



## David James Esselman

November 24, 1948 - March 23, 2018

David James Esselman of Arcadia, MO passed away at his home on Friday, March 23, 2018 at the age of 69 years, 3 months, and 27 days.

He was born November 24, 1948, a son of the late Raymond and Elverta Boyd Esselman.

On March 5, 2002 David was united in marriage to Dawn Riek Esselman who survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Amy and husband Brad Lambert of Arcadia, four grandchildren, Ryan Esselman, Timothy Thurman, David Layton, and Christian Landolt, and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents Raymond and Elverta, and a son Timothy Esselman. David was a 1966 graduate of Arcadia Valley High School and served his country proudly in the United States Army. He was the welding teacher at the Arcadia Valley Vocational Technical School where he retired after many years of teaching. He was a member of Ste. Marie Du Lac Catholic Church, the Arcadia Valley Elks and Arcadia Valley Eagles Lodge.

Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 10:00 am from the Ste. Marie Du Lac Catholic Church. Visitation will begin Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Cole Family Funeral Home. Father Jim Unterreiner will be officiating. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Online condolences may be made at [www.colefamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colefamilyfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home  
210 E Reynolds St  
Ironton, MO 63650  
(573) 546-0742

# Tribute Wall



“ *David James Esselman*

August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Little David James watched as his dad prepared to crawl into the attic. Raymond had used the step ladder to enter the attic as he was repairing electrical wiring overhead. Elverta was in the garden picking green beans. Six year old David James moved the ladder to the side because it was in his "play area". But, then Little Dave decided to run outside and play with the neighbor boys. Raymond was stranded in that attic on a very hot summer day. To the rescue came "Bert" with a full bucket of green beans to snap. Ray was saved from the attic. Another fun day in the life of "little David James", as his mother always called him....."David James"!*

*David James, at about the age of 8 years, was a wonderful baby sitter for our new baby, Craig. As we parents played a game of canasta, David James was so proud to rock that new baby. Bert would help to straighten out the baby's head as David's arms grew tired of holding on to that squirmy baby. And today, that baby will help to carry David to his final resting place.*

*So happy to have had the Esselman family as both friends and family.*

*Yvonne Romann*

Yvonne Romann - March 28, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ *Dawn, we are sorry for your loss.*

Wayne & Ronda Emmons - March 27, 2018 at 11:02 PM

LM

*Dawn I am sorry for your loss too.*

**Lee Ann Martin** - October 17, 2019 at 09:46 AM

DM

“ *Debra March lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman*



**Debra March** - March 27, 2018 at 07:18 PM

MD

“ *So sorry for your loss. I grew up with Dave and his family. I will always have great memories of him and my dad teaching tech school and running around together. Warm thoughts and prayers. Michelle*



**Michelle Bates - DePew** - March 27, 2018 at 10:12 AM

SJ

“ *Shelly Johnson lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman*



**Shelly Johnson** - March 26, 2018 at 11:21 PM

SJ

*Dawn and Amy, sorry for your loss. Sending you hugs and prayer.*

**Shelly Johnson** - March 26, 2018 at 11:23 PM

RT

“ Dave was a great guy and my all time favorite teacher. Sorry for your loss.



Roy and Lori Thomas - March 26, 2018 at 11:13 PM

SJ

“ Dawn and Amy, I am sorry for you loss. Thinking of you both. Sending hugs and prayer

Shelly Johnson - March 26, 2018 at 11:12 PM



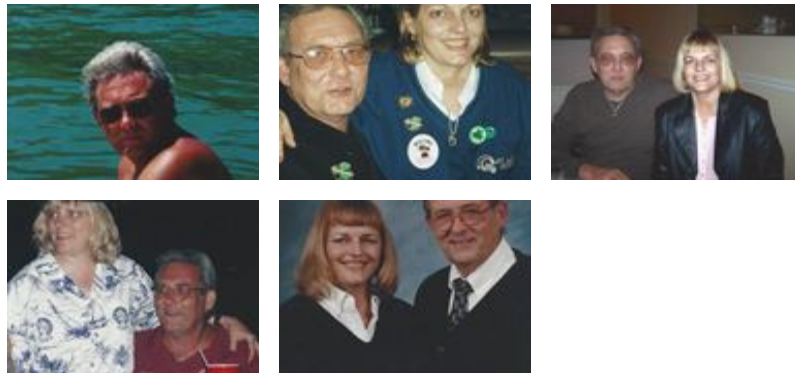
“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of David James Esselman.



March 26, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cole Family Funeral Home - March 26, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ *Timothy DePew lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman*



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**Timothy DePew** - March 26, 2018 at 09:44 AM

RR

*So sorry yeee ( nickname from 60s) great guy will always remember the hardtop convertible ford so sorry Reindeer (Ron Rhyneer) will miss you*

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**Ron Rhyneer** - March 26, 2018 at 12:47 PM

J(

“ *Jennifer Tucker (Browsers) lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman*



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**Jennifer Tucker (Browsers)** - March 25, 2018 at 09:47 PM

DL

“ *So sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace*



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**Dana Tripp & Gene Light** - March 25, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David James Esselman.*



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March 25, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ *Arthur Penny lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman*



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**Arthur Penny** - March 25, 2018 at 05:56 PM



“ *Mr esselman was a great teacher class of 1987*



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**Sheldon wren** - March 25, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ *John Vickie Golden lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman*



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**John Vickie Golden** - March 25, 2018 at 11:42 AM

JC

“ Joe Colyott lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman



Joe colyott - March 25, 2018 at 11:13 AM

ET

“ Dave was one of the first friends I made in Ironton, I have nothing but good memories about him. I remember him as a truly good man.

eric r trammel - March 25, 2018 at 09:53 AM

RT

“ Richard Thomlison lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman



Richard Thomlison - March 25, 2018 at 06:43 AM

RT

Sure gonna miss you Buddy....

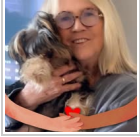
Richard Thomlison - March 25, 2018 at 06:44 AM

PJ

“ Dave was an great caring guy. Very easy to talk to. He was the best landlord I've ever had. Glad I have called him a couple times to check on him since I moved



paige jones - March 25, 2018 at 12:38 AM



“ *Sherry Bennett lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman*



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**Sherry Bennett** - March 25, 2018 at 12:09 AM

CB

“ *Dawn, I was so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



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**Connie Blanner** - March 24, 2018 at 04:18 PM

SM

“ *I always loved being around Dave. Some good times at the lake I'll never forget. I am so sorry for your loss. Words can never fully express my sorrow. Amy, Timmy, David and Christain, Mama and I are here for anything you need. We love you.*



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**Sue Helen Lambert McHaffey** - March 24, 2018 at 03:49 PM

DM

“ *I remember Dave well. Worked with him many years at AVCareer Tech. Sorry for your loss. Dottie McWherter*

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**Dottie McWherter** - March 24, 2018 at 12:31 PM

JC

*Dave was my welding teacher fair good man.*

**Joe colyott** - March 25, 2018 at 11:15 AM



*Lit a candle in my house in South Carolina, for David Essleman, he use to be my brother in law, So sorry for your loss Amy, and family, you are in my prayers...*

**Patty Jackson** - March 25, 2018 at 07:32 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of David James Esselman*



**Bill and Brenda Wilson** - March 24, 2018 at 08:37 AM