



## David Joe Friend

March 18, 1946 - December 23, 2015

David Joe Friend, 69, of San Jose was called to his eternal home at 4:50 p.m. on December 23, 2015 after a six year battle with esophageal cancer.

He was born March 18, 1946 in Beardstown, IL, son of the late Richard and Lieura Lippert Friend. He married Bonnie Baker, January 27, 1968 at Havana, IL.

David is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of San Jose, son Anthony (Rosenna) of Algonquin, son Rodney of Tampa, FL, granddaughters Isabelle, Angelique, Justine and Jasmine. His siblings are Donna Thompson of Havana, Earla (Larry) Blessman of Bath, Arveda (Howard) Pence of Pawnee, Duane (Gail) Friend of Jacksonville, nieces Kim McCoy, Kaleigh Moore, nephews Brad McCoy, Roger McCoy and Jacob Friend.

David served in the Air National Guard with the 169 Tactical Air Support Squadron of Illinois and later the 182nd Tactical Air Support Group, attaining the rank of Sargent. He retired after 44 ½ years with Caterpillar Inc. and enjoyed farming his family farm. Always interested in learning new things, he completed many courses in technical repair, electronics and metallurgy. He was an active member of St. Luke Lutheran Church and especially enjoyed his many years as a trustee.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015 at St. Luke Lutheran Church at San Jose at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the services. Rev. Justin Schmidt will officiate. Burial will follow the services at Bath Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Illinois Cancer Care Foundation of Peoria or St. Luke Lutheran Memorial Fund. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Bath Cemetery

Bath, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke Lutheran Church  
15757 NCR 3600E  
San Jose, IL 62682

## Funeral

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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15757 NCR 3600E  
San Jose, IL 62682

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Joe Friend*

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October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Bonnie... I and my family from Wisconsin are sorry to hear of David's passing. You and your immediate family are in our thoughts. "Uncle John" (DAD), always spoke of how he enjoyed visiting with both of you and those moments he spent driving the lanes of the area. May the days ahead have peaceful moments guided by decades of memories that you hold in your heart. Hugs to you.*

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**elena schilling bougie** - December 29, 2015 at 09:50 PM



“ *So sorry to see your broyher passed Please4 accept my sympathy. You and Larry an I met on the Cape Cod trip. You mentioned you had family in San Jose. I do remember seing him around but did not know him*

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**wanda clark** - December 28, 2015 at 01:50 PM



“ *I enjoyed getting to know David when I did some research on his grandfather, Ezekiel Friend. I am so sorry for your loss. Regards, Judy Hurdle*

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**Judy Hurdle** - December 28, 2015 at 11:38 AM

KV

“ Jim and I are sorry to hear of David's passing. David was a wealth of knowledge and information. Jim always enjoyed spending time with him when we would visit for our class reunions. Your grandchildren are lucky they got to spend time with him and make things together. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Kathy and Jim Voegele

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**Kathy Voegele** - December 26, 2015 at 11:10 PM

DJ

“ Bonnie we are so sorry. We have so many GOOD memories with your family. David was such a intricate part of Del's life. David was so proud of his Sons and what you have accomplished in your lives especially his beautiful Granddaughters. He will not only be missed by his family, but by everyone that was fortunate enough to know him. May you rest in the knowledge that he is now at rest in the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We love you and will be here for you.

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**Delbert and Martha Johnson** - December 26, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Joe Friend.



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December 25, 2015 at 09:34 AM

RG

“ We are sooooo sorry to learn of David's passing. He was a great guy who loved his family and was always "man" enough to express that love. Bonnie--you had a good one, and Rodney and Anthony--you both have huge shoes to fill. With his example, though, there is no doubt that you will be able to do so and carry on his humble, loving, and caring attributes. He was what a husband and father should be. Love and hugs from John and Rhonda

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**Rhonda Grosboll** - December 25, 2015 at 08:48 AM

TB

“ Bonnie & Family,  
So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. You all are in our thoughts & prayers. May God bless you all in this difficult time.

*Terry, Todd & Tracey Baker*

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**Tracey Baker** - December 25, 2015 at 07:26 AM

TB

“ Bonnie & Family,  
So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. All of you are in our thoughts & prayers. God bless you & bring you comfort in this difficult time.

*Terry, Todd & Tracey Baker*

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**Tracey Baker** - December 24, 2015 at 04:14 PM

TF

“ The Friend Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Joe Friend.



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**The Friend Family** - December 24, 2015 at 03:25 PM

JC

“ *Bonnie, I am so sorry about David. My heart aches for you at this time. It pains me even more that I cannot be there on Monday. I know he was the love of your life from the time you were a freshman in high school. Please know that prayers are going up for you and the rest of the family. If I can possible rearrange my schedule I will be there.*



*Our love,  
John & Francene Curry*

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**John Curry** - December 24, 2015 at 03:21 PM