



David Harlan Lessen

March 6, 1942 - March 23, 2021

David Harlan Lessen, 79, of Green Valley passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at his home. He was born March 6, 1942, in Lincoln, Illinois, to David G. and Leah (Grussing) Lessen. Raised in Emden, everyone knew him as Harlan. He lived in Athens while working for the Illinois Army National Guard and moved to Greenview after retirement. He married Barbara Gilmore on August 1, 1964, at San Jose United Methodist Church.

Mr. Lessen is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Green Valley; one son: Rob (Tonya) Lessen of Green Valley; two grandchildren: Cody Lessen and Larisa Stevens; as well as three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters: Beverly, Ruth and Darlene.

Enlisting in 1964, David served in the Illinois Army National Guard for 38 years and achieved the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He held the position of First Sergeant in the 3637th Maintenance Company and later as the Command Sergeant Major of the 232nd Service and Support Battalion. He finished his military career at the State Headquarters for the Illinois Army National Guard. As a full time employee of the Illinois Army National Guard, Command Sergeant Major Lessen retired from the Combined Support Maintenance Shop at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois. David had a passion for golf and played almost daily at Country Hills Golf Course, near Greenview. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, and always drove some

sort of “hot rod” or sporty vehicle.

Cremation rites have been accorded and no services are planned at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Green Valley Fire Dept, 106 N Church St, Green Valley, IL 61534. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of arrangements

Tribute Wall



“ *David Harlan Lessen*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Jeff & Lori Chapman lit a candle in memory of David Harlan Lessen*



Jeff & Lori Chapman - April 02, 2021 at 08:40 AM



Thank you...Barb and family

Barb Lessen - April 05, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ *Rob & mom, I'm sorry to hear the news. Great/fond memories; always.*



Craig Jensen

Craig - March 29, 2021 at 05:41 PM



Thank you for thinking of us. Barb and family

Barb Lessen - April 05, 2021 at 10:32 PM

PH

“ Barb and Rob, we are so sorry for your loss. Dave was was a great soldier and mentor, and always had the welfare of the soldiers first. I was fortunate to have Dave as CSM in the battalion. He will be deeply missed.

Paul & Alice Havey

Paul Havey - March 29, 2021 at 12:17 PM

VP

“ So sorry of the loss of David he was a wonderful neighbor in Athens always a smile and wonderful conversation. He participated in my two sons (Paul and Kurt Messersmith) having a brother- birthday golfing day at the Greenview Golf Course which they thoroughly enjoyed. Barbara, Rob, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren may your golden memories bring you comfort at this time as he loved all of you and was so proud of his family.



Velda Messersmith Plopper - March 28, 2021 at 09:55 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is on my prayers.

MaryAnn Moss

MaryAnn Moss - March 28, 2021 at 10:21 AM

GC

“ Barb, Robbie, and Tonya ~ We extend our heart-felt sorrow in Dave’s passing. We loved the way he talked about his family. I cherish my time serving with Dave as an Inspector General, but even more, the friendship Lisa and I gained from that service. Dave touched a lot of lives and we will all feel a void with his absence yet be comforted with his memory.

Greg & Lisa Crocher - March 28, 2021 at 07:34 AM



“ Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of David Harlan Lessen.



March 28, 2021 at 12:01 AM

BR

“ Bob and I are so sorry for you loss. All the good memories come flooding back. We are out of state and just saw the obituary. Please give our sympathy to Robbie. I think of you every time I look at the high chair Fuzz made. God bless your family.

Bob & Pam Rector - March 27, 2021 at 08:59 PM

HM

“ Barb, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Harlan was such a nice guy. ❤️🙏🙏

Holly Moore - March 27, 2021 at 06:21 AM



“ A Great Uncle to my Fathers loving Sister. A Great thanks for his service to his country, May he be with Jesus as a Solider To GODS Army . We will all miss you , may your after life be blessed, and now you are with all those you loved.David E Gilmore

David Gilmore - March 26, 2021 at 09:56 PM

ST

“ Barb, Rob And Tonya - we are sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was a great guy and always had something to say. He will be missed by many but his memory will stay alive forever.

Scott and Roberta Thomas - March 26, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ I was his garbage man when lived by Country Hills golf course . He always had a water for us and a kind word . Or even Barb made us a treat. I always will remember his coming out every time and we would spend time talking. Great guy I'm glad I could call him my friend

Billy Gum Jr. - March 26, 2021 at 07:01 PM

HK

“ My sincere sympathy to your family. Dave was a true friend and mentor to me in the many years we served together at Camp Lincoln. COL (Ret) Hank Kuzel

Hank Kuzel - March 26, 2021 at 09:30 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of David Harlan Lessen*



Larry and Mary Hundt - March 26, 2021 at 08:35 AM

SW

“ *Barb, my heart goes out to you as Dave’s caregiver for such a long time . I love and care deeply about you as we share fighting a disease that is so cruel. Please feel free to reach out to me for anything at all* ❤️



Susan Wilson - March 25, 2021 at 10:05 PM

MR

RIP Sergeant Major

Master Seageant Gary Skaggs Ret - March 26, 2021 at 03:45 PM

CP

Barb and Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know you have been in a long fought but loving battle with your husband and father's illness. You have been so strong and brave. My prayers for you and your family for peace and comfort. God Bless you all.

Carol Parrish - March 26, 2021 at 09:15 PM

CL

“ *I remember playing golf at Country Hills and talking about our time in the Army and Air National Guard. We do not live in Illinois, but I think of golfing at Country Hills daily. I sure do miss all my golf buddies. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Carroll Logue - March 25, 2021 at 08:01 PM