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It is with profound sadness that we share the news of the recent passing of David N. Rayfield at his home up the Icicle Canyon, surround by family and best friend.

David will forever be defined by his hard work ethic, and commitment to family, friends, and his community.

He was born on August 7, 1962 and was the eldest son to David and Sharon Rayfield. He grew up in Leavenworth and was a proud member of the Class of 1980. Always reminding us of the infamous Mt Saint Helens erupting on his senior trip.

In 1984, he married his true love, Margaret Peterson, and quickly the adventures began. David was proud of the life he and Magaret had created and proud of their three children, always saying his goodbyes with, "I love you and I am proud of you."

David enjoyed hunting, fishing, working, and family time, which most often included a camp fire. He was a lifetime member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and their annual dinner and auction was always a highlight of his. We cherish all the fun times and lessons learned from him. There are no words to express the way in which he lived large. Heaven gained a good man! David leaves behind a legacy of hard work, commitment and generosity. David is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Margaret; daughter Katie and

husband Dave, daughter Kimmy and husband John, and son David and wife Hannah; Grandchildren Kylee, Bryson, and Reagan; His mother, Sharon Rayfield; his brothers Mike and Nick Rayfield; and countless friends, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

David is being greeted in Heaven by his father, David, brother Dean and grandparents.

A celebration of David's life will be held March 14, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Leavenworth Church of Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive Leavenworth, WA.

Friends and family are invited to gather and honor a life well lived and deeply loved.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements by Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (PT)

Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene
111 Skihill Drive
Leavenworth, WA 98826
(509) 548-5292
<http://www.lcnaz.publishpath.com>

Tribute Wall



“ A huge thank you to Margaret and the Rayfield family for a wonderful memorial service for Dave yesterday. I was reminded during the service of the many times Dave and his Rayfield Brothers Excavating company worked with us on projects in Leavenworth. We became friends as did every person that started out as a customer. I think so highly and considered each meeting with David to be a blessing in my life. I am so sorry for your loss.
Sincerely,
bill kelly

Bill Kelly - March 15 at 11:54 AM

RW

“ For the forty years we have owned property in and near Leavenworth's Icicle Island Club community, Dave Rayfield has been a godsend for us. He has built and repaired bridges, roads, retaining walls, driveways, house foundations, septic systems, drainage systems, picnic tables, firepits. He blew up and removed enormous boulders, provided landscaping, and for many years plowed snow from our roads. There was no challenge that Dave couldn't conquer. All our women thought he was so handsome. The guys could only dream of being as masculine and accomplished as Dave. His hunting, fishing and hiking stories were legendary and entertaining, especially after a few shots of Pendleton whiskey. Yet with all his incredible personal qualities and success, he always treated everyone with utmost respect, integrity, and humility. Dave was truly one of the greatest men I have ever known, and his passing is a huge loss for everyone who had the good fortune to be part of his life. He and Margaret worked so hard and deserved to enjoy the fruit of their labor. Only God knows why he had other plans. I hope our paths cross again. Peace and love. Rick Whitney

Rick Whitney - March 14 at 11:58 AM

GF

“ Greg Tonge and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David N. Rayfield.



Greg Tonge and family - March 14 at 05:34 AM

GF

“ Greg Tonge and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David N. Rayfield.

Greg Tonge and family - March 14 at 05:34 AM

CK

“ Cheryl Kurtz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David N. Rayfield.



Cheryl Kurtz - March 13 at 06:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David N. Rayfield.



March 13 at 12:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David N. Rayfield.

March 13 at 12:07 PM

LA

“ Dear David,

Well I guess Rick and I have been in denial of your passing. I am sorry we've taken so long to put words down. It's hard to come to terms with that we won't be seeing you again. But we have wonderful memories of you!

And we have a few photos of the old days horseback riding in the mountains with friends, and a few with your and Bill's kids from those times.

You and Margaret have been such wonderful friends, and employed Rick, for so many years. When Rick quit Steven's Pass back in 1997, you quickly offered him a "transitional " job. That lasted until 2024, when Rick retired!

You and Margaret have been so very supportive with us, and in our community, through your donations, big hearts, and genuine caring of your employees and people in general. Heaven got a good one in you, David! But we will miss you!

And you and Margaret have been the very best of friends and companions to brother, Bill. Dang. Can't say enough there...

We will always have our fond memories of you Dave. I can see the mischievous twinkle in your eye, and the smile on your face. It was always good to see you, David, and Margaret.

Together you have reared 3 beautiful children. Katie, Kimmy, and Davey, all of whom you can be so proud of. You gave them so much love , time, and guidance. And a great sense of humor. And now your grandkids are growing up. They will have great memories of you. Just not enough!

You will be forever in our hearts and loving memories, David. As is your Dad, Dave Senior.

Sharon, you are in our hearts , too. Dang, again!

Love to all of your wonderful family, extended family, and great circle of friends that will miss you.

You're in the "High Life" now!

Lori Aylesworth and Rick McKerlie

Lori Aylesworth - March 13 at 12:57 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of David N. Rayfield.*



March 11 at 11:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David N. Rayfield.*



March 11 at 08:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David N. Rayfield.*

March 11 at 08:31 PM



“ *Mom and I were camping out up Eightmile. Dave and Margaret heard rumor at Dans that we were up there so they jumped in their UTV with a bottle of wine and came and found us. Was such a great surprise!!! David will truly be missed!*

Mary Rmmons - March 11 at 02:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David N. Rayfield.*



March 11 at 02:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David N. Rayfield.

March 11 at 02:18 PM



“ *Brent and Chrissy Cook purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David N. Rayfield.*



Brent and Chrissy Cook - March 09 at 06:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David N. Rayfield.*



March 09 at 03:48 PM

LW

“ Lisa and David White purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David N. Rayfield.



Lisa and David White - March 07 at 11:32 PM

LW

“ Lisa and David White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David N. Rayfield.

Lisa and David White - March 07 at 11:32 PM

LB

“ Love the Barnes Boys purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of David N. Rayfield.



Love the Barnes Boys - March 03 at 07:00 PM

LB

“ Love the Barnes Boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David N. Rayfield.

Love the Barnes Boys - March 03 at 07:00 PM

LB

“ I have known many of the Rayfield family , from grampa Floyd Rayfield, who worked at Peshastin Lumber Box to all the boys David senior, David jr. Mike and Nick. All good guys who worked hard for their community and family, and treated everyone well. Margret and Sharon as well, upstanding and good to all. The Rayfield family has been in the area for many years and all good people. losing David senior and David Jr. so close together has to be very trying and emotionally hard. My sympathy to all of you of the Rayfield family, May God bless you all and you give comfort in the future. Sincerely with sympathy, Louis Brender

Louis Brender - February 28 at 12:55 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David N. Rayfield.



February 22 at 08:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David N. Rayfield.

February 22 at 08:31 PM

MT

“ David was a force of great character in the community and in our family. We all knew he was the linchpin - you take him out, you'll lose the whole darn trailer.

I always thought he should have a radio show because listening to him tell stories made it feel like you were there, or at least you wanted to be. My husband thought going up to his and Margaret's house (which was like a second home to me my whole life, and I was so lucky) was like entering a film set about the Wild West. I'd have to agree - if anyone has the pioneering spirit and the ability to move rocks and trees to make a place feel like home, it's the Rayfields.

A local hero and, more important to him, a hero to us kids. He introduced me to poker, the importance of football (it's not just about the game), the anatomy of a dump truck, how a cowboy boot should fit and that a good Margarita and a fish fry brings everyone together. I will miss him so much, he went too early for all of us. I needed a whole lot more time at the campground with him. Hugs to you all, Margaret, Katie, Kimmy and Davey. I love you and your families so much.

Love, Little Margaret



Margaret Rayfield Thorneycroft - February 10 at 08:06 AM

JC

Our hearts are sad for the loss a wonderful man. His wife and children are a tribute to his dedication to his family. I have watched Kathryn cry so many tears for the loss and the emptiness that her sister must feel. We can be thankful to have enjoyed David. He was a wonderful man.

Jim Cheney - February 17 at 08:48 PM

MH

*To the Rayfield family and friends.
I so remember David Senior in so many ways.
I cherish the last time we talked.
Now another David has left, but never really leaves his cherished family and friends.
We lived on Icicle next to Mike in the log house on the corner.
Rene' and Cindy Pepin are my children.
I lost their dad Ron Pepin 25 years ago.
So I know they never leave us.
Cindy and I will be their to Celebrate Davids active and busy life.
Always doing something fun too.
ALL our Leavenworth family never left our hearts.
I pray that Davids memory helps you ALL heal your hearts.
TOO SOON.
Marietta Pepin*

Marietta Pepin Hansberry - February 25 at 09:42 PM

CP

Dear Margret and the Rayfield family I am so sorry for your loss of David. He was truly a wonderful man, husband and father and brother and friend. So many beautiful memories of growing up in Leavenworth with all of you. I love you so much and I'm sending so many prayers to you and your family. Please reach out if there's anything that we can do. I will be there at the service on March 14. Love Cindy Pepin.

Cindy Ann Pepin - February 25 at 10:09 PM

RD

“ 7 files added to the album David N. Rayfield



R. Darlington - February 08 at 05:48 PM

TS

“ Rest in peace, David, you will be missed by all you have touched and then some. A kind , thoughtful and hard working professional is an understatement. Margaret, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Respectfully,

Thomas and Suzanne Stanton

thomas Stanton - February 08 at 01:26 AM

JF

“ Have always had high respect for David. He definitely had a high work ethic and was a committed family man. He will be terribly missed by all that knew him 🙏 Sending continued prayers to Margaret and family. Also to Sharon, Mike and Nick.

Janice Florea - February 03 at 05:33 PM

BT

“ Margaret, my sincere condolences to you and your family with the passing of David, a great loss to everyone, may Christ give you comfort in these sad times.

Sincerely

Bill Timmermans

Bill Timmermans - February 01 at 07:17 PM

SS

“ We are saddened by hearing the news of Dave's passing. Anne and I knew Dave through his work, helping us maintain our roads and driveways in the Standing Rock community. Dave was one of the most conscientious, skilled and honorable people I have had the pleasure of working with over the years. He was a shining example of how to get things done. Dave was the consummate professional. He will be greatly missed in our community. Our condolences to Dave's family.

*Steve and Anne Steindorf
The Standing Rock Community*

steve steindorf - January 24 at 04:54 PM