



David Charles Ashworth

March 1, 1952 - September 21, 2021

David Charles Ashworth was born in Indianapolis, IN on March 1, 1952 and passed away on September 21, 2021 of heart failure in his home.

He was a 1970 graduate of Carbondale Community High School. He married Diana Ross in 1990. She preceded him in death in 2012. They were both employees of SIU Civil Service. David enjoyed fellowship with everyone, especially international students attending SIU. He was a SIU Basketball and Football booster and loved Cardinals baseball. He was an active member of Murdale Baptist Church and volunteered his help yearly at their Summer Week of Choir. He loved the children and was thrilled when they accepted Christ as their Savior.

David is the eldest son of Bob and Lucille Ashworth.

He is survived by three siblings Myra (Charles) Harris, Nashville, TN; Steve (Rhonda) Ashworth, Amsterdam, Netherlands and Mike (Kathy) Ashworth, Nashville, TN. He is also survived by six nieces and one nephew: Michelle Harris, Santa Rosa, CA; Hannah Harris, Nashville, TN; John Ashworth, Elgin, IL; Marie Ashworth, Wheaton, IL; Sarah Ashworth, Amsterdam, Netherlands; Lauren Ashworth, Nashville, TN and Brooke Ashworth, Nashville, TN.

A private interment was in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

A Memorial Service will be Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 2:00 pm in Murdale Baptist Church, 2701 W. Main St., Carbondale, hosted by the family.

Download the app Murdale Baptist Church to watch the service livestream on October 10 at 2pm.

Memorials may be directed to Murdale Baptist Church for scholarships to the Summer Week of Choir.

Crain Pleasant Grove Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Murdale Baptist Church
2701 W Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ I just found out about Dave's passing. I am sorry for your family's loss. I am one of those International students who was so blessed by both Dave and Diana in so many ways. I had the privilege of working with Dave at SIU when I was a student there. Both Dave and Diana, treated me like their own daughter, took me to ball games, line dance events, church picnics etc... More than anything they prayed for my salvation diligently and shared the beautiful gospel in a personal way which led to me receiving Christ as my Lord and Saviour and I am forever changed. I look forward to seeing Dave in heaven someday! God bless you all in Dave's family.

Praveena Jesberg - May 07, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ David Charles Ashworth

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

KM

“ Sending my condolences to the Ashworth family. David and Diana were wonderful missionary friends in my life thru Murdale Baptist Church. They really were faithful in attendance and reaching out to those who needed friendship, love and grace. Very friendly and attentive with needs and conversation lacking. Cared so much. Keep Dave's legacy alive in your hearts, souls, and minds and carry on doing more wonderful missions. Heaven has just gotten reblessed by the presence of the Ashworth angels. Hugs and prayers Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL



Karen McNeely McMinn - October 09, 2021 at 12:31 AM

LH

“ Dear Steve, Mike, and Myrah—I am so sorry to hear of Dave’s passing. I have many wonderful memories of being in your home to play, have lunch or dinner, make cookies, and just being surrounded by a loving family. I think I rode my bike to your house any 3 out of 5 days in a week during the summer especially.

Dave was a big part of why I loved being at your house, as were your parents. Dave was always kind, warm, and he made me feel comfortable—I thought he was a wonderful big brother who listened and was actually interested in us younger kids when we asked questions or just wanted to talk.

I also remember that brown leather satchel with all the legos in the world and him actually helping us set up a big project to build. I won’t forget that and I know he will be missed by so many he has touched since.

My good wishes and prayers are with you all

Laura Jo Halliday

Laura Halliday - October 08, 2021 at 01:18 PM

SA

Hi Laura Jo, thank you so much for reaching out and remembering Dave with us. How amazing that you remembered the legos and all the other things ... :-) ... that brings a big smile to my face in the midst of the sadness. Thank you!

Steve Ashworth - October 09, 2021 at 12:47 AM

TC

“ *The Depressed Mens Club purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Charles Ashworth.*




The Depressed Mens Club - October 04, 2021 at 02:36 PM

KR

“ *I knew Mr Ashworth from the financial institution that I worked at and he was always a very sweet man. Always polite and would invite me to events & programs at his church. Rest In Peace Mr Ashworth.*

Keista R. - September 25, 2021 at 12:48 PM

 Dean Davis

“ *Dave & I became friends almost 50 years ago. He was very unique in a good way & always ready for a good chat. Dave loved Jesus pure & simple, so he loved people & would help out in any way he could. I know I'll miss him greatly!*

Dean Davis - September 24, 2021 at 12:43 PM

SB

“ *Mike and Steve - So sorry to hear about the passing of Dave. I have fond memories of Dave's good sense of humor and selflessness in driving us to cardinal games and pick up basketball when we were kids. RIP Dave. Sincerely, Scott Blakely*

Scott Blakely - September 24, 2021 at 12:21 PM

SA

Thanks so much, Scott. Appreciate your sharing that ... brings back memories indeed!

Steve Ashworth - October 03, 2021 at 07:16 AM

DB

Tuesday night bocce at Herrin Bocce Club will not be the same. You will be missed!

Debby Bussler - October 08, 2021 at 08:11 AM