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Born in Eldorado, Ill., Dave joined the U.S. Marine Corp at the age of 17. When the Korean War broke out he was part of the 1st Marine Brigade sent to Korea, arriving August 2, 1950. Dave fought in the first four battles of that war including the Chosin Reservoir where temperatures fell to 40 degrees below zero. After 7 months of fighting he was sent back to the states where he was a drill instructor at Camp Pendleton. Following his discharge Dave became a cement finisher and a concrete foreman. Later he studied real estate and sold houses as well as buying a few to use for rental income in his retirement. He also was a general contractor. Dave had a large family and many friends. He and his wife, Sharlene Williams, had many celebrations at their home. Dave loved to cook and would find any excuse (birthdays, holidays, graduations, weddings, etc.) to invite everyone he knew to join him and his wife. As he often said: "I don't know how to cook for less than 100 people". Each year his Christmas gift to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren was a trip to an amusement park (Legoland, Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, etc.) We'd caravan there. He was a wonderful man with a loving heart. He unselfishly helped so many people. We miss him so much! He leaves his wife, Sharlene, his ex wife, Tina Williams, his children – Gregory Williams, Donna Rogers, Cathe Williams, John Williams, Rosie Weaver, Joe Williams, and Peter Williams and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. The family suggests in lieu of flowers to send donations to: www.semperfifund.org in memory of David M. Williams



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NJ

Nicole Jackson posted:

Uncle Dave embodied love and family. I'm so thankful to have met him and Sharlene along with their family when I was stationed in San Diego in 1999. I am even more thankful to have maintained communication with them over the years. It made me giggle when he would say "what's up kiddo" on our phone calls....??. Rest easy Marine. Sending love and hugs to the entire Williams family.

June 26 at 8:34 AM

TF

The Sherwood Family posted:

You greeted everyone with a welcoming hug and giving heart. It was a pleasure to be in your company. You will be missed

June 26 at 6:18 AM

MB

Martha And Tom Block posted:

Uncle David's legacy is a fine example of "paying it forward". He definitely knew who his "neighbor" was, and why he was here. He took "Love your neighbor as yourself" to heart! He spent the better part of his life in service to God and country and his fellow man!! He knew how to cook and feed hundreds of people, and in the process, he fed the spirit and the soul! I'm not sure if he fully knew the impact he had on the lives of others. He just paid forward his own blessings in life ! Many benefitted just because he cared! Love and prayers for the entire immediate and extended family, Martha and Tom Block

June 25 at 3:49 AM

KC

Kimberlee Carter posted:

Amazed by the scope and definition of "family" that embodied the measure of Dave's life. In the short time that I knew him he made a difference in our sense of family. The legacy that he leaves behind lives on for this and the next 7 generations ?? Kim and Bear

June 25 at 3:04 AM

AT

Annie Tellow posted:

Sharlene ,Teri told me about Dave. I wanted to tell you I was sorry for your loss. I am Teri's sister from Montana. Annie. She brought me to you home the last time I was in San Diego. In 2017. Love Annie

June 24 at 11:44 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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