



## David Louis Giedinghagen

September 15, 2014

David Louis Giedinghagen, son of Louis Earl and Dorothy Lucile (Hendricks) Giedinghagen, was born February 10, 1957, in St. Louis, Missouri, Missouri where he grew up and attended school, graduating from Riverview Gardens High School in 1975.

On February 14, 1981, David married his sweetheart, Carol Jane Poenicke, at Calvary Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. The two were inseparable, and together shared over 33 wonderful years, and a lifetime of memories.

David continued his education by attending Florissant Valley Community College, obtaining an Associate's Degree in Advertising Design and Commercial Art, then on to Lincoln University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Art Education, and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from University of Missouri at Columbia. David taught Graphic Design in Florissant Valley part time, was a title/aide teacher in Owensville for several years, Cuba for three years teaching elementary art, then to Vienna teaching art, PK-12. In 2009, David and Carol moved to Richland, where David taught art to PK-6.

Dave accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and savior on May 29, 1963, and was baptized on June 9, 1983, and was ordained as a deacon in 2003. Dave was a member of First Baptist Church of Richland.

In Dave's spare time, he enjoyed art and being outdoors hunting, fishing and trap shooting. He loved digging into history, especially Civil War and WWII. The one thing he treasured more than anything was spending time with his family.

David quietly passed away the morning of Monday, September 15, 2014, at his home near Richland, surrounded by his loving wife, Carol, having attained the age of 57 years. Though gone from our sight for only a little while, Dave will never be far from the memories he made, the laughter he shared, and those whose lives he touched. He will remain in our hearts forever.

David leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Carol of the home, his mother, Dorothy Giedinghagen of Mt. Sterling, MO; four brothers: Louis Earl Giedinghagen, Jr. of Richlands, NC; Gary Joe Giedinghagen of Sumiton, AL; Daniel Louis Giedinghagen of Festus, MO and Paul Louis Giedinghagen of Mt. Sterling, MO; 20 nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. In addition to his father, David was preceded in death by one sister, Gayle Nieters in 2010.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 20, 2014 in the First Baptist Church of Richland, Missouri with Pastor Bob Lilly officiating. Friends and family shared touching memories of Dave. Congregational hymn's included "This is My Father's World," "Because He Lives," "Have Thine Own Way," and "When We All Get to Heaven," pianist, Marleen Brown accompanied. Interment will be in the Giedinghagen Cemetery Mt. Sterling, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of David Louis Giedinghagen to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Disabled American Veterans, Public Broadcast System (PBS), or Who's Next and may be left at Memorial Chapel.

Online condolences may be sent to [memorialchapelsandcrematory.com](http://memorialchapelsandcrematory.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of David Louis Giedinghagen*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - September 22, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ *David Louis Giedinghagen*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

MS

“ Danny called my dad today and told him what had happened. I am so sorry Danny, Paul, Louie, Gary and of course Dorothy. I saw the video tribute to David. I saw a couple of pictures of me with David and Lou from fishing. Wow did we fish, we fished a lot. While we were all growing up I had a lot of struggles in my life. If it was not for Lou, Dorothy, Gary, Louie, Paul, Gale, Danny and of course David. I do not know what would have come of me as I write this at this present time. David and I had so much fun together. Throwing the football back and forth, boy did he have an arm. I remember he tossed me a pass and I snapped my mother's favorite pine tree off half up when I fell into it catching the pass. It was an accident but it was my mother's favorite tree. I look back on all the experiences in our young lives, from working on cars in the drive way to going to Calvary Baptist church, to all the breakfasts, the lunches and the dinners, to playing football in the field behind your house in Sherwood Hills. David always was a true friend to me in my times of struggle, I thank him for being there for me. As I look back in time, as I am sure all of you who are reading this can agree, where did the time go? I have fond memories of all of the Giedinghagens. We had a good life and I am so grateful that the Giedinghagens were part of my life. I miss all of you as we all grow old, but I do reflect on the fond memories of our childhood from time to time and I smile.  
Love to all you,  
Mike Stevich  
slovak134@yahoo.com

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**Michael Stevich** - December 19, 2014 at 06:13 PM

SS

“ Saddened to hear of David's passing. Fond memories of our car pooling to Vienna High School. Praying for comfort for Carol and the rest of the family.

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**Sherron Somerville** - September 20, 2014 at 09:10 AM

BY

“ I haven't heard a good joke since May.....Mr. G and I started our jobs at Richland Elementary the same year, and I soon discovered someone that got my sense of humor, although he always had the better antidotes.

Carol (I always refer to as my favorite G)

I wish you comfort in the days to come and hope you are able to reflect back during times of sorrow at Mr. G's wit and wisdom to find peace. God bless you.

Brenda York



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**Brenda York** - September 18, 2014 at 07:22 PM

BM

“ Bud & Nancy Meixner lit a candle in memory of David Louis Giedinghagen



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**Bud & Nancy Meixner** - September 18, 2014 at 02:17 PM

SH

“ Shanna Henry lit a candle in memory of David Louis Giedinghagen



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**Shanna Henry** - September 18, 2014 at 07:19 AM

SH

“ Carol praying for you during this time. David will be so missed by everyone. I am so thankful that he pushed Box to enter his artwork and that when they were both chosen they became great friends. I already miss giggling in the corner of Sunday school with you all because David and Box were always cracking jokes. Those are the times I will cherish and remember the most. Love you so much!

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**Shanna Henry** - September 18, 2014 at 07:18 AM

MP

“ Way too many softball and volleyball stories for such a small space. Lets just say he was always good for a laugh. Met Dave through my wife when he joined National Supermarkets fresh out of college. Truly a loss but I guess God needed some laughs. Our prayers go out to Carol and the families. May God bless and comfort all.

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**Mike Powers** - September 17, 2014 at 05:07 PM

MC

“ Dave was a good friend and a great man. You could easily see the joy he had in his heart. I really enjoyed playing softball with him and loved his sense of humor.

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**Mike Craig** - September 17, 2014 at 12:09 PM

MW

“ We are much in prayer for David's family and friends as we all miss his quirky humor and his faithfulness in teaching our Sunday school class. We already miss him, but we rejoice at his home-going. We thank God for the opportunity to know and love David and Carol.

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**Martin and Georogia White** - September 16, 2014 at 10:27 PM

JN

“ He was a very loving uncle who knew how to make anyone laugh. He was great at art and being a teacher. He was always there when you needed him. He will be greatly missed by our family. Prayers being said for Aunt Jane and the rest of our family and friends who knew him.



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**Jonathan Nieters** - September 16, 2014 at 09:32 PM

TM

“ Our deepest sympathy. I pray God's arms are wrapped around you during this time.

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**Tana & James Mitschele** - September 16, 2014 at 06:09 PM

JN

“ love the Giedinghagen family, Mom just called and told me Dave was with our Lord! May you feel peace and comfort from our Lord. It was always a blessing to be in the same room enjoying fellowship with this family. Judy Nieters

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**Judy Nieters** - September 16, 2014 at 04:47 PM

JN

“ Judy Nieters lit a candle in memory of David Louis Giedinghagen



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**Judy Nieters** - September 16, 2014 at 04:44 PM

SB

“ I truly enjoyed the 5 years I spent working with Mr. G. I will never forget his jokes he would tell us at the lunch table or email to us to figure out. The artwork he did with the kids was always in the hallway for our enjoyment. You are a brave soul to face cancer the way you did. May you rest in peace. You are in my thoughts and prayers Carol.

*Staci Brown*

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**Staci Brown** - September 16, 2014 at 03:25 PM

WR

“ The greatest thing I learned from David when we were younger was how to skillfully climb out of your bedroom window, quietly walk across the roof, then pray like crazy that the drain pipe held while you slide down to the sidewalk. Going to miss that grin and humor. Love you Jane.

*Uncle Bill*

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**William Reeds** - September 16, 2014 at 03:17 PM

BK

“ Carol Jane, our deepest sympathy to you and the entire family for the loss of David.  
God Bless All.

*Bob & Betty Kuda*

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**Bob & Betty Kuda** - September 16, 2014 at 03:12 PM

ME

“ We feel very blessed to have known Mr. G! What a loving, kind, compassionate man! I will forever cherish the beautiful pieces of artwork my girls brought home from his class! May God wrap his loving arms around your family during this difficult time! Love you Carol!

*Jonathan, Melissa, Kelsea, Rylea & Kailyn Stradt*

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**Melissa** - September 16, 2014 at 12:21 PM

RF

“ Roy And Donna Farmer lit a candle in memory of David Louis Giedinghagen



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**Roy and Donna Farmer** - September 16, 2014 at 11:28 AM

TH

“ Our hearts are heavy at hearing of Mr. G's passing. Mr. G had a big influence with helping Victoria's passion for photography grow through his guidance and knowledge. Thank you for all that you did during your time earth. Carol, we are praying for peace and strength for you and your family.

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**The Hookers** - September 16, 2014 at 09:49 AM

SJ

“ SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of David Louis Giedinghagen



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**SARA JONES** - September 16, 2014 at 08:19 AM

MS

“ *Marlin Stevens lit a candle in memory of David Louis Giedinghagen*



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**Marlin Stevens** - September 16, 2014 at 06:56 AM

SK

“ *Carol, am remembering you and the family at this time. I remember the Mission Trip to Hannibal when you and David joined us for the week. Such good memories! Also, enjoyed having David on our Title 1 Staff at school. He was so talented and certainly a man of God. Love and prayers, Shelba.*

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**Shelba Knight** - September 15, 2014 at 11:30 PM