



David Shafer

April 8, 1959 - March 11, 2025

David Bruce Shafer, 65 of Higginsville, Missouri tragically passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, when he helped his wife out of their burning home and went to save his mother. He was born on Wednesday, April 8, 1959, in Lexington, Missouri to William "Bill" Shafer Jr. and Josephine "Jo" (Robertson) Shafer.

David was a graduate of Lafayette Co. C-1, class of 1977. On March 23, 1984, he married Deanna (Foster) Shafer. Together they had three children. In 1979, David started working at Carl & Bob's Car Repair as a car mechanic. After 10 years of working there in 1989, he bought the business and he and Deanna opened Shafer's Car Care. David had spent 46 years as a mechanic and an owner for 36 years.

David was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. In his free time, David loved to follow in his father's footsteps with his great skill at bowling. You could often find him at the Higginsville Lanes Bowling Alley. David was passionate about league bowling and keeping the youth involved with bowling leagues. David also enjoyed a great game of softball.

When he wasn't playing a sport or working on cars, he was known to build things in the backyard for his children and later his grandchildren. He was affectionately called "Papa" by his grandchildren. He loved to take his family camping and to the beach. David's great skills, passion for helping and assisting others, and dedication to serving the community with whatever they may need is going to be missed dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Bill and Jo Shafer.

Surviving are his wife, Deanna Shafer; daughters, Samantha (Ernie) Tibai, Glenna (Garrat) Wilson; son, Ryan (Jennifer) Shafer; sisters, Sheri (Randy) Lovercamp and Pam (Robert) Gillilan; his grandchildren, Wesley (Ariana) Tibai, Emmit Tibai, Anderson Tibai, Wrenly Shafer, Kaden Wilson (Brooke Young), and Gillian (Carson) Blackburn; great-grandchildren, Denver Wilson, Warren Blackburn and Lyla Blackburn.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church of Higginsville from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 17, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Liz Lindsey officiating. A Celebration of Life Social with refreshments and drinks will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Higginsville American Legion Hall.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers, may be made out to the Higginsville Youth Bowling League, or Richmond Humane Society, or Children's Mercy Hospital - Autism Clinic.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **16.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

First Presbyterian Church
111 Fairground Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037
<http://www.pcusa.org>

Memorial Service

MAR **17.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

First Presbyterian Church
111 Fairground Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037
<http://www.pcusa.org>

Celebration of Life Social

MAR **29.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

American Legion
1001 W. 22nd St.
Higginsville, MO 64037
<http://www.legion.org>

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Sincerest condolences to the Shafer Family on this tragic loss of two sweet souls. The Shafers are “double cousins” for my brother and me, so they have always been a special branch of our family tree. My father was very attached to the Shafers, especially. Sending prayers and wishes for peace to all connected to these two good individuals who are now in a better place.



Sincerely, Deb Bentlage (Daughter of Kenneth D Bentlage)

Deb Bentlage - March 17, 2025 at 06:01 PM

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“ I like David Shafer when he the booing aley when win

Kyleigh - March 17, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Shafer.



March 16, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Shafer.



March 15, 2025 at 10:06 AM

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“ To all of the Shafer family it is with my deepest heartfelt condolences that I pass to you in your time of sorrow. I have so many fond memories of David. He was friend, boss and classmate. Again I am so sorry for your loss.
Tammy Schaller Durfee

Tammy Durfee - March 14, 2025 at 06:25 PM

SL

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort for the family during this difficult time 🙏🙏

Stephanie Looney - March 13, 2025 at 11:43 PM

CH

“ Thoughts and prayers to all the family during this time. David was a great guy. And mechanic. We will miss him.

Cinnie Hyden-Fidler - March 13, 2025 at 09:27 PM