



David Lee Estep

December 14, 1934 - December 28, 2024

Our beloved father, David Lee Estep, peacefully left us on Saturday, December 28, 2024, surrounded by the love of his family.

Son of the late Anthony and Beulah Estep (Herrick), he was born on December 14, 1934, in Proctor, West Virginia, and had most recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

A man who valued the closeness of family, a hallmark passed on from his parents, seven siblings, and their endless extended family, he passed at ease knowing that he had one last gathering at the family camp.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene Marie Estep in 2009, and brother Gregory Estep earlier this year.

He is survived by his siblings, Raymond Estep, Jack (Ruth) Estep, Bill Estep, Mike (Joan) Estep, Mary Rose Yoho, and Doug (Suzanne) Estep, and many nieces and nephews.

He and Marlene Marie, his late wife of 51 years, were known for making life fun. There was lots of laughter as they raised their children, Christy Snider, David Estep II (Dee Estep), Kim Wilhelm (Bob Wilhelm), Scott Estep, and Jodi Kitzmiller (Joseph Kitzmiller).

They appreciated large family gatherings as the family grew; 8 grandchildren, Nicole Pope, Amanda Montini, Ashley Boyce, Kandis Estep, Chelsea Estep, Jared Estep, Kaleb Kitzmiller, Estella Kitzmiller and 16 great-grandchildren.

They complemented each other as they both valued a smile, laughter, happiness, and selflessness, never judging and always willing to forgive.

Dave was humble, and while being known as the family jokester and frequently playing practical jokes, he was quite an accomplished man. He was an avid football fan, he himself being a four year football performer and co-captain for the Blue Eagle football team earning All-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference honors as a tackle.

He served two years in the Army including 18 months in Germany. He developed his hard work ethic at Estep's Feed & Farm Supply, the family business, utilized 17 years of skills in refrigeration repair work and most impressively, served in management for Mountaineer Gas Company for 43 years.

He was very well known and respected in the Kingwood community. He had 27 years of service as a member of the Kingwood City Council and served on the Kingwood Water Board, was an active member of the Preston County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority, commander of the American Legion Post 56, a key member of the Knights of Columbus, and President of the Kingwood Rotary Club.

A devout Catholic and active member of the church, he served at St. Sebastian in Kingwood for over 30 years. In what little spare time he had, you would find him volunteering with the youth on mission trips for the parish, serving the poor and rebuilding communities in need.

Later in life, Dave returned to his hometown of New Martinsville to enjoy his retirement era. He was happy to reunite with his siblings every Wednesday at the Estep Camp for breakfast where they shared family updates, always keeping family connected. In these years, he found a love for traveling and enjoyed many trips and adventures with June Booth, his companion of 13 years, along with his siblings.

He spent countless hours at St. Vincent's Church and wouldn't miss volunteering for the annual fish fries. Even in retirement, he was finding ways to give back and serve the local community.

He counted on his 6 o'clock coffee ritual at McDonalds with his very dear

friends; he said they were just like family. He was a loyal friend to all that knew him.

Dave will be deeply missed, but there is peace knowing that he is watching us from above and has left us with countless memories that we will hold close to our hearts.

Funeral Liturgy with mass will be celebrated January 13, 2025, 11 am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in New Martinsville, WV.

In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to make a memorial contribution to St. Vincent de Paul Church 21 Rosary Rd, New Martinsville, WV 26155 or St. Sebastion Church, 322 E. Main St., Kingwood, WV 26537.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, New Martinsville, WV.

Previous Events

Funeral Liturgy with Mass

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
21 Rosary Road
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Love, Jack, Kim, Douglas and Brenda purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Lee Estep.



Love, Jack, Kim, Douglas and Brenda - January 02, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ I wish to express my sincere condolences to Dave's family and many friends during this difficult time. I know he will be missed by all. I owe Dave a lot for getting me started in life. He helped me get my first job, got me started as a volunteer fireman, and he let me tag along with him when he worked in refrigeration. I will never forget his laughter, his quick wit, and positive attitude.

Mike Rogers

Mike Rogers - January 01, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Lee Estep.



December 31, 2024 at 06:25 PM

PA

“ *Mary Rose and family,
I am sorry for your loss. Even though I didn't know him personally I
heard about him throughout the years.*

Paulette Anderson

Paulette Anderson - December 31, 2024 at 11:34 AM

BM

“ *Mary Rose,
I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Prayers for all of your family
at this time.*

Betty Ann Mitchell-Thomas - December 30, 2024 at 08:54 PM

LH

“ *What a wonderful man, so special and kind to my own dad in recent
years. I'm heartbroken for your family's loss. I'm hoping and praying
that comfort will be found in your memories. Much love to all - Linda
Parish Hill (Joe's daughter).*

Linda Hill - December 30, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of David Lee Estep, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army Veteran, David Lee Estep, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 30, 2024 at 08:42 AM