



James "Dave" Rush

November 16, 1957 - August 1, 2015

James David Rush, 57, passed away on Saturday August 1st, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer. "Dave" was born in Wenatchee, WA on November 16th, 1957 to Argle Rush and Wanda Verellen. He spent his childhood in Wenatchee and Manson area, and began working in the orchard industry at a very early age. He grew up loving the outdoors, hunting, fishing and playing all type of sports. He worked for Welch Apples and Naumes before starting his own business Rush's Fishing Guide Service. Dave spent 12 years as a fishing guide in the State of Washington, on the Columbia River and Lake Chelan. He was President of the Lake Chelan Sportsman's Council and Sportsman of the year. After being out of the valley, Dave recently moved back to Wenatchee to be closer to his two sons and his two granddaughters, who he loved dearly.

Dave was a devoted and loving father and grandfather who enjoyed hunting and fishing with his two sons more than anything. Dad was, and will continue to be "our guide" and will be missed more than he will ever know.

Survivors include his mother Wanda Verellen, sister Pam and brother Doug; his two sons; Wesley Rush and daughter in law Heather Rush, of Wenatchee and Richard Rush of Chelan; two granddaughters Addalyn and Kendall Rush; and numerous extended family.

Friends are invited to join the family in celebrating and remembering Dave's life at the home of his son Wes and Heather Rush on August 8th. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at

jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ We still want to offer our condolences and prayers for all the family and friends. of Dave. He was a gifted gardener and was highly thought of in the community.
Roger and Denice Darland



Roger & Denice Darland - August 12, 2015 at 04:38 PM

LI

“ Lindy lit a candle in memory of James "Dave" Rush



Lindy - August 07, 2015 at 12:35 PM

MH

“ I will always remember Dave for his landscaping skills, his smile and his love of the outdoors. Every morning when I came to work, Dave would already be working on the grounds doing something to add to the beauty of Ozarka College Campus. When one visited the other campuses their landscaping was just as beautiful. Dave had a plan and executed it for every campus. Trees planted by Dave will live on to testify to his love of nature and his ability to bring beauty to our college campus.

When I look out across this campus, I see evidence of Dave everywhere. He will always be with us as we enjoy the beauty he created with each plant and tree and blade of grass he planted. My prayers are with the family and may God keep you wrapped in His arms. Dave is at peace.

Mary Ellen Hawkins, Library Director, Ozarka College

Mary Ellen Hawkins - August 06, 2015 at 10:29 AM

JS

“ During Dave's first year at Ozarka College, he asked me if I could write a grant to help him landscape the college. We wrote grants for five years and those were the easiest grants I ever wrote. Dave knew exactly what he wanted to do and how much it would cost to the penny. Once we received the funding, it was amazing to watch Dave in action. He would start at seven in the morning with the bare front of a building and by the end of the day it looked like it had been landscaped for a decade. He gradually landscaped all four locations and kept them meticulously groomed.

Dave was extremely organized. Over the years he cleaned out every cranny and nook at the College where things had accumulated in previous years. A daunting job that would overwhelm most of us was never too big for Dave. He worked his way through a trailer, the maintenance building, and a large room in the main building full of discarded office furniture and equipment, etc., and always kept us up to date after that. His steady energy and work ethic were so impressive.

Shortly before I retired from Ozarka in April of this year, Dave planned a little farewell party. He prepared the finest smoked salmon I had ever eaten. He loved to hunt and fish with his boys when he would take a much deserved vacation. From the catch or the kill to the dinner table, Dave was meticulous every step of the way. We enjoyed the delicious things he prepared. I knew that at the farewell party I would not see Dave too many more times because I was moving back to Louisiana but I hoped he would be at Ozarka for many more years. The College will miss him dearly as a model employee and a friend. I am grateful for the opportunity to work along side of Dave, for our many conversations, and for the things I learned from Dave. I am so sorry for the loss to his family. Dave should have had many more years.

Joan Stirling - August 05, 2015 at 02:52 PM

DH

“I will miss Dave bouncing around making sure our lawns at Ozarka College were perfect. He really did a good job. I know he was a good Dad for his boys. He talked about them all the time and his hunting and fishing. He will be missed!
Donna Hill, Accounts Payable, Ozarka College”



Donna Hill - August 05, 2015 at 08:27 AM

RD

“I had the pleasure of working with and getting to know Dave over the past six years at our college. He was meticulous in his work and took great pride in the details and finished product. I think what I personally appreciated most was the talks we would have during my early years. Dave was always very supportive and saw the big picture far better than most. I listened to him and respected not only his excellent work but also his opinions and perspective. He'll leave a lasting impression on all of us at Ozarka college. He was far more than a co-worker and colleague; he was a kind-hearted and genuine friend to us all and we'll miss him dearly. Please accept my, and our, prayers for the healing of his family. We plan to start an endowed scholarship to honor Dave. Students will benefit for decades and his memory at Ozarka will always be with us!
Sincerely,
Richard Dawe
Ozarka president.

Richard Dawe - August 04, 2015 at 04:03 PM

KO

“He had such a wonderful smile, loved his laugh, Rip Prayers to the family. Kathy Lewis Ohler

Kathy Lewis Ohler - August 04, 2015 at 11:01 AM

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“ Dave was good at his job and took much pride in it. You could make a comment on a certain flower or shrub that he had planted and he would give you the history behind it. He took great pride in the grounds he was responsible for. He covered all 4 of our campuses. Dave loved his family and the trips he took to hunt and fish, he always had a lot to say but you had to ask to get all the fun stories from him. Unfortunately, he and I had something in common that no one wants to have and that is chemo. We discussed the effects it had on him as well as on my daughter; they even went to the same clinic but different doctors. Dave struggled hard to beat the disease that would eventually take his life. I considered him to be a good friend and I will miss him. May the arm of the angels be around you now, Dave, and your struggles and pain be gone as you rest in His presence. ~Earlene Martz, Finance, Ozarka College.



Earlene Martz - August 04, 2015 at 07:33 AM

BM

“ Brenda Morris lit a candle in memory of James "Dave" Rush



Brenda Morris - August 04, 2015 at 05:51 AM

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Thanks Dave for always having my back and being on myself you were a true friend. You will truly be missed my friend.

Brenda Morris - August 04, 2015 at 05:56 AM

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“ I have known Dave since he started working at Ozarka College when Doug Rush was president. I remember when Dave planted the stargazer lily, I commented to him that the stargazer was the prettiest of the lily family so he picked me one and brought it to my office. He talked about his sons and the landscaping job that he needed to do at his son’s new house. And the hunting and the fishing—boy, did he love those. I didn’t know a person was allowed to catch that many fish! Although Dave was a private person, we discussed his chemo because my niece was also taking chemo for colon cancer. It will be strange not seeing Dave on his gator and listening to his tales. I sympathize with each of you, his family, and I pray God’s richest of blessings on every one. ~With Sincere Sympathy, Karen Owens, Finance, Ozarka College.



Karen Owens - August 03, 2015 at 01:31 PM