



David James Deaver Sr.

June 5, 1944 - September 14, 2005

David James "Gentle Giant" Deaver Sr., 61, of Nedrow, New York went to be in the loving arms of Jesus on Wednesday, September 14, 2005.

Born in Batavia, New York on June 5, 1944, he grew up in Avoca, New York and later moved to Syracuse, New York. He was the son of the late Edward C. Deaver Sr. and Dorothy (Razey) Deaver of LaFayette, New York. He attended Onondaga Community College and Cayuga Community College and retired from New York State Department Of Transportation Canal Division in 1986 after 24 years. He was a lay leader and Sunday School Teacher at Cardiff United Methodist Church and a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He played bass guitar with several country bands in the Syracuse area and was in the Mexico United Methodist Church Folk Band and was also a member of the The Jordan River Band at Mexico Pentecostal Church of God.

David is survived by his wife of 41 years, Kathleen Corbett Deaver; one daughter and son-in-law, Laura M. (Brian) King of Minoa, New York; five sons and daughters-in-law, David J. Jr. (Theresa) Deaver of Minoa, New York, Timothy A. (Tonya) Deaver of Mexico, New York, Daniel P. (Erin) Deaver of Camillus, New York, James M. (Terri) Deaver of Mexico, New York and Stephen M. (Jennifer) Deaver of Parish, New York; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Pat Nephew of Arkport, New York and Linda (Daniel) Sawkins of LaFayette, New York; two brothers and sister-in-law, Edward II (Carol)

Deaver of Fulton, New York and Michael Deaver of Jacksonville, Florida; 14 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service: Saturday, September 17, 2005, 3:00 p.m. in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2200 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York.

Burial: Saturday, September 17, 2005, 10:30 a.m. in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York.

Calling Hours: Friday, September 16, 2005, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Contributions: To the family, c/o David Deaver Jr., 511 Fay Lane, Minoa, New York 13116.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David James Deaver Sr.*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - September 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Well Dad, its been almost 5 years since you passed. I miss you more and more every day. Wasnt this supposed to get easier??? Well its not. Kaden and Becci miss you so much...they cant think of you without crying. You would be devastated if you seen the state of this family. Some of us dont even consider others as part of the family and some of us dont even want to be part of the family. Selfishness is running rampant in this family. I wish everyone would remember the unconditional love that you showed us and do the same. I really wish you were still here. I love you dad.*

January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“Dad, Alot of things have happened over the time you've been gone. I'm still waiting for one of your famous phone calls. It's unbearable not hearing your voice, especially not hearing "i love you" at the end of each phone call. You were such a big part of this family and now that you're gone this family really sucks. I just wish the family could come together..if not for us then for you. You deserve that much and more. We really screwed up when you were here because i dont think that anybody appreciated how much you held this family together..now that you're gone i realize how amazing you were. You were strong yet gentle and you had the hugest heart. You provided for your children the best you could and you overcame a horrible childhood and despite that childhood you poured all your love and devotion into this family. YOU made sure we knew we were wanted and felt loved. Thankyou for that and thankyou for being a role model and teaching me about unconditional love. I love you Dad and miss you everyday. Memories of you bring laughter, tears, and most of all, love. I am proud you're my Dad. Thankyou !!!

July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“Every day that goes by I miss you more and more. I miss seeing you and the phone calls gone. Life is to short you used to say to me. I'm not going to write anything fake it really sucks that your gone. Still to this day 06-17-07 I would like to know what happened that day on 09-14-05. I think about about that and you everyday. Love you Dad.

June 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“Dad, You always told me how proud you were of me and my accomplishments no matter how big or small but, you never gave yourself credit for giving me the tools to succeed. You and mom have given your children the foundation for success. Devotion, compation, determination, forgiveness and LOVE. Rest in peace knowing that I will contintue to be strong and successfull and mom will be loved and cared for by us all. I MISS YOU! Love your son, Dan

September 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“I have many fond childhood memories of spending time at your and Aunt Kathy's house in the Valley. I always enjoyed the time I spent there with your family. Although many of those memories fade as time passes my memory of the way both you and Aunt Kathy treated me and my family will never fade. You and your family are in my thoughts through this difficult time. You will be missed and your kindness never forgotten... Love, Kevin

September 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My dearest Dad. I can't even begin to imagine what life is going to be like with out you in it, you have just always been there. You have been apart of my life for over 21 years through thick and thin. I want to thank you for raising such a wonderful son. Dave has given me such a great life and a lot of that comes from you being such a special Dad. You and he have such a unique bond and he is lost without you. I will always stand by him as he has always stood next to me and help him. You were his best friend. But I understand it is time for you to rest now and don't worry, I have a lot of great memories and I will hold onto each and everyone of them. I think the hardest thing will be not having you over for apple pie and soup and hearing you laugh. Please tell Krystal I love her and not a day goes by that I don't think about her. I love you so much and I know you loved me to. I will always hang onto that. Just rest now and know everything will be taken care of now. I LOVE YOU!!!!!!'Till we meet again, Your daughter-in-law Theresa

September 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Linda, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

September 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Brother-in-law, You were far more than a brother-in-law. You were a brother, a and a friend. I will always remember you for your tender heart and your compassion. I will, also, remember all the times we all had together. The party times and the hard times. I have had a lot of special thoughts of all the years that we have known each other, from the introducing you and Sis to this very day. May God keep you in His care until we meet again in His glorious kingdom. I can't wait to be able to share the milk and honey and all the sweetness that we will share in Heaven. Rest well in the arms of Chrsit Until then and know that we miss you very much and that you have had a special place in the hearts of many. Love, Joanne AKA "JOEY"

September 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave, Terri and family, please except our condolences on the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

September 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave was a great guy. We always enjoyed his company at the birthday parties! He will be missed.

September 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ As old friends, I would just like to extend my condolences to the Deaver family. You are in my prayers during this difficult time. My funniest memory of Mr. Deaver was when I was in 9th grade. I was hanging out getting into trouble behind the old Donut World on S. Salina Street. I think Mr. Deaver and Timmy walked over to see what we were doing back there. As soon as I saw Mr. Deaver, I knew my mother(Linda Ray) would get a phone call and I'd be in big trouble for drinking. I told him that Timmy was supposed to take me to the Genesis Concert that night but he stood me up. He told me as Tim told there to slap him. I couldn't smack Tim, he was my good friend! My memories involving you all leave me with smiles.

September 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences

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“ My fondest memory of Dave is playing with him in the Folk Group at the Mexico Methodist Church and how he picked on me for my ""baby"" guitar. No matter how many ""big"" guitars I play, I will never forget Dave and his sense of humor. God blessed me by giving me the opportunity to know Dave Deaver.

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“ AS A BROTHER YOU ARE(WERE)AS LOVING AS ANYONE COULD BE. I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.THE MAN UPSTAIRS HAS A JOB FOR YOU,THATS WHY HE TOOK YOU SO EARLY. TELL RUTH ANN I LOVE HER ALSO SAY HELLO TO DAD AND BROTHER DICK. TIL MY DAY COMES,YOU ARE SAFE WITH HIM,LOVE YOU

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“ DAD, YOU WERE AND ALWAYS WILL BE INSPIRATION. SO MUCH OF MY LIFE I LIVED TO PLEASE YOU AND TO MAKE YOU PROUD OF ME. I ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE WE SPENT TOGETHER. YOU WERE A THOUGHTFULL AND CARING MAN WHO LOVED HIS FAMILY VERY MUCH. WHAT I LOVED ABOUT YOU THE MOST IS THAT NO MATTER WHAT,YOU WOULD ALWAYS HAVE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT OR COMFORT WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN. IM SO GLAD THAT AT THE END OF EVERY VISIT OR COVERSAATION WE WOULD END WITH I LOVE YOU. I AM GOING TO MISS VERY MUCH ARE CONVERSATIONS. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, WITH ALL MY LOVE,DAVID.XO

September 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to Dave's wife and family. I pray that the good memories you will laugh and cry over will aid in your healing. Rest for awhile in your Father's loving arms as you pass through this time of loss. He will breathe new life into your hearts on the other side of the pain. Love and blessings to you all.

September 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. D. was unquestionably one of the nicest men I have ever had the privilege to know. I am saddened to hear of his passing. My heartfelt condolences to the entire Deaver Family.*

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“ *Steve & Jen -- My prayers are with you and your family*

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