



David A. Ritchey

September 4, 1936 - October 19, 2014

Well known Senecaville civic and church leader David Ritchey died October 19, 2014, after a long but courageous battle with cancer, Dave was 78. Dave was most proud of the day in 2005 that he accepted Jesus Christ into his life. During his last months Dave often smiled as friends and family paid him a visit, saying he was ready and well-prepared for his transition into eternal life. He was loved by many in both Canton and Senecaville. Dave is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Annie (Patricia) Ritchey, his three children Jeff (Jody) Ritchey, Sheri (Dan) Judge, Janice (Kevin) Presley and 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Dave was an inspiration to many for his work with the Secrest Senior Center and the United Methodist Church, both in Senecaville. The church's small, historic summer meeting facility, The Old Concord Church at Seneca Lake, held a special place in his heart. He served as Chairman of the Church's operating committee and on several other church committees. He greatly enjoyed his work with the sack lunch program. Dave was a daily visitor at the Senior Center, and served on the Board of directors for 10 years and as Chairman for 4 years. He was born in Salem, Ohio on September 4, 1936. In 1941 his family moved to Canton, where he spent most of his working life. He enlisted in the Army in 1954 and served in Germany as a paratrooper. Later, Dave was trained at several schools and universities and became a metallurgist working in Canton for 30 years. In 1987, he and Annie moved to Seneca Lake after owning several weekend cabins on the water. He worked another 10 years at a plant in Caldwell. In 1999 they moved to their

dream home, a large family farm house near the lake. There, he worked constantly to make their farm home into the real showplace it is today. Dave was always active. In Canton, he was a life member of the McKinley Pistol Club. He was an excellent shooter. Dave shared and taught his loved of the outdoors to his children. He and his son Jeff were avid and talented hunters and fisherman. He spent countless days in the field hunting and fishing at Seneca Lake and 6 other lakes in the region, often with his outdoor buddy, Bill Patterson or his son Jeff. Dave was very proud of his taking of deer by 6 methods: Longbow, crossbow, rifle, shotgun, muzzle loader and pistol. In Canton, he belonged to the Elks, Eagles and the VFW. Calling hours will be from 4:00 to 7:00 on Wednesday October 22, 2014 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home 120 North 11th Street Cambridge, Ohio 43725, with funeral services to be held at 12:00 Thursday October 23, 2014 at the Old Concord Church at Seneca Lake on State Route 313 passed the Marina with Rev. Tom Matus officiating. Burial in Senecaville Cemetery. After the funeral services at the church their will be a luncheon served at the Secrest Senior Center 201 High Street in Senecaville. Memorial contributions, Dave's hope was for friends to consider a donation to Secrest Senior Center P.O. Box 97 Senecaville, Ohio 43780. On-line guest book can be signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
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<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Old Concord Church at Seneca Lake
State Route 313
Senecaville, OH

Tribute Wall

TK

“ To my dear cousin Annie and family,

I am deeply sorry for your loss.

You are in my daily prayers

Love

Tom Kaye

Pittsburgh, Pa.



Tom Kaye - October 22, 2014 at 04:07 PM

AM

“ I offer my sincere condolences to the Dave Ritchey family, friends and neighbors.

Love

Aunt Gi-Gi Myers

Englewood, Florida

Aunt Gi-Gi Myers - October 22, 2014 at 03:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David A. Ritchey.*



October 21, 2014 at 11:41 AM

DC

“ I always enjoyed Dave's company, be it fishing, snowmobiling or just shooting the stuff. It was truly inspiring to see him bravely plan for the future of his wife and children as his future dimmed. Gradually for me, email and then phone conversations went away I will always miss missed those brief exchanges -- and a sampling of his deer sausage at fish or deer camp or an OSU football game at the lake.
Duane St. Clair

Duane St Clair - October 21, 2014 at 11:27 AM

PP

“ David Ritchey was one of our regular customers at Patterson's Deer Processing. Sending our most sincere sympathy to the family during this difficult time. Rest In Peace Dave.

*Scott & Pam Patterson
Patterson's Deer Processing*

Pam Patterson - October 21, 2014 at 08:02 AM

PP

“ Rest in peace good neighbor
Tom & Penny Piper

penny piper - October 20, 2014 at 01:09 PM

Jl

“ Even though I met Dave through our insurance agency years ago, I feel he is more than a client, he is my Christian friend. When he would call about insurance, we would quite often end up talking about our faith in Jesus Christ. Please know I am praying for the family and I pray you are finding peace and comfort during this difficult time. Dave will be so missed!!!

Jill at Guthrie Insurance

Jill at Guthrie Insurance - October 20, 2014 at 09:57 AM



“ May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,
May your memories of David A. Ritchey, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete.

I thank you for your service to our Country and for my Freedom

You will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....

US Army Veteran, David A. Ritchey, "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 - October 20, 2014 at 07:12 AM



Remembering a great friend on this day! Dave and Annie what great people and friends of the Secrest Center, Senecaville. What great memories we have!

Jeff Jirles and Family.

Jeff Jirles - October 21, 2014 at 06:19 AM