



## David C Heegard

June 28, 1950 - May 10, 2020

David Clair Heegard “Dave” age 69 of Dublin, Ohio passed away May 10th, 2020 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus surrounded by family. Dave was born the oldest of 7 children on June 28th, 1950 in Austin, Minnesota to Buck and Shirley Heegard. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Dave married his high school sweetheart, JoAnn VanDenover, in 1971 and shortly after began what would become a very successful sales career in the professional turf industry. An avid golfer and accomplished fisherman, his most cherished roles were those of husband, father and grandfather. Affectionately known as “Dad Dave” to his five grandchildren, he would be sure to tell anyone that stood still long enough to listen how much he adored them.

Preceded in death by: his father, Darrel “Buck” Heegard; mother, Shirley Ann Heegard; and sister, Nancy Bowden.

Survived by: his wife, JoAnn Heegard; children: daughter, Jenna (Shannon) Cox; son, Kelly (Jenny) Heegard; grandchildren: Cora, Francis, Ella, David and Andrew; siblings: Mary (Chuck) Distad, John Heegard, Joan (Mike) Jutson, Ann (Brian) Westberg, Joe (Myrna) Heegard, brother-in-law Mike “Bones” Bowden; beloved nieces and nephews; and childhood best friends of 60 plus years Dirk Nelson and Rollie (Becky) Halverson.

A celebration of life will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Feeding America ([feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org)) or your local food pantry in his memory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David C Heegard*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I would like to share my condolences to the Heegard family. When working for Dave at Scotts we shared some truly great times. I remember our wonderful experience at a manager's meeting in Austin, Texas to learn to use our new Sony computers. After several days of being totally confused by our trainer, we met with Dave at midnight in an undisclosed location where he made things make sense. He was a great guy and a pleasure to work for. May you rest in peace my friend.*

*Mike Chinich*

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**Mike Chinich** - May 20, 2020 at 01:01 PM

DG

“ Heegard. Those of us with the company back in the day seldom called him Dave. We always called him Heegard. Just a great first name. We were with Scotts back in the mid-70s. His first few days on the road were with me in southern Indiana. It was called sales training but it was much more than that. We bonded immediately, shared a great and memorable new-friend experience and remained best friends from then on. We lost sight of each other as our careers changed but we never lost the connection. I always looked forward to him at the turf conferences. He had a "where ya been" smile, a great sense of humor and a very creative mind. And that laugh. And those eyes. So much fun. In over 50 years in this business, I've met a lot of people and made a lot of friends. Heegard was one of the best of my best friends and will always remain as such in my memory. dick gray wrote this.

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**dick gray** - May 20, 2020 at 10:15 AM

TW

“ As evidenced here, Dave made a memorable impact on so many. I was fortunate to work with him as part of Scotts and Lebanon. Beyond his expertise and professionalism, Dave was a truly wonderful person and a pleasure to spend time with. He will be sorely missed.

*Trevor Whitson, Scotts Miracle-Gro*

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**Trevor Whitson** - May 19, 2020 at 03:03 PM

PW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. I worked with Dave at Scotts. Always smiling and would stop to say hello whenever he could.

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**patti Westfall** - May 18, 2020 at 09:18 PM

DA

“ Daryl Allen, Kerry Avirett, and Mark Neterer from Corteva Agriscience send our deepest condolences to JoAnn, Jenna, Kelly, and all of Dave's brothers and sisters. Dave was a valued a great member of the Lebanon Seaboard Team. He will be missed. Per the wishes of the family, we made a donation to Feeding America in honor of Dave.

Daryl Allen - May 16, 2020 at 11:21 AM

MP

“ Dave was such an authentically good guy! He treated me like royalty during a visit to FarmLinks when I worked for Golf Course News. The weekend he treated us to stands in my memory as one of the best weekends ever. RIP...

Mike Pajak - May 15, 2020 at 04:14 PM

JV

“ I met Dave fishing (of course). I will always remember him as a very nice man and an excellent fishing companion. My condolences to his family.



Jean-Marc Versolato - May 15, 2020 at 10:04 AM

DM

“ I first met Dave when he was VP of Sales and Marketing at FarmLinks. I remember him as a true gentlemen and professional. Rest in Peace, my friend.

David Mikesh - May 14, 2020 at 09:11 PM

BT

“ The world lost a wonderful man when Dave Heegard was welcomed into God’s arms. What a great example he set for his children. An extremely nice man who always looked at the positive side of life. Dave will be missed by many people but his lessons will live forever. Sending my condolences to his family. RIP Dave.

Bornhorst Tony - May 14, 2020 at 06:27 PM

PM

“ Very saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I wrote a tribute to him here: <https://www.turfnet.com/blogs/entry/2009-lessons-from-dave/>

Peter McCormick - May 14, 2020 at 04:13 PM

CD

“ JoAnn, Kell and Jenna -- my heart hurts for all of you. Everyone loved Dave as well as his wonderful loving family. Memories that were made between the Dicke's and the Heegard's will never leave us. Kell, you know that you are loved by the Dicke's and I am sure this is a difficult time for all. Just know that you are in my prayers and I am thinking of you lots and lots.

Chanda Dicke - May 13, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ Tear of Sympathy Pendant was purchased for the family of David C Heegard.



May 13, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David C Heegard.*



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May 13, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Tatsuo Ikemi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David C Heegard.*



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**Tatsuo Ikemi** - May 12, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ *We had a lot of fun; in high school running around with his wife—going to the gas station where he worked and doing drive-bys of his family house. He even took me to my senior prom. A great guy who married my best friend whom I miss terribly. God bless his family and God go with you Dave...*

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**Colleen Wakeman** - May 12, 2020 at 07:17 PM

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dave's passing. He was a gentleman and a friend to everyone. I live in Fayetteville and loved the period when his daughter's family was here, as we got to see each other often, working together, breaking bread together, and just hanging out. My prayers are with his entire family and he will be greatly missed by all of his many, many friends in the turfgrass industry.

*Mike Richardson  
University of Arkansas*

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**Michael Richardson** - May 12, 2020 at 06:57 PM

JN

“ Although we weren't often in touch, Joann and Dave have been in my heart over the years; Joann was a childhood friend, and my brother, Dirk, kept us entertained with their latest fishing excursion stories. I feel the loss of his warmth and decency today, and I know I always will. This is a sadness for anyone who knew Dave, saw his quick smile and felt his kindness, but my condolences to his family and dear friends who will feel the burden of his absence the most. Peace and blessings to all.

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**Judi Nelson** - May 12, 2020 at 04:15 PM

MO

“ Had a chance to speak with Dave and Joann 2 years ago at 50th reunion. WhT a nice guy and could. Sending love and prayers to her s family

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**Mary Ornelas** - May 12, 2020 at 03:30 PM

MK

*JoAnn and family~I am so very sorry for your tremendous loss. So glad I got to spend time with the two of you at our 50th class reunion. Dave was just as sweet then as he was in grade/high school. God Bless his soul, and God's loving care on all of you.*

**Mary Jo Kasak Keating** - May 12, 2020 at 04:11 PM

MB

*Dave was a wonderful person. I am so sorry to hear of your loss.*

**Maxine Bracken** - May 12, 2020 at 05:35 PM

MB

*I always looked forward to seeing Dave during big family gatherings and events. Dave treated me like a brother. Our conversations covered many topics, but always ended up in fishing stories. What a gentle, kind man. I'll truly miss him.*

*Mike Bowden  
aka Bones*

**Michael Bowden** - May 13, 2020 at 12:04 PM

LL

*My sympathy to your family. He was a long time member of the Scott's family. He worked in ProTurf and I in Consumer but we all knew Dave and many of us were long time Scott Associates and friends. Thinking of you during this difficult time.*

**Lynne S Ledley** - May 14, 2020 at 10:27 PM

DB

*I first met Dave around 1977 when he was the ProTurf rep in E. Iowa. Dave was actually my competitor, but what a great guy. We were 'friendly' competition. I made a point to track him down at every GCSAA/GIS show and catch up. My condolences to those who knew him far better than me.*

*Dave Berg*

**Dave Berg** - May 16, 2020 at 07:43 PM