Kennicutt posted:

Small spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David A. McAvena by Jodi Kennicutt . Send FlowersMy deepest condolences for the family! Love you all!Jodi and David KennicuttJodi Kennicutt

April 22 at 8:56 AM

PC

Pastor James Monday & The Congregation posted:

David was a pleasure to be around and to know, he was a great blessing to have as a part of our church, God Bless you from the Praise and worship churchPastor James Monday & the congregation

February 5 at 6:31 AM



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Donna Hall posted:

Dave was our next door neighbor for many years on Devonshire in V.O.L. Dave would come over and visit often ...even if only for a few minutes and see how my Mother would be doing. He would say, What's for Dinner Betty? Mom would fix him a plate and they would carry on and laugh. Dave was a part of our daily life....Dave was definitely family to us. He gave my Precious Son his first job and he would mentor Josh as much as he could. I will always be grateful for this Beautiful Soul that would take the time to do whatever He could to help with whatever was going on. I Love You My Precious Friend. May Your Spirit Forever Shine. The World was definitely a Better Place with You In It. You Will Be Dearly Missed. Until We meet again My Precious Friend. All of My Love and Prayers to Dave's Precious Family and Friends. May God Be with Us All Forever. ❤️🙏🙏

February 2 at 4:59 AM



Al & Alice Wilmsmeyer posted:

David - a true friend. We grew up together. His family played an important role in the church. My dad was his pastor, Reverend Howard Spriggs, and he always referred to him as Father Spriggs. David's obituary depicts the true David. He lived life to the fullest. After several years passed and our lives had gone separate ways periodically I would get a call and it was David reminiscing about old friends, church and his love for his family and how proud he was of each one. The phone will no longer ring with David on the other end of the line. He is much to busy now rejoicing with his beloved wife, his mom and Father Spriggs. He has now reached his main goal in life. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his sweet sweet sister Diana who lovingly gave most of her time to caring for him the past few years of his life.

January 31 at 1:58 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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