



## David A. Fester

April 6, 1963 - May 1, 2019

Dateline: Hardin

David A. Fester, 56, passed away at 10:15 pm on May 1, 2019 at his home after a courageous two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He fought with the help and support of his family, friends and the Calhoun County community. With this help, David was able to stay at home during this two-year battle. He loved Calhoun County and never wanted to leave.

David was the youngest son born to the late Glenn and Captolia (Haney) Fester of Batchtown. His five brothers included, Charles (Jane) Fester of Hardin, Daniel (Marie) Fester of Dow, Edward Sr. (Linda) Fester of Batchtown, the late Larry (Margie Smith) Fester of Girard and Ronnie (late Sun) of Dupont, WA.

He married Deann Koster in Carlinville, IL on June 30, 1989. This union was blessed with one son, Joseph Fester of Hardin, IL. David is survived by a larger family, which includes, father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Dolores (Schuckenbrock) Koster and three brother-in-laws, Douglas (Deanna), Don (Kara) and Daniel (Tracy) all of Carlinville. He had forty-three nieces and nephews at his passing, which he appreciated every day. He is also survived by an uncle, Ralph Robinson of Pleasant Hill, IL and an aunt, Starr McDaniels of Pearl.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Larry Fester; sister-in-law, Sun Fester; uncles, Bill Haney, J.D. Haney and Ransom Haney, Warren Fester, Fred Fester, Herbert Fester and Louis Fester; and an aunt, Alice Robinson.

David loved life each day. He enjoyed helping people and worked very hard at everything he did. David attended Batchtown and Hardin Elementary Schools, and graduated from Calhoun High School in 1981. He later attended Lewis and Clark College and the St. Louis Union Carpenters School, becoming a Journeyman Carpenter. He was a member of Local 32 of Wentzville. In his youth, David was employed by Eilerman Brothers Farms,

Saurwin Lumber Company and his family orchard. He started his thirty-year carpenter career with P & R Construction and later Behlman Builder in St. Louis, MO.

After his diagnosis, he sat on his patio with his constant companion, "Butch" the granddog, gaining strength from all that visited. He always loved being outside. All of his life he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends watching late model dirt track races and working on antique tractors. In January 2019 he was able to fulfill many wishes including feeding alligators in Louisiana and make happy memories with his family and friends. And many other shorter trips, including a trip to the dirt track race under the dome.

David's Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be on May 22, 2019, at 3:30 pm at 407 South County Road, where he spent most of the last two years of his life. Then there will be a walk to Hardin City Cemetery for his burial. The family will be able to visit after the services at the Masonic Lodge in Hardin.

Donations can be made to Boyd Memorial Hospital Foundation Cancer Gas Card Fund for Calhoun County Patients or Three Little Birds 4 Life.

Online condolences and guest book may be found at [www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com](http://www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com)

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Hardin, IL,

# Comments

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“ It was my pleasure to know David. He was a courageous, well-spoken young man as a teen visiting his brother's family in my neighborhood. He was a hard worker and accomplished laborer and carpenter directly out of high school. He also bought a tandem dump truck and hauled rock for a period of time! Our condolences to his family.

**Barney Titus** - May 17 at 02:51 PM

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“ I remember David always with a smile. We went to Lewis and Clark together. We always listen to music, back then he loved listening to "Jack and Diane". He was also a Godparent to Tonya and Glen Fester. He enjoyed spending time with all his nieces and nephews. RIP David. Æ

**Desiree** - May 14 at 01:08 PM