

Mass of Christian Burial from
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Thursday, August 19, 2021
2:00 p.m.

Concelebrant
Father Tom Thakadipuram
Father Raphael Assamah
✠ Father Vern Smith

Memorial Register
Gena Thibault & Marilyn Newland

Caring for Flowers ~ Sue Hanna & Mem Laughlin

Ushers ~ Tom Hanna & Paul Schmelzle

Lectors ~ Terry Engelmeyer & Mike Kohagen

Eulogy ~ Calvin Kinney

Special Music

“Amazing Grace” “Be Not Afraid”

“The Old Rugged Cross” “Prayer of St. Francis”

“Eagles Wings”

Mary Beth Gowing ~ *Pianist*

Tommy Hanna ~ *Cantor*

Casket Bearers

Shawn Ponton Jeff Ponton Mike Kohagen

Jeff Burson Steve Vance Zach Vance

Zane Vance Bennett Archer

Honorary Casket Bearers

Select Motors Coffee Club

Place of Rest With Military Rites

Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa

Shenandoah American Legion Color Guard

On December 30, 1941 in Elgin, Nebraska David George Ponton was born to George and Dixie (Johnson) Ponton. Dave entered into eternal peace on Friday, August 13, 2021 at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dave graduated from St. Boniface High School with the Class of 1959. Following graduation he worked at Duncan Hines in Omaha before joining the United States Air Force in 1964. He served his country with pride and was honorably discharged in 1967.

Dave later moved to Shenandoah in 1969 and founded Select Motors with his brother-in-law Frank Prorok until he moved on in 1974. He had a passion for selling cars and enjoyed the life-long friendships that he made with his clients. On March 7, 1970 he was united in marriage to Pamela Jackson at St. Mary's Catholic Church. This union was blessed with five children Stacey, Amy, Shawn, Jeff and Nikki.

Dave was a devoted member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, was a 51 year member of the Shenandoah Elks Lodge, was a 50 year member of the Shenandoah American Legion and belonged to the Shenandoah Chamber of Commerce. He always enjoyed supporting the Open Door Mission, the Shenandoah Community Food Pantry and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Giving back to those in need was very important to him. When one thinks of Dave you can't help but remember his love and passion for Notre Dame football. He was a true fan through and through. He loved spending time with his family, catching up with his many friends and always enjoyed sharing a good joke.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Timothy, sister Beverly; and in-laws Russell and Wilma Jackson. Those left to honor his memory and to carry on his legacy for years to come include his wife Pamela; children Stacey (Jeff) Burson of Surprise, AZ, Amy (Steve) Vance of Atlantic, IA, Shawn (Jasmine) Ponton of Mesa, AZ, Jeffrey Ponton of Sidney, IA and Nikki (Mike) Kohagen of Ankeny, IA; brother James Ponton of Reno, NV; sister Joyce Valdivia of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren Zachery and Zane Vance, Bennett Archer, Henry and Oliver Kohagen and Embry Ponton; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In Loving Memory
David G. “Dave” Ponton



Born
December 30, 1941
Elgin, Nebraska

Entered Into Peace
August 13, 2021
Omaha, Nebraska

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

