



David William Derby Sr.

May 29, 1935 - July 26, 2019

David William Derby Sr., 84 years of age of Indian Trail, went home to the Lord on July 26th 2019 following a long illness. He passed peacefully in his home surrounded by his family.

He was born on May 29th 1935 in Herkimer, NY and spent his childhood in Little Falls, NY. He became owner and operator of the radio station, WRNY 1350 AM, Rome, NY in the 1960's, where he met his wife of 51 years, Angela (Mercurio). He later worked for The William Carter Company, retiring at age 70.

David is survived by his wife, Angela, their three children, Heather, Kira and David Jr., son-in-law Michael, sisters Dora and Susan, brother-in-law Joseph Mercurio, 10 beautiful grandchildren, grandson-in-law, two precious great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was a kind, loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He demonstrated his love for his family every day of his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Kidney Foundation, in the name of David William Derby. Donations can be sent to 933 Louise Avenue, Suite 101B, Charlotte, NC 28204. The family will be having a private memorial at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home Indian Trail Chapel.

Online condolences can be made at www.heritagecares.com

Comments



“ Dave was a big part of my life! A happy time singing with Praise team! And Dave was our sound man. He was always there. Patient, kind and always with a smile! Never forgotten

ellie Bowden - October 20 at 01:08 AM



“ I miss my daddy.

kira derby - August 19 at 10:32 AM



“ I want to start by saying that in the short time that I knew Mr. Derby, I could quickly tell that he had all the qualities of a great man. Both, David and Angela showed me nothing but kindness and just through communicating with them, they made my day brighter. I know he has positively impacted and touched many people in his lifetime and that's just the type of person he was. I am sure we will all remember him, cherish his memory, and celebrate the life that he lived. May God rest his soul and give him peace.

My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to Angela and the entire Derby family

With love, Mike Salamey

Mike Salamey - July 29 at 08:35 PM



“ Mr. David William Derby Sr., a Thoughtful Friend, Spiritual Mentor, Christian Brother in the Lord,, touched and made a positive meaningful difference in our lives for over 30 years . 'Uncle Dave' as both our Daughter (Kristin) and Son (Andrew) would call him, also God parent to our son, he will live in our hearts until we meet again in glory. Always thoughtful and kind, showing grace in conversation and attitude. He exemplified a Christ-like role as husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend.

Our deepest sympathies to Angela and the entire Derby family.

With much love, Charlie, Janice, Kristin and Drew Del Rossi.

charlie del rossi - July 28 at 09:15 PM



“ Mr. Dave loved on my babies when we first moved in and joined the church. It was a comfort to know he and Angela were around the corner when or if we needed. I'm so happy we will see him again one day soon.

Teri Phillips - July 27 at 11:51 AM



“ To my friend, who said "Come in and see me in the morning" and gave me my career back at WRNY in Rome, NY those many years ago..... Always missed but never forgotten.

David Bowers - July 27 at 11:22 AM



“ On nice evenings when we walked our dog, Madi, Dan and I would turn in to visit whenever we saw Dave sitting in his rocker on the front porch. Soon Madi began to turn in towards Dave's house whenever we walked pass that way, even if no one was sitting out. Dave would always invite us to sit awhile and chat. He was always kind and friendly and welcoming. We miss him already. A good neighbor, a good friend, a good man.

Pat Murphy Findlan - July 26 at 10:45 PM



“ I just want to say to my Sissy, Mama Derby and the rest of the family that I love you all and pray that your peace given by God has surpassed your Understanding. Papa Derby will be missed but his love and spirit will forever be present. Prayers from my family to yours, and Kira, Alycia said, ' tell me sweet auntie I love her '

Sybil Douglas - July 26 at 08:00 PM



“ I met Mr. Derby on Unioncounty transportation. I had the pleasure of driving him to Metro kidney. He was so soft spoken and kind. I know he will be missed.

Mary Ann Stewart - July 29 at 06:01 PM