



John David Girard

March 5, 1944 - March 17, 2010

John David “Dave” Girard, age 66 of Remington passed away at Whispering Pines in Monticello, Indiana March 17, 2010. He was born in Urbana, Illinois on March 5, 1944, the son of Caroline (Hesler) Girard and the late John Paul Girard.

Dave was a 1962 graduate of Homewood (IL) High School. He graduated from Purdue University in 1974 and received his Physician’s Assistant degree in 1976 from the University of Iowa. Dave retired after 30 years of military service and was employed as a physicians’ assistant at Gundersen Lutheran Clinic, Postville, IA. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1967, served in the Viet Nam war and was the recipient of the Viet Nam Service Medal w/3 campaign stars and Meritorious Unit commendation. In 1974, Dave joined the U.S. Coast Guard where he received the U.S. Coast Guard Unit commendation, Sea Service ribbon, Arctic Service medal, the Antarctic Service medal w/Bronze Star and retired with the rank of Lt. Commander.

On June 10, 1972, in Rensselaer Dave married the love of his life, Joan Henry who survives.

He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the Monticello VFW. Dave was an avid motorcyclist and served as a motorcycle safety instructor.

Dave is survived by his loving wife Joan of Remington, IN, and daughter, Stephanie (Forrest) Hardin of Missoula, MT, one brother, Charles (Toni) Girard of Keller, TX, his mother, Caroline Girard of Bedford, TX, mother-in-law, Velma Henry and in-laws, Barbara (Steve) Robinson, Marie (Randy) DeWees, David (Becky) Henry, Daniel Henry and Keith (Barbara) Henry and many nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Saddened to see Dave's obit in the Postville paper yesterday. You are all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Dave and Denise Strudthoff##imported-end##*

March 31, 2010 at 10:23 PM



“ *Joan and family, We just read Dave's obituary in the Postville paper. You have our sincere sympathy. Our children will always remember Dave as "Doctor Dave". He was so kind and was willing to go out of his way to treat the kids when they were ill. God be with you and your family through this hard time and keep you in his loving care. Love, Brian, Peggy, Kelli and Lucas Keuning##imported-begin##Peggy Keuning##imported-end##*

March 27, 2010 at 09:42 PM



“ *Joan, Stephanie, and Caroline. How very saddened I was to see Dave's obituary in the Postville paper today. My deepest sympathy to all of you and the rest of your families. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless....Becky##imported-begin##Becky Monroe##imported-end##*

March 23, 2010 at 03:24 PM



“ *Joan*

I just heard about your loss. I am so sorry. You have been in and will continue to be in my prayers. Miss you, take care of yourself.

Please extend our sympathy to the rest of the family. If you get back to NE Iowa, let me know, I would love to see you.

Julie###imported-begin##Julie and Mike Bohr###imported-end##

March 22, 2010 at 02:48 PM



“ *Dear Joan, My thoughts and prayers are with you. May your sorrow be softened by the warm memories you cherish.*

I remember when I first met Dave, at Jasper Co Hosp, right after Viet Nam. He was so strong but gentle in the Emergency Room. I admired how well he worked and how well he meshed with all the different personalities. Whata great guy!###imported-begin##Anita Jordan###imported-end##

March 22, 2010 at 09:11 AM



“ *Dear Family*

I want to express my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. You can be assured that comfort and hope are found in the pages of the Bible. In the Bible book of Psalm 55:22 you can read “GOD will sustain you”. I hope this message brings you a measure of comfort.

Sincerely

Mrs. Sandi Watkins###imported-begin## Mrs Sandi Watkins###imported-end##

March 21, 2010 at 07:36 PM



“ To Joan and family,

We're so sadden to hear about Dave. Our heartfelt prayers are with you. You have our deepest sympathy. Sorry that we can't pay our respects to you, personally. You are in our thoughts and our hearts.

Love you

Marge##imported-begin##Roger and Marge Wealing##imported-end##

March 19, 2010 at 08:13 AM



“ Joan, Stephanie and Caroline - Dave has always been a special person to me. I want you all to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of Dave working in Postville and Elgin. I know the past few years have not always been easy, but I think of what he has inspired in others, especially me, through his compassion and kindness. He will truly be missed. May God Bless you all. I know I have not kept in touch in recent years directly, but I do ask about you all frequently.##imported-begin##Kris Smith##imported-end##

March 18, 2010 at 10:09 PM



“ *Joan and Stephanie,
Dale and I are so sorry for your loss. I have such happy memories
of the days that were spent with Dave at Gundersen in Postville and
Monona. He was such a great guy and a wonderful PA, with so
much kindness and knowledge to give. He will be missed.
We miss you too Joan and wish you only the best in the days and
years to come.
You are in our thoughts and prayers,
Love, Barb##imported-begin##Barb Tieskoetter##imported-end##*

March 18, 2010 at 08:53 PM