



David K. Dutcher

August 24, 1948 - December 4, 2025

David K. Dutcher of LaPorte passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Franciscan Michigan City Hospital. He was born on August 24, 1948, in LaPorte to the late Keith Dutcher and Mildred (Kepcha) Oberlin and was 77 years old at the time of his passing.

On September 16, 1967, in Walkerton, David married the love of his life, Sally (McMahon), who survives him. Together they shared 58 wonderful years of marriage built on devotion, partnership, and an unshakable love for their family.

David worked in auto sales for many years, later focusing on the finance side of the business. His friendly personality, sincerity, and ability to connect with people made him both successful and deeply respected in his field.

A true family man, David cherished time spent with those he loved—especially his treasured grandchildren, Paige and Gage, who brought him immeasurable joy. He was happiest when surrounded by his family, sharing stories, laughter, and the simple moments that meant the most to him.

David had many passions that filled his life with happiness. He loved golfing and was an avid NASCAR fan, closely following Dale Earnhardt Sr. for many years and more recently cheering on Ross Chastain. He enjoyed cooking shows—particularly anything on the Food Network—and could often be found watching his favorites. A train enthusiast, he delighted in programs like *Mighty Trains* on the Discovery Channel. Above all, he held a special place in his heart for his little dog, Trixie, who remained a loyal companion.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sally; his children, Jill (Candy) Dutcher and Jeff Dutcher; his grandchildren, Paige Martin and Gage West; two sisters, Carol Clark and Pam (Denny) Kaiser; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; mother and stepfather, Robert Oberlin; and three brother-in-laws, Steve Clark, Thomas McMahon and Don Crnich. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to Noon CST on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Funeral services will begin at Noon CST at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Walkerton.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

David will be remembered as a loving husband, devoted father, proud grandfather, and a man whose warm heart and gentle spirit touched all who knew him. His legacy of love and family will live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Industrial Park Drive and US 6
Walkerton, IN 46574

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
7984 N. State Road 23
Walkerton, IN 46574
(574) 586-2120
rannellsfh@mchsi.com
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

DEC 11 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ So sorry for your loss who's a good man took care of him when he was in our hospital and came out to his room once in awhile

Dawn Werner - December 10, 2025 at 09:51 AM

JK

“ Jason, Danielle & Landon Kaiser purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David K. Dutcher.



Jason, Danielle & Landon Kaiser - December 09, 2025 at 12:48 PM

DS

“ I met Dave back in 1988 working at Pine Chevrolet. He always had a smile on his face and was one of the best I have ever worked alongside in this crazy business. He will be missed by many, RIH my friend going to miss you my friend. Love Doug Stephens

DOUGLAS STEPHENS - December 09, 2025 at 12:42 PM

JK

“ Jackie and Ken purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of David K. Dutcher.



Jackie and Ken - December 09, 2025 at 09:20 AM

DF

“ Dennis Rebecca Davis family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Dutcher.

Dennis Rebecca Davis family - December 08, 2025 at 06:22 PM

DF

“ Dennis Rebecca Davis family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David K. Dutcher.



Dennis Rebecca Davis family - December 08, 2025 at 06:22 PM

MB

“ Sally I am so sorry for your loss. David was such a sweetheart and I truly enjoyed the years I got to know him and serve him his favorite beverage at the Falcons. My condolences to all the family



Malinda (Moe) Brown - December 08, 2025 at 05:56 AM

SC

“ Among the more boisterous and flamboyant personalities in our family, Uncle David was a model of mild manners, consistency, kindness, tolerance, understanding, and support. He never failed to be curious and interested as to what you were up to. My fondest memories were eating elephant ears with him as a kid at the Laporte County Fair, with the caveat, "Don't tell your Aunt Sally" I am grateful he is finally at peace and for the memories I will always keep. Love and prayers to Sally, Jill & Candy, Jeff, and all others who he touched in his simple way.



Steve Crnich - December 06, 2025 at 06:03 PM

GE

I'm so sorry Sally. At least he is at peace. I'm sure your mom, dad and my mom and dad are having a few cocktails. He was a great guy. Prayers and love for all

Gail Engle - December 10, 2025 at 04:04 PM

CG

Sally and family: I will always remember the many times Dave was playing guitar along with my brother Tom at our house as teenagers. Dave was mild mannered, fun and always had a smile for everyone. I am sorry for your loss.

Cheryl Hughes Gunn - January 27 at 11:56 PM