



David R Mateer

July 26, 1962 - August 20, 2012

50 year old, David R. Mateer of Taylorville, formerly of Pana, Olney, and Edwardsville, Illinois died Monday, August, 20, 2012 in at his residence in Taylorville, Illinois.

David R. Mateer was born Monday, July 26, 1962, in Alton, Illinois the only child of Robert L. and Shirley (maiden name Harrison) Mateer. He spent his childhood in Edwardsville attending Edwardsville Elementary schools. He was a graduate of Edwardsville High School Class 1980 and Southern Illinois University Carbondale School of Mortuary Science Class of 1982.

David was a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer. He had worked for Kennedy & Sons Funeral Home in Pana, Shafer Funeral Home in Taylorville, and Summer-Kistler Funeral Home in Olney, Illinois.

He enjoyed boating, being out in nature, and bicycling.

A private family inurnment will be held at Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville at a later date.

Local arrangements are by Kennedy & Sons Funeral Home.
Edwardsville arrangements are by Mateer-Saksa Funeral Home.

Survived by his Aunts Fern Mateer of Edwardsville, Illinois, and Dorothy Mateer of Highland, Illinois, numerous cousins, and God-Daughter Sheila Marie Kennedy of Pana, Illinois, he is preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ *Cousin Dave had a gentle heart. I was always pleased to receive his cards and letters. He always found a way to send gifts for weddings and graduations, usually something that he had made, which made it more special. I will remember him with fondness and continue to share stories with my children of "Cousin Dave". Rest in peace and be happy!*

*Love,
Lindsay Harrison Woods
Cousin*

Lindsay Woods - August 31, 2012 at 04:47 PM

RL

“ *Roger E. Lebon lit a candle in memory of David R Mateer*



Roger E. Lebon - August 23, 2012 at 04:21 PM



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Tracy Kennedy - August 23, 2012 at 03:09 PM



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Tracy Kennedy - August 23, 2012 at 03:08 PM



“ Tracy Kennedy sent a virtual gift in memory of David R Mateer



Tracy Kennedy - August 23, 2012 at 03:07 PM



Dave and I would battle over who was best, the Cubs or the Cardinals. Eating Nacho's (Feel the Heat) LOL and cussing the refs for each others teams. Sure Gonna Miss Ya.

Tracy Kennedy - August 23, 2012 at 03:14 PM



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Tracy Kennedy - August 23, 2012 at 03:07 PM



St. Louis Blues all the way Buddy!! I still have my first hat and shirt Dave gave to me. Watching the games will never be the same.

Tracy Kennedy - August 23, 2012 at 03:10 PM



“ *Tracy Kennedy lit a candle in memory of David R Mateer*



Tracy Kennedy - August 23, 2012 at 03:07 PM



“ Dave and I met in mortuary school, his winning ways soon made everybody in class enjoy him. We kept up our friendship over the next ten or so years as Dave worked at various funeral homes in Illinois. Sometimes I'd go visit Dave sometimes Dave would visit Pana. It never failed that it always turned into a "busman's holiday" and we would wind up working a funeral or embalming bodies. The first week we were out of Mortuary School Dave and I attended two weddings in one weekend of our friends. After the second wedding we came back to the Pana funeral home after being out most of the night celebrating the wedding were I was a groomsman. In the back door we came as Dave said like "wandering Penguins on ice" the light was on in the embalming room my Uncle Jerry was working and stuck his head out the door "Hey you two boys get in here and help me it will be good experience for you! After a few minutes of our help he told us we were no help and to go to bed. Years later after my Dad had his stroke Dave helped me as we worked Shafer Funeral Home, Wallace-Carroll as well as Kennedy & Sons. We were busy guys. Tracy and I's oldest child was a few months old at the time, Dad was in the hospital in Springfield, and Dave was more help to me that he could ever imagine. He loved our oldest children as his own and always called Sarah Elizabeth Kennedy his "partner friend". We would have to tell Dave to put her down, she is never going to learn to walk if you don't quit carrying her everywhere. He eased my transition from Dad and I, to Dave and I. Eventually Dave moved on and now it's Tracy and I. Thanks old man you were always fun even when you were a pain in the butt.

Dave Kennedy - August 23, 2012 at 12:10 PM

JH

“ I looked forward to David's cards and letters because they were so funny. What a great sense of humor! One Thanksgiving when Dave visited us here in Georgia, we all ate so much we nearly popped. Thereafter in all his correspondence Dave always mentioned how we all got "bloated!" I will miss his cards and letters and I will miss him.

Jan Harrison
Cedartown, GA

Jan Harrison - August 23, 2012 at 11:04 AM

RH

“ Dave you left way too soon. I guess you always had a bit of a restless streak that never went away. You are going to be missed not only by me but by many others as well. I'm grateful for the numerous memories we shared as cousins. They will remain with me forever. I wish you everlasting peace now, "cuz".

Rodney Harrison
Cedartown, GA

Rodney A. Harrison - August 23, 2012 at 10:26 AM

NH

“ Dave always new how to put a smile on your face. He would take you on adventures like you never thought you would experience. He was a good person and had the biggest heart. I will always remember Dave as caring, charismatic, adventurous and full of joy. The world has lost a good man. I will never forget you my friend!!
With love always,
Nealy Hicks

Nealy Hicks - August 23, 2012 at 08:05 AM

KH

“ I will always remember Dave as being full of life and ready for the next great adventure. When you met Dave for the first time you knew you had made a lifelong friendship. He was always genuinely happy for whatever you were involved in and always celebrated life with no regrets. I count myself lucky to have met and known Dave and consider the world to be a smaller, lonlier place without him

Kevin Hughey - August 22, 2012 at 09:20 PM