



## David L. Apple

September 15, 1941 - November 13, 2013

Milwaukee— David L. Apple, age 72, of Pewaukee, Wisconsin and formerly of Greenfield, Indiana, passed away at his home on November 13, 2013. He was born on Sept. 15, 1941 in Greenfield as the son of Harold and Margaret (Cooney) Apple. Mr. Apple graduated from Purdue University in 1964 with a Master's Degree in Agricultural Engineering. He married his beloved wife, Lois (Carmichael) Apple on January 20, 1963 in Greenfield, Indiana.

David worked for John Deere and Brunswick companies in the Wisconsin and Michigan area for over 40 years before retiring in 2002. Mr. Apple was involved with United Methodist and Presbyterian Congregations, a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, and Rotary International. He loved his family and working on his farm.

David is survived by his wife, Lois of Pewaukee, WI; children, Ellen (Christopher) Dean of Glenview, IL and Brian (Beth) Apple of Beaver Dam, WI; sister, Sarah Richardson of Greenfield, IN; half sister, Betty (Harlan) Epperson of Hardinsburg, IN; stepbrothers, Raymond (Pat) Gant of Greenfield, IN and Charles (An) Gant of Anderson, IN; four grandchildren, Emma and Lauren Dean, Jocelyn and Quinn Apple. He is preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Maxine Richwine; and a sister, Jane Andis.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory in Greenfield with visitation from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be held at a later date at Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St #100, Indianapolis, IN 46278 or to the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St. Ste 1500, Chicago, IL 60604-1242. Friends may share a memory or send a condolence at [www.erleweinmortuary.com](http://www.erleweinmortuary.com) or email condolences to [sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com](mailto:sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com).

# Events

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**NOV**   **Visitation**                      12:00PM - 03:00PM

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Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield

1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

**NOV**   **Memorial Service**    03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Dear Lois, today I made your award winning strawberry pie and once again my crust isn't as good as yours. So I set about to try to find your phone number and learned of Dave's death. Tom & I are so very sorry. How you must miss him. I remember the best food coming from your kitchen. What an incredible cook you are! We lived in Horizon from 1978-80. Not long, but long enough to meet some incredible cooks, but you were the very best!

Since I don't know how to reach you by phone, would you please call me at 757-428-2209 if you get this note. We live in Virginia Beach, VA.

Perhaps if the Funeral Home gets this, they would help connect us. I hope so!

Our very best wishes to you,  
Catherine Cooney

**Catherine Cooney** - May 20, 2016 at 03:07 PM

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“ Dear Ellen and family, so sorry to hear about Dave, you have our deepest sympathy. Just wanted to let you know that Mom, Lottie passed away Dec 24th, phone number I have for you is not right and did not know until today, that David had passed away. God bless you and your family. Love to talk with you. Judy Ginn

**Judy Ginn** - January 04, 2014 at 06:15 PM

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“ Ellen Dean is following this tribute.

**Ellen Dean** - November 28, 2013 at 03:31 PM

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“ Dear Lois, Ellen, & Brian -  
Jim & I extend our deepest sympathy as you say goodbye to your loving husband & father. We were fortunate to have your family as neighbors when we moved to Mallard Ct. in October of 1980. We watched Ellen & Valerie graduate in 1985. And I remember Dave building the special wagon and pulling Brian up the hill after his accident. Dave was a kind & considerate neighbor - we know he is sharing his kindness with others as he smiles down from above.

Linda & Jim Tator

Linda Tator - November 16, 2013 at 07:55 PM

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“ Dear Lois and family,

I'm so sad to hear of Dave's passing. You two were very good friends to us. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Dave was one of the finest men I've ever met. I regret not getting in touch with him when I was in Fishers setting up the fair this year. I thought of him daily since it was the 50th anniversary of the 110 tractor. We featured the same 110 he shipped to us fifty years ago. Every time I look at it I'm reminded of Dave and the time I stopped by and delivered a toy miniature of it. It was he who encouraged me to stock Deere's new L&G equipment.

I just emailed my nephew, Jeff Lawson and thanked him for the notice. He married into your family. I told him about the terrible time I had to go over to your apartment and tell Dave his father had died. It was the week before Christmas.

The smile on Dave's face in the photo is the way I'll always remember him. He loved to kid and loved being kidded.

Lois I know you have a great family around you at this sorrowful time. That gives comfort.

God bless you and your family.

Larry A. Reynolds  
Palm Harbor, Florida

Larry A. Reynolds - November 15, 2013 at 02:00 PM

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“ Dear Lois, Ellen, Brian and families

Liz and I were together Wednesday morning when Ellen called. We greatly appreciate her thoughtfulness making the call. Of course we were saddened to learn of his death.

Ellen's call triggered many memories of our mutual Horicon experiences: John Deere, church, school, Marsh Hens, farming and the list goes on.

I claim full responsibility for issuing the invitation for him to transfer to Horicon Works Engineering Department. This turned out to be a great benefit to both of us. David's upbeat positive attitude carried us through many periods of debate and doubt about new products.

David and his talented group of engineers made a stunning contribution to the Deere growth in consumer products. When the successful Horicon designed 55 Series compact utility tractors was later combined with the Yanmar small tractors, the JD 4000 Series resulted. This was big time stuff. His leadership style enabled all participants to accomplish what was needed, in the face of many diverse opinions. Many still proclaim this tractor with a loader was the best design ever achieved by Deere. David made that happen.

We treasure your visit to the Keys last winter when we introduced you to "Living on an Island."

Ron Leonard

**Ron Leonard** - November 15, 2013 at 10:53 AM

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“ Dear Lois, Ellen, Brian and Families,  
Sending you sympathy and knowing you will be celebrating a life well lived.  
Carol Trentham

**carol trentham** - November 14, 2013 at 12:06 PM

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“ Dear Lois and family,

We are sorry to learn of Dave's passing. Our prayers are with all of you in this time of sorrow.

We enjoyed being neighbors in Horicon for nearly eight years. Getting together a few times since retirement was also a pleasure, especially the visit to your home in Michigan.

Dave was great to work with on the several projects we shared at John Deere. He was always upbeat and looking for a better way to accomplish the work to be done.

Roger and Connie Curry

**Roger Curry** - November 14, 2013 at 11:21 AM



“ Dear Ellen, so sorry to hear about Dave. I was trying to friend you on facebook, to let you know that Mom (Lottie ) passed away Dec. 24th and found this, The number I had does not work anymore. I called Burl and left a message on his answering machine. Please except my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Love ya, Judy Ginn

**Judy Ginn** - January 04, 2014 at 12:44 PM

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“ To the Apple family,

We are sending our sympathies to all of you. We always enjoyed visiting with him even though it wasn't very often but he was always friendly and full of laughter. Take care and may the Lord hug you close. Best wishes, Randy and Verla Peichl



**Verla Peichl** - November 14, 2013 at 10:17 AM

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“ Dear Lois and family. I am Alvin Spencer and Dave and I shared the same office at the Technical Center in Moline and we also shared several Engineering projects together and I'll always remember him as a team player and very professional Engineer. May God bless you all as you go through this time together.

Sincerely,  
Alvin D. Spencer  
East Moline, Illinois

**Alvin Spencer** - November 14, 2013 at 09:44 AM



“ Lois, your Dave was a true "gentleman" of the finest caliber. It was such a pleasure to work with him at JDHW.  
Your family is most special, and in my thoughts.  
Lynne Hedberg

**Lynne Hedberg** - November 17, 2013 at 09:58 AM

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“ Dear Lois and family: All your many friends in the Contraser Class and the Moline Riverside Church want to express our sympathy to you and your family on your loss. Dave was a great guy with many friends. We were so glad you both were able to attend the Class's 50th anniversary this summer. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit with you and catch up on old times. You and your family will be in our prayers.  
Dave and Sharon Smith

**David Smith** - November 14, 2013 at 07:58 AM

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“ Lois,

I am sorry to hear of Dave's passing this morning. That was certainly not expected.

Dave was among my favorite friends from Deere and a former supervisor. I felt like he was a good friend. He seemed to always have a smile and tried to be helpful. We seemed to have another common bond having both gone to Purdue and graduated from the same Agricultural Engineering Department.

I truly am sorry he is gone. Please take care and I'll keep you and your family in my prayers.

Dave Stricker  
Columbus, WI

**Dave Stricker** - November 14, 2013 at 06:54 AM

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“ Lois, I am so sorry to hear about Dave. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.

Your classmate, Marilyn

**Marilyn Bowyer Paul** - November 13, 2013 at 10:51 PM

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“ Im so sorry for your loss the dinner we had together with Maxine was so special and enjoyed our visit

Lois Batts



**Lois Batts** - November 13, 2013 at 05:51 PM