



David "Dave" Thatcher, Sr.

December 30, 1936 - May 22, 2020

David "Dave" Thatcher Sr, age 83, of Delaware, OH passed away on Fri. May 22, after a brief fight with the CO-VID 19 virus and a longer struggle with dementia.

Dave is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nancy B. Thatcher; his son, David Thatcher Jr., his daughter, Christy (Thatcher) Bening, his son-in-law, Dave Bening; his grandchildren, Austin Bening, Elissa Bening and Jack Thatcher.

He attended Columbus North High School, class of 1955. For 45 years he was the owner and operator of Davco Appliance Service in Columbus and Westerville. Because Dave was a friendly and outgoing guy, he made friends all around Columbus and Westerville through his business calls. When people needed advice about the appliances they wanted to buy or whether something still had a bit of "life" left in it, they would ask Dave for a recommendation – he made sure to take good care of his customers with whom he had a bond built on trust and loyalty.

In 1970 when Dave and Nancy moved to Sharon Woods, they brought that same friendly and supportive attitude to their neighborhood. Many of the neighbors would meet after work to share a beer and a story; the men were always up to some crazy shenanigans: a favorite being the funnelator – a giant slingshot used to launch water balloons for great distances. The families who lived on Staffordshire planned block parties, watched each other's children, vacationed together and supported each other in good and bad times, and their community spirit made it a great place to live. Dave made sure the block parties were a success and that the neighborhood was a fun place to be. To honor his commitment to his neighbors, Dave was named "Mayor of Staffordshire" by Mayor Tom Moody. It was a title and honor he valued even after he moved to Delaware.

The Masonic Lodge was central to Dave's life. With the Masons he found a group of men who shared his values and spiritual interests, and because of this he devoted himself to the programs and rites of the Masons. In 1973 he became Master of the New England Masonic Lodge #4. For more than 50 years Dave remained active in the organization.

Of Dave's many interests, boats and cars, especially the restoration of old cars were the most enduring and important. The love of cars took Nancy and him all around the US so that Dave could share his love with other car enthusiasts or locate parts for his many restorations, the most treasured being his red 1951 Chevy pickup truck. His love of family and fun took him to Lake Cumberland nearly every summer where we water-skied, swam, picnicked, and camped. Dave's favorite place in the world was the Smoky Mountains, in particular Gatlinburg, TN, and our family along with family friends, the Greens, the Watkins, the Dunningtons, and the Schumanns spent many vacations in the area, climbing Clingman's Dome or examining the items for sale in the local shops, but mostly enjoying the many gifts nature offered.

Dave lived a full life. We are and were lucky to have had him in our lives in the many ways he choose to support us: friendly fix-it guy, loyal friend, fun neighbor, committed leader, caring uncle, silly grandfather, and devoted father and husband.

Many thanks to the health care workers at Heartland Hospice for providing care and support throughout this difficult time. Commemoration of Life: Services for Dave Thatcher will be held Saturday, July 11, 2020

at the Northwest Masonic Temple, 2436 Dublin-Granville Rd. Linworth

Please join us at 1:30 for family visitation. A celebration of Dave's life will begin at 2:00 PM. A light meal and refreshments will be provided immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Dave's memory to Heartland Hospice <https://heartlandhospicefund.org/>

or the Alzheimer's Assoc. <https://alz.org/> Arrangements will be made through the Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home in Worthington, OH.

Events

JUL **Celebration of Life Gathering** 01:30PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Nancy, Christy, David, Dave, Austin, Elissa and Jack:
There are no words to share the sadness on the news of Dave passing. The memories of Staffordshire are flooding in and are so very special. I was surely blessed to have the Thatcher family as a second family. Kitchen talks, hanging and watching car rehabbing and fixing, Porch sitting, water balloon launching, block party loving, many days and nights on a body of water from Alum Creek to Scioto River to Lake Cumberland. Love and prayers to you all during this difficult journey, he was such a special friend to all, incredible husband, dad and grandfather. I do know this though Davey and my mom are probably causing all kinds of trouble up in heaven together...that brings a smile to my face to know they are together. Take Care and sincerest sympathies...
Love you guys,
Kristen Green

Kristen Tell - July 08 at 01:30 PM



“ Nancy and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing but know he is finally at peace after several years of struggle. May your memories of the great times comfort you as you adjust to your new normal. We had many fun times at the Inliners picnic. We will remember Dave as a good fellow who did awesome work on his cars.
Sincere sympathies,
Ted and Linda Kraschinsky

Linda Kraschinsky - July 05 at 12:46 PM



“ We are sorry to hear of Dave's illness and passing. Dave and Nancy were good friends for many years on Staffordshire Rd. in Sharon Woods. He was the "Mayor of Staffordshire" and helped us a lot with car and repair advice. He had inspirational words for everyone. He was highly respected and was very missed when they moved. He had wonderful children who learned his great work ethic, and how to keep things in perspective when the going got rough. "It will pass" were his words to me more than once. Our sincere condolences to Nancy and the family.
God Bless and Comfort. Joe and De Cotter

Joe Cotter - June 01 at 03:20 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I'm sure he and Don are treating it up in heaven. Hugs to all of you. Shelley grubb

SHELLEY GRUBB - May 31 at 08:56 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. There are many memories of happy, fun times on Staffordshire, that come to mind, when we would gather on porches or in driveways, with “Mayor” Dave up front, enjoying a beer or two. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Thatcher family. Our very deepest sympathy, Joe and Georgeann

Joe and Georgeann - May 31 at 12:52 PM



“ Nancy, Christy, and Dave, I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Dave. I have so many great memories of our time while growing up in Sharon wood. The pools, the awesome tools in the garage, working on cars, so many memories from those times, trying to toss him in the pool after swim meets (a losing proposition on our part :)). Great memories guys. All the best John Heeg.

John Heeg - May 31 at 11:42 AM



“ What a beautifully written homage to your beloved husband, father and grandfather. I'm very sorry for the loss of Dave Sr. and your great sorrow. Thinking of you with heartfelt condolences. Fondly, 'George'



Karen Wood - May 29 at 04:31 PM