



David J. Allen

March 28, 1953 - August 14, 2024

WALKERTON – David J. Allen of Walkerton passed away peacefully with family around him on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka following a long fight with cancer. He was born on March 28, 1953 in Ft. Wayne to Earl Johnson and Delores (Allen) DeFreeze, and was 71-year-old at the time of his death. David was raised by his adopted mother Alice Allen.

He lived in Walkerton for the last 32 years. Lived in Corunna, IN as a child. Last 16 years with his life partner, Candy Boylan. Dave wore many hats in his life, and most will remember him as being a “Classic Car Guy,” who would buy/sell/repair/and restore classic cars. His talents with cars included being able to tell the make and model from just seeing a taillight or other small area of a car. He was a music enthusiast enjoying most all types. He loved helping others, mowing or plowing or fixing or just brainstorming the problem at hand. He helped anyone he could. He was an amazing mechanic who could fix most anything. He loved logging with his brothers at their logging business. David loved to travel. He traveled across the USA. He always had to drive and trips at the spur of the moment. He enjoyed lifting weights top lift ws 955lbs. He was a member of the Nazarene Church of Helmer. He sang in the church while his Mother played the piano. He was a collector of many things, magnets he bribed from anyone traveling, or to decorate his man cave. He was such an old soul. We will miss his laughter and those jokes.

David is survived by his life partner Candy Boylan; three children David Allen Jr., Kelly Mishler, and Renee Allen; his birth mother Delores DeFreeze; three grandchildren Camden, Stephanie, and McKayla; two brothers Jim Allen and Van Allen; many nieces and nephews; two stepchildren Ivana Boylan and Cammie Boylan and Sue Domaska; three step grandchildren Sgt. Benajah Lee Boylan, Connor Boylan, and Lylith Boylan and Amber Domaska and Jon Domaska; and one half-sister Ruth Nielson. He is preceded in death by his father Earl Johnson; his adopted mother Alice Allen; his wife Cheryl Clawson; life partner Rae Morris; one stepson G. Benajah Boylan; one brother Harry Allen and one nephew Danny Crist.

There will be a Celebration of Life Gathering from 11:00am Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Walkerton Community Church (formerly the Walkerton United Methodist Church 1001 Georgia ST., Walkerton, IN 46574). A Memorial Service will be held at Noon EDT. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made in David's memory to the following GoFundMe page to assist with final expenses <https://gofund.me/461a2a57>. Luncheon to be at church after services.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering of family and friends

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Walkerton Community Church
1001 Georgia ST
Walkerton, IN 46574

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David J. Allen.*



September 03, 2024 at 07:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David J. Allen.*



September 03, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ *Candy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Allen.*

Candy R. - September 03, 2024 at 07:03 PM

RM

“ *Big Dave was more than a friend to me. He was the Big Brother I never had. Whenever him and I were together, he'd always come up with a story of his past, that was very exciting and interesting. He was also one to joke or prank you in some way. It was always great to be around him, he'd keep you in stitches. He taught me so much about trucks and cars, his knowledge was immense, even unbelievable at times when he'd identify one with only the tiniest detail. I've cried many tears for him leaving us, but you know, he's with Jesus now dancing in the streets and suffering no more! I truly loved him and I'll miss him til I can join him in heaven! What a blessing he was to have in my life! Love you Brother!* ”

Richard McConnachie - August 25, 2024 at 12:40 PM

PG

“ *So sorry for your loss Kelly.. Sending prayers.* ”

pat green - August 17, 2024 at 11:08 PM

SG

“ *I'll always remember his trip to Pennsylvania and all the fun he had with my husband Bill. I'm sure they have reunited in Heaven and are having a good laugh over days passed. Rest in Peace Dave* ”

Sari Gabrielli - August 17, 2024 at 06:33 PM