



David E. Book

November 28, 1960 - July 21, 2020

NEW PALESTINE – David Emery Book, age 59, of New Palestine, passed away on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. He was born in Greenfield on November 28, 1960 to Edward and Elizabeth “Betty” (Scalf) Book. He graduated from Greenfield Central High School. David married Kathryn Elizabeth (Fisher) on June 27, 1987 at Bullman’s Pond.

He was a true leader. He was New Palestine’s Town Manager and Wastewater Superintendent for 37 years. He along with the past town council, helped bring in new subdivisions and commerce. You can drive down Main Street thru town and see some of the fruits of his labor. The lanterns down Main Street; the Town Clock and Town Hall; Woodland Terrace; the new Wellness Center; Get Go Convenience Store are among a few of his most valuable endeavors. He loved life, family, and friends. He enjoyed going to NASCAR events with friends and hunting with his son. He loved hearing his grandkids run in and yell Papaw Papaw, then big hugs followed.

David is survived by his wife, Kathryn Book of New Palestine; children, James (Trisha) Ault, Bradley (Tonii) Pyle, and Sarah Book all of New Palestine; grandchildren, Jacob Ault of Fishers, Bruce Donner of New Palestine, Lillianna and Jillian Pyle both of New Palestine, and Nate, Emma, and Ellie Armstrong all of New Palestine; sister, Leanne (Chuck) Dix of Greenfield; brother, Charlie Book of Greenfield; sisters-in-law, Katrina Fisher of Shelbyville and Angela (Robert) Strasser of Shelbyville; brother-in-law, Thomas (Karen) Fisher of Shelbyville; and many nieces, nephews, and a great-niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Betty Book; in-laws, Raymond and Lois Fisher; and a grandson, Nick Armstrong.

A memorial gathering will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. As a reminder, masks are required in public indoor spaces as of July 27, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Book Family Grandchildren’s College Fund, c/o. Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40,

Greenfield, IN 46140, by website gf.me/u/yhm5qz. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Events

JUL **Memorial Gathering** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield

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

Comments



“ Carol McCullers Newhouse lit a candle in memory of David E. Book



Carol McCullers Newhouse - August 02 at 07:37 PM



“ My deepest condolences to David's family. His mother and father were such wonderful people. They would both be very proud of the type of person David was, how he lived his life and the lasting impact he had on his community. A very good man.

Kelly McClarnon - July 29 at 04:45 PM



“ Dave was a wonderful mentor to me in my years with the Town, and will always hold a special place in my heart. He had just started planning the Gem Rd walking path when we moved from the Town limits, as I recall. May God lift his family during this time. Susie

Susie Morris - July 29 at 03:41 PM



“ Greetings. My name is Joi Daniels. I used to provide care for Mr. Book for 4 years he was one of my most favorite patients! He always had a smile or a joke for me or anyone for that matter. I had a daughter around the same age as his grandchildren and he brought me so many beautiful gentle used items to get me started. I am so grateful to have met him and my heart is sad of hearing of his passing. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the entire family he was truly a pleasure to be and around and will be missed. Fly high “Mayor”

Joi Daniels - July 28 at 03:30 PM



“ In 1999, I was a town manager and had just finished building a wastewater plant and collection system in McCordsville. I knew that I was going to have to obtain the necessary licenses to run this plant.

Dave Book had called over to my office and asked me to come over to New Palestine (where he was town manager). I went over to meet him, and we instantly connected. He offered to train me to run the wastewater plant and help me obtain the licenses to do it. So, I spent 6 months with him every Friday going over laboratory procedures and plant operational procedures.

Later the same year, I took the Indiana wastewater license examination and had the highest test score in the state. My success was due to Dave's guidance.

At the conference in the Spring of 2017, I had a chance to thank him again for his help many years ago. I also told him that this experience started me on a new career path, which resulted in my ability to be a senior area manager for a large international environmental company.

Dave has been a pathfinder in my life. He started me on a new path in 1999, and I have never forgotten what he did for me. It was so great to see him and thank him for being a mentor to me. I have always looked up to David. He simply is one of the finest persons I know.

David's life has inspired me to remember the value of public service and helping others. David, I hope I make you proud.



Bob Lugar - July 27 at 11:10 PM



“ I remember when David worked for the Greenfield Wastewater Treatment Plant. He worked for my father, Larry Hollingsworth, and was always happy. He and my father talked about IU basketball and hunting. I have good memories of knowing David and will miss him. I send my condolences and prayers to his family!
Deann Hollingsworth



Deann Hollingsworth - July 25 at 11:07 PM



“ Kathy and family, I'm so sorry to hear. Dave was a wonderful and good man. You're all in my prayers. I'll never forget the Fire Department camaraderie, the New Years Eve parties, the halloween parties, so much fun. ~with heartfelt sympathy, Cindy Oakley

Cindy Oakley - July 24 at 01:50 AM



“ David grew up from a nice kid to a nice man. Always a smile and a hug for my wife Portia, David was someone who left you feeling better upon every encounter. God above is getting a good one, perhaps way too early, but always on His timeline Rest in Peace my friend

Keith McClarnon - July 23 at 01:52 PM



“ My condolence to Dave's family, friends and the community of New Palestine who was so much a part of that community for so many years. Kathy, please know our prayers are with you in this tremendous loss. God bless you. - Jim and Susan Burns

Jim Burns - July 23 at 01:00 PM



“ Sincere condolences to Dave's family. Ron and I were treated well by him. Sylvia Carrico.

sylvia carrico - July 23 at 12:32 PM



“ I am really at a loss for words. I learned of David's situation through a mutual friend just a couple of days ago. Even though I haven't seen or spoken to David much since high school, I know if our paths did cross, I would be met with the David Book smile and genuine caring presence that was handed down to him by his parents. Rest in peace, my friend.

Bill Fink - July 23 at 12:18 PM



“ My condolences to the family. I never got to know Dave as an adult. He looked just like his dad and I'm sure the rest of him was just like his dad also loving, kind and sounds like he really loved his grandchildren. My prayers will be with the family. Kim Sparks

Kim. Sparks - July 23 at 09:28 AM



“ My heart is so sad to read this. Prayers for the family. I have not seen Dave for years but hold fond memories of him in my heart.

Tamara Jolly Miller - July 23 at 07:29 AM



“ Rest in Peace, Dave! Thank u for all u have done for New Palestine.Fly with the Angels!

Susie Barr - July 23 at 02:14 AM



“ Susie Barr lit a candle in memory of David E. Book



Susie Barr - July 23 at 02:12 AM



“ Oh where do I start. David Book was one of the sweetest guys you would ever want to meet always had a smile on his face. He was a customer of Marie's Pizza for more years then I know. He was spoiled rotten by us. He came in hollered what he wanted to eat sometimes he got it sometimes he got what I had the night before for dinner. We had many conversations back by our pizza ovens while he ate his lunch on those cold cold days. Sat out front and would joke around with all the usual. He will be missed but alot of great memories.

Mary Chandler - July 22 at 11:26 PM



“ Circa 2016 - Enjoy the good moments in life when you can and never let anyone try and take those good moments away.

Gary Halliburton was so excited about presenting the 2016 Citizen of the Year award to David Book. Gary commented that it was difficult to keep anything a secret without

David finding out about it. David was actually surprised.

This was a nice moment to remember...

The picture of David & myself was to prove we didn't have a Mayor but we had a Town Manager.



Dave Meeker - July 22 at 09:53 PM



“ Sending my deepest sympathies to the family,

I have many wonderful memories of Dave when we were growing up at Mt. Comfort church. I remember when we were both working the church tent at the fair. We had a dare going on, he would drink whatever concoction I made. I put every flavor soda, it had tea, milk, too. it looked awful, and I never thought he would drink it. He drank it all up smiling that he proved me wrong!

Becky White Brannon - July 23 at 09:50 PM



“ The entire Hollingsworth family sends its deepest sympathy to David's family.
The entire Hollingsworth family

Deann - July 25 at 11:18 PM



“ To my dearest cousin. Oh the times we had as kids so much fun. The life you led is an inspiration to us all. You will be missed You All!

Dottie Copeland - July 28 at 03:53 PM