



## Raymond David Youngberg

February 20, 1949 - March 6, 2022

Raymond David Youngberg passed away peacefully in his home at 4:30 p.m. on March 6th, 2022. He was 73 years old.

Dave was born in Aurora, Illinois, on February 20th, 1949, to Raymond C. and Elizabeth "Betty" Youngberg.

Dave is survived by his loving wife, Karen Youngberg, of almost 40 years. Dave had three children, Lucas and his wife Ashley, Joe and his wife Rachelle, and Kati. Dave was the proud grandpa of 8 grandchildren; Lacey, Lily, Abigail, Abel, Jamir, Joey, Xara, and Daxton.

Dave served 30 years as a Deputy Sheriff with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. During his tenure, Dave served as a jailer, a deputy, a detective, and a Sergeant. He retired in 2009.

In his college days, Dave developed an interest in folk music. In one of his courses, Dave made his first banjo out of a salad bowl. From here, Dave developed a passion for making banjos, and became a luthier. After college, Dave worked at Golden Frets in Carbondale, Il, where he began to refine his skills as a luthier. Upon his retirement from the Sheriff's Department, Dave built a shop, and dove back into his passion for making banjos. As his skill grew, he began making mandolins. He continued his craftsmanship for many years up until the time of his death.

It was Dave's wish to be cremated immediately following his death.

A memorial gathering will be held at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, 31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, IL on Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 4:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to St. Francis Animal Shelter. Envelopes will be available and accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond David Youngberg*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Karen and family so sorry to hear about Dave. I wish you comfort and peace!*

**Mike Pittman** - March 20, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond David Youngberg.*



March 19, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Dave was one of the best investigators that I ever worked with and I have always considered myself incredibly fortunate that I got to work cases with him. My prayers to Karen and family.*

**Amanda Robertson** - March 19, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *My condolences and deepest sympathy to the Youngberg family, from a former classmate. He was well liked by all.*

*Kay Friedrich*

**Kay Friedrich** - March 18, 2022 at 05:22 PM

RE

“ I met Dave in the seventies when he was building banjos in the basement. He was a classmate of my friend Scott McAndrews back in Downer's Grove. We 'consulted' on what size brake drum to use in order to bend wood to a precise diameter for the banjos he was building. And he built one for my friend Dave Brummer back in that same time frame. Even though we have both been in the area for decades, our paths only crossed rarely, but he was a fine individual. I am sorry to hear of his passing and please accept my condolences.

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**Roger Ellithorpe** - March 16, 2022 at 01:59 AM

AB

“ I worked with Dave in the late 70's at the Jackson County Sheriff's Dept. I have only great memories of Dave, what a man! Although, I have not been in contact with him for numerous years, I am sure he was the same magnificent person. May God richly bless his family!

*Alex Berezow*

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**Alex Berezow** - March 15, 2022 at 01:15 PM

PT

“ My deepest condolences to Karen and the family. Truly a kind soul!



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**Pattie Taylor** - March 14, 2022 at 02:28 PM

RR

“ A giant among men has gone on to his final resting place. Karen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure to work with and learn from Dave while at the Sheriff's Department. Though it has been several years since I had last seen or been in contact with him, I always remember his passion for his family and his work. Dave was a true professional, and his words of wisdom will always be with me. Rest In Peace Dave. you have completed your earthly assignment.

*R. Robison JCSD #1064.*

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**Robin Robison** - March 12, 2022 at 03:29 PM

BT

“ I found David's name on-line, when something made me google his name on March 10. I met David when my family moved across the street on Highland Ave. We became best friends at Washington School and through junior high at Herrick. We lost touch when his family built a new home in Oakbrook. I last saw Dave when we both happened to be in Hinsdale Hospital at the same time (1968?) when he wheeled down to my room for a surprise visit! He was a great guy and a lifelong childhood friend. God bless him.

*Bill Trelease, Streator IL*

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**Bill Trelease** - March 11, 2022 at 09:39 AM

MB

“ Dave was a great brother-in-law, and our entire family is mourning his loss. He was a loyal family man who would help any one of us if we needed him. He will be greatly missed, not only by his family, but by his friends and community.

Your life was a Blessing,

Your memory a Treasure,

You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Rest in Peace Dave.

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**Mila (Rieckenberg) Biermann** - March 10, 2022 at 06:34 PM

RM

“ prayers and condolences to your family

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**Robert & Marilynn Martin** - March 09, 2022 at 08:23 PM

DD

“ I remember having awesome motorcycle rides with Dave years ago. Prayers for Karen and the family.

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**Dan David** - March 09, 2022 at 03:56 PM

DD

“ Dave helped me throw a surprise 40th birthday party for my husband. He managed to get Dan out of our house until our other family and friends arrived.

He also watched over our kids when I was notified my dad had died.

He was a funny guy and we so appreciated his friendship. Love to Karen and his entire family.

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**Deb David** - March 09, 2022 at 02:31 PM

DM

“ Diane and I worked with Dave at the Sheriff's Office many years ago. We send our condolences to Karen and family. He was a great guy and will be missed.

David and Diane Moore - March 09, 2022 at 10:53 AM

DM

“ Dave was one of the good guys. A good cop and a great friend. I enjoyed working with him back in my I-Section days. A lot of great memories that I will treasure. He will be missed. Karen, we are thinking of you and the kids and grandkids. I know you will be lost without him.

Debbie Mileur - March 09, 2022 at 10:44 AM

DW

“ So many memories...he was a rock you could count on. He was the most honorable person I've ever known. He was a joy to work with. And I know he is in Heaven, shifting his duty belt. Godspeed, good friend.

Donna White - March 09, 2022 at 08:08 AM

BW

“ Besides being a devoted husband and father, Dave was one of the best criminal investigators I had the privilege of working with during my career. My condolences to Karen and family.  
God bless you!  
Brad Warren

Brad Warren - March 08, 2022 at 04:51 PM

RJ

My deepest sympathy to Karen and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Regina Jones - March 16, 2022 at 10:30 AM

CM

*Our deepest sympathies to Karen & Family. The loss of David is felt by so many friends far and near! We are thinking of you in these difficult times and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Carl & Susan Madory Colorado*

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**Carl & Susan Madory** - March 19, 2022 at 05:20 PM