



David Neely

August 19, 1956 - April 9, 2026

David Neely, lovingly known as “Papa Dave,” passed peacefully in his sleep Thursday evening and entered into the presence of the Lord, where he is now reunited with his beloved wife, Gloria, and praising Jesus face to face.

Dave lived a life rooted in faith. The one he loved above all else was his Savior, and he walked with God daily. His heart found joy in worship, especially in songs like “I Can Only Imagine,” “Hymns of Heaven,” and “Dear God,” which reflected the hope he carried so deeply.

He was a man full of personality—ornery and mischievous in the best ways, never afraid to tell it like it was, and always leaving an impression on those around him. He found happiness in simple things: caring for his dogs, spending time with his snakes, and enjoying his collection of model cars and action figures.

Dave was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn W. Neely, and his beloved wife, Gloria Neely.

He is survived by his father, William E. Neely; his sister, Shirley Neely Livingstone, Ohio and her husband Bruce; his stepchildren, Rachel Stephens, Mary Back, and Dan Evano; as well as several nieces and nephews and many others whose lives he touched.

A traditional funeral service will not be held. Instead, a celebration of Papa Dave’s life will take place on Saturday April 25th at 2pm EST at First Christian Church in Remington, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Dave by doing something

meaningful in his memory—spend time with loved ones, care for an animal, lend a helping hand, or take a quiet moment with God, just as he did so often. Though he will be deeply missed, there is comfort in knowing that he is now at peace—whole, joyful, and home in Heaven, worshiping the One he loved most, reunited with his Gloria once again.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church of Remington
8 W. Virginia St.
Remington, IN 47977

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of David Neely.*



April 17 at 08:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Neely.

April 17 at 08:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Neely.*



April 16 at 03:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Neely.*



April 16 at 02:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Neely.

April 16 at 02:48 PM



“ Uncle Dave was my Karate Sensei....he touched my life in so many ways! We still sent emails of my progress even after I moved several states away....i will miss him dearly and am still so sad that he is gone...but I am blessed to know I will see him again in heaven with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Blessings to you all!

Samantha

samantha - April 15 at 11:27 AM



“ In memory of your friend & loved one



Deb Ellis - April 14 at 06:47 PM