



## David O. Dorey

March 6, 1944 - June 8, 2019

David O. Dorey died Saturday, June 8, 2019 after a fight with mesothelioma. Born March 6, 1944 to Ted and Bernice (Bink) Dorey he was the second of five children. He attended Lincoln Elementary, H.B. Ellison Junior High, Pioneer Junior High and Wenatchee High School, graduating in 1962. He was definitely not the valedictorian but was very popular with an amazing gift of gab, and had a million friends. His claim to fame was playing the guitar in a rock and roll band called the Apple Rockers and singing Ricky Nelson songs with his eyes closed. The band was mediocre but had a huge following because they were the only band around. It was when he played in that band that he was noticed by a younger girl, Becky, and somehow they met and she ended up being his wife for nearly 52 years. Her mother thought he was too old for her so he arranged for a younger friend of his to pick her up for their dates. But Dave, being Dave, won the hearts of her family once they got to know him.

Dave had many passions. He was definitely a car guy. He would blow up an engine and put in a new one. Likewise with clutches—10 times in one car alone. He owned everything from a '55 Chev to lastly a 2001 Mustang convertible. He promised the Mustang to all four of his grandchildren and thought it was hilarious. He was an avid bird hunter and had a long line of German Shorthair pointer hunting dogs and all the hunting stories to go with it. Golf was another frustration that he put himself through and he played left handed. He built one house from the ground up and remodeled his current home that they inherited from Becky's grandmother. He was the king of jury rigging—there was nothing he couldn't fix even if it took duct tape.

Early on Dave worked for his father in the family masonry business and earned his journeyman's brickmason credentials. He was hired by Alcoa in 1968 as a bricklayer and was there for 32 years before taking an early retirement at the age of 56.

Dave and Becky had two sons, and they were his heart and soul. Dave coached them in all their sports until they required coaches who knew more than him. When the soccer craze came to Wenatchee he coached a team of 6-year-old boys without knowing a single

rule of soccer. He was the best dad imaginable, never missing anything in which they participated; a trait that he passed on to them for their own children.

Summers at Lake Chelan were a ritual, and although fishing, boating and waterskiing were favorites for him, he was truly his happiest doing remodeling projects on the family cabin. In fact, Dave without a project of some kind was a sorry sight.

Dave is survived by his wife, Becky, his two sons, DJ (Natalie) and Garr (Amy) and four grandchildren—Grace, Nolan, Joe and Samantha Dorey. His grandkids were the pride joy of his life. He teased them relentlessly, told them jokes not allowed by their parents, and because he was Dave he got away with all of it.

Dave is also survived by his brothers Curt and Bob Dorey and sister Priscilla Minster. He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Denny.

At Dave's request there will be no service, but a celebration of his life will be held at Pybus Market on Friday, June 28, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Please join us to celebrate the life of this one of a kind guy.

The family sends a huge thank you to the Hospice care team who helped us through the last few months of his life—such an amazing organization. Thanks also to the hospital nurses who cared so wonderfully for him the last week of his life. An avid animal lover, Dave would love donations in his name made to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society.

# Events

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**JUN** **Celebration of Life Service** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Pybus Market Event Room

3 N Worthen St, Wenatchee, WA, US, 98801

# Comments

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“O" Davey O. I know you have them laughing in Heaven now. You left Becky, Gar and D.J. so many fine memories, acts and deeds we all have you in our Hero status. From the 1950's when my brother and I would ride our bikes down from our place by The mine to hang out with You, Denny and your brothers to today some 60 years later we have always been one of your best friends and supporters. We all miss you forever but will remember your great friendship for ever also.

I know your reading this and should know the trip down to your place on Mission St. was a breeze, going home up to the mine was a hell-of-a long pull UP hill all the way. Get things organized up there we will see you in the future. Denny and Linda

**Denny Slack** - June 17, 2019 at 01:46 AM

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“ It's hard for me to think that I will not be seeing you David Dorey on this earth again!! Seem's like yesterday that we were young and all happy that summer was here so we could all play out side again!! Our cousin's were more like our brother's, and sister to us we loved you all so very much! David you would always tease me when we would meet up, I think that was your way of saying that you liked me(And I loved you'!! I will miss your presence and your sweet smile!!!! But I'll be seeing you!!!! Love Forever Laura

**Laura Hightower** - June 16, 2019 at 09:04 PM

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“ David was my cousin and loved by the whole Davis family. We shared many family gatherings where all the Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents and a large and rowdy group of cousins would enjoy being together. We were all very lucky to have a wonderful extended family. My family and I send our love to Daves family. Vicki Owens

**Vicki Owens** - June 16, 2019 at 05:50 PM

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“ Love and prayers, Becky, to you and your family.

**Betty Cheney Ross** - June 16, 2019 at 02:10 PM

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“ Dave and I go way back to high school days. So many great memories with him and his great family. My condolences to Becky and Gar and D.J. Kirt, Bob and Cilla, and the whole family. He was a stellar guy, admired by all. I will always remember all the good times we shared. Lots of laughs and fun. I will miss him always!

**Greg Theriault** - June 14, 2019 at 08:57 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I have so many fond memories of Dave, his family and friends.

Dave and Becky came to my brother Doug's celebration of life in Spokane. It was very special to share stories and remember the "good times" we all had together.

The "bullpen" was a gathering place for all of us misfits in high school. You will be missed my friend.

Bob Graybeal

**robert graybeal** - June 14, 2019 at 04:31 PM

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“ My heart goes out to all of the Doreys, particularly Becky, DJ, and Garr. I first met Dave when he was helping coach my younger brother's little league team. He was one of those rare dads who was always cool and approachable when most other parents were to be avoided at all costs by teenage boys. Dave and Becky opened their home to myself and all of DJ's and Garr's friends, and I have a treasure trove of wonderful memories in which Dave figures prominently (my favorite was when he went to talk to a K-9 unit). An amazing husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Dave will be missed by so many; he will be waiting for us by the pearly gates with a ready smile and a cold beverage.

**Kevin Senn** - June 14, 2019 at 12:59 PM

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“ From Gene Headrick: From partying in HS to golfing in our golden years and everything in between. Dave remained a true friend and genuine person - also the funniest guy I ever knew.



**Gene Jeadrocl** - June 14, 2019 at 12:04 PM

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“ I first met Dave when I was 4 years old. As a next door neighbor, he was like the older brother I never had. He could always make you smile

**Irv Hart** - June 14, 2019 at 06:27 AM

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“ We have know Dave and Becky for 40 years. He always had a story to tell that would always make you laugh out load. I had a special name for him "DH" and I know he is smiling at that right now. One of kind person and was loved by everyone who meet and got to know him. I will miss the heck out of him,we loved him to pieces. Our thoughts are with Becky ,the boys, and family.. RIP our friend...  
Barb and LaWanda

**Barb Rayburn** - June 14, 2019 at 12:09 AM

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“ David was my cousin and I have many memories of playing together with him and his brothers when we were just kids he could always make us laugh and possessed that trait all through his life. He was a devoted husband and father and I loved him very much....I lit a candle in his honor to replace the absence of his light until we all see him again/Much love to you Becky your boys and their families/Nita



Anita( Moser) Zuhlke - June 13, 2019 at 09:50 PM

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“ Anita( Moser) Zuhlke lit a candle in memory of David O. Dorey



Anita( Moser) Zuhlke - June 13, 2019 at 09:37 PM

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“ My heart aches for the Dorey family. I was fortunate so have had dinner and talk with Dave on the phone. My Gene and Dave were great friends for many years. I heard many stories of the things him and Gene did. My brother was named after Dave. This valley has lots of 2 amazing men within 3 months of each other. My deepest sympathy goes out to Becky and the boys and the rest of the family. RIP Dave. You will be greatly missed by all

Korin - June 13, 2019 at 09:05 PM

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“ I've known Dave for over 40 years. Even though I never got to see him or be around him much in that time, when I did he always made me feel as if we were like lost brothers. I will miss him for that reason.

Bob Akers - June 13, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of David's passing. I met David at WVC through another dear friend John Kalahar in 1962 or 63. David and I were members of the Wenatchee based Washington National Guard. He and Bill Bradshaw kept the unit in stitches with their rendition of roller derby. David will always be remembered as a warm, friendly, funny and personable friend. Our love and prayers go out to you and your family Becky. Jim and Tricia Stone

**Jim Stone** - June 13, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

**Angela Jennings** - June 14, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ Much love to all of you, my dear friends....

Cilla, Kurt, Bobby, and Becky. What a loss. What a beautiful family you were to me during some hard times. I can't thank you enough. I Love you all so much. Glenna

**Glenna** - June 17, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ I loved all my Davis cousins, We babe Davis family, kids would come up every summer when we were growing up until my dad died in 1965. The fun times we had with the Dorsey cousins. In heaven we will meet again..May Jesus comfort his wife and children.

**cindy** - June 18, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ Dorey not Dorsey

**cindy** - June 18, 2019 at 10:40 PM



“ Dave was my cousin too. I remember visiting our gramas house on Mission street and of course the Doreys. Such fun always. From us Davis girls ( Cindy) is my sister. we send love to all the Washington Cousins. My prayers go out to his wife and children. Until we all meet in Heaven. Debbie

**Debbie** - June 19, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ For me Dave was the epitome of the great American man- kind-hearted, strong, determined, generous, a lover of animals, hard-working, completely devoted to family and friends, outgoing and expressive, possessing a light-hearted spirit, able to draw a laugh from everyone and truly innately the funniest person I've ever had the privilege to know and be related to. "Dalai Lama~ We must try to do something good, something useful , with our lives. If you contribute to other peoples happiness, you will find the true goal, the true meaning of Life".That's our Dave. Goal met.

We all agree that we will miss him like the dickens and will think of the whole family often with love and a smile.

Nan Welty Larson

**Nan Welty Larson** - June 21, 2019 at 11:12 PM