



David L. Sennett

February 13, 1951 - June 12, 2022

David L. Sennett, 71, of Havana died unexpectedly June 12, 2022, at a Peoria Hospital. He was born February 13, 1951, in Watseka, IL. He grew up on the family farm in Donovan, IL. His parents were Harold E. and Vida M. (Johnson) Sennett. Dave graduated from Donovan High School, Class of 1969 and immediately volunteered for service in the U.S. army. He became a paratrooper and served with the 173 rd Airborne Brigade for two tours in Vietnam. Upon returning to the States, the 173 rd was deactivated and he became part of the 101 st Airborne. There he became a member of a team that traveled the U.S. and performed repelling and jump demonstrations. In July of 1973, while performing for the 82 nd Airborne Association reunion in Hot Springs, AR, he met a young widow, Teresa Burgan, from Sweetwater, TX. They quickly became best friends and were married on November 27, 1973 in Donovan. Dave worked as a machinist for UARCO in Watseka, IL and for Texas Utilities in Mt. Pleasant, TX. The family returned to Illinois where he worked as a welder for Illinois Power

Company in Havana. He then joined the Boilermakers union and worked as a craft

superintendent in various power plants. Supporting his family was his priority but hunting was

his passion. When asked what he liked to hunt, he would reply, "anything that flies and has

feathers." He also loved to fish. Dave was a member of the VFW, American Legion, both the

173 rd and 101 st Airborne Associations, NRA, Delta Waterfowl, Honkers Corner Hunting and

Fishing Club, and Fowl Manor Duck Club.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Jack. Surviving are his wife,

Teresa, daughter, Sharon Froman of Pawnee, IL; son, Shane (Becky) Sennett, of Havana; seven grandchildren, Abigail Sennett, Adam Sennett, Sharesa Cleer, Shane (Felicia) Froman, Samantha Froman, Maxx Froman, and Luke Bowen; and four great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Norma Sennett of Watseka; brother, George (Arlene) Sennett of Sheldon; and many nieces and nephews.

Per his wishes there will be no public services or interment. There will be a private

honor guard service at a later date. Those who wish to remember Dave in a special way may

make donations in his name to a charity of their choice. Cremation and arrangements by

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana.

Tribute Wall



“ *David L. Sennett*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My heart breaks for you and your family, Teresa. Dave was a great friend to many of us who went to school with him. He was always jovial, kind and liked by many. I am so glad to have met you through him. In the times were met and talked, the bond between him and his family was very evident. You were his life. Please don't be a stranger. You know how to get in touch when you are ready. Love and light to you. Sheryl*

Sheryl Haste - June 30, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *Sorry to hear this. Dave was a good man, which I had the pleasure of working with at Powerton. To Dave's family, you will be in my thoughts and prayers. I pray you will find comfort in the words and love from family and friends.*

Barry McGinnis - June 22, 2022 at 12:20 AM



“ *Debbie Bailey lit a candle in memory of David L. Sennett*



Debbie Bailey - June 21, 2022 at 11:47 AM

BW

“ So sorry to hear of Dave’s passing. I worked with Dave at the Havana power plant and I considered him a special friend and great welder. Being a retired Army veteran he and I had a special friendship, which I treasure. Condolences to Dave’s family.

Bill Weime - June 21, 2022 at 09:31 AM

BP

“ So deeply sorry to hear this. What a great person! Dave will be missed by us and all here at Buells. Sending our thoughts and prayers.

Barb and Tad Putrich - June 20, 2022 at 04:33 PM

SS

“ Susan Showalter lit a candle in memory of David L. Sennett



Susan Showalter - June 20, 2022 at 02:51 PM

JT

“ Jennifer Bryant Trimpe lit a candle in memory of David L. Sennett



jennifer bryant trimpe - June 20, 2022 at 09:41 AM

PS

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Paul and Carol Stambaugh - June 19, 2022 at 01:25 PM

MB

“ Teresa and family. I was shocked and so very sorry to see that Dave passed away. He was such a nice guy. My condolences to all. I will keep him and you in my prayers.

Love

Mary (Fletcher) Bares



Mary Pat Bares - June 19, 2022 at 09:26 AM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of David L. Sennett



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 18, 2022 at 07:45 AM

RM

“ My wife and I met Dave and Theresa in the late 70s and became great friends! We shot a ton of clay targets together and watched each others children grow up. You know when you run across truly good people and Dave and Theresa rank at the top! I'll miss you old friend may your new journey be Grand!

Randy Moss - June 17, 2022 at 07:22 PM

RJ

“ Richard Jordan lit a candle in memory of David L. Sennett



Richard Jordan - June 17, 2022 at 07:14 PM

JJ

“ Have many memories of David, but one of the best that I loved to tease him about was on a job at the Powerton Power plant. Teresa was the nurse on the job, and rode to work with Dave. At the end of the day, Dave drove right past Teresa in the plant and proceeded to leave without her. Hope this brings a smile to your face. I loved that man, his spirit will live within all who knew him

Jerry Jung - June 17, 2022 at 06:59 PM

RM

“ I'm so sorry for the families loss; Dave was someone I'll never forget, having worked with him at IP. Thank you for a well written glimpse into his life; he will be sorely missed. I'm so thankful that I just recently caught up with him over dinner one evening in town.

Ray and Tina McCausland

Ray McCausland - June 17, 2022 at 06:13 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - June 17, 2022 at 04:30 PM

LT

“ My heart hurts for you, Theresa and your family! You both were great friends and people to be around. I am so very sorry for the loss of Dave! My friend, I love you!



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - June 17, 2022 at 02:38 PM