



## David R. Potter

May 28, 1954 - March 1, 2016

David R. Potter of California, Missouri was born to Rev. Billy and Rose (Reichel) Potter at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas on May 28, 1954. After a long battle with cancer, he passed away peacefully at his home on March 1, 2016, with his loving son and daughter by his side. One special memory they have is, how right at the end, he opened his eyes and squinted like he was seeing something bright; then he smiled and passed quietly away. David was a very special person and will be remembered by his thoughtfulness and his love for details. He wished to acknowledge the special and caring relationships he had with his physicians and nurses, too numerous to mention.

David was baptized as a member into the Church of God in Christ Mennonite on August 16, 2015 by Minister Norman Beachy. Here he was welcomed with open arms and was loved to the very end by his church family and friends. He will be remembered as a man who loved God, his family and friends. His contributions and love to the congregation were deeply appreciated. He often spoke of his love for the Church and how thankful he was for the love that he felt.

David spent the majority of his working career in St. Louis, MO with BJC Health System as a Construction Administrator, building and renovating hospitals. He saw this as God's will and mission for his life. He often spoke of how Jesus Christ also had a healing mission when He was on this earth.

David spent a short time in similar work at the University of Missouri Construction Management until the decline of his health forced him to retire in November 2011. After he retired, he enjoyed living on his farm close to California, MO. David also had a special interest in horses and enjoyed raising them.

He is survived by his two children, daughter Kelly and her husband Frank Dansby of Ft. Worth TX, son Joseph Potter of Los Angeles, CA, his three grandchildren, Frank (Jude) Dansby, Benjamin David Dansby and Clara Jeanne Dansby, one sister Sharon and her husband Sam Hoskins of California, MO, one brother Steve Potter of Columbia, MO. He also had two very special nephews and a niece and many cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Beulah Church of God in Christ Mennonite Church. Visitation will be held from 5-7:00 p.m., on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Church. Burial will follow in the Beulah Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Beulah Mennonite Church for the Church School Fund at 17719 Shady Brook Rd, Versailles MO 65084 or in similar care at Kidwell-Garber funeral Home, PO Box 26, Versailles, MO 65084.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Beulah Mennonite Church  
Shadey Brook Drive  
Versailles, MO 65084

## Service

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Beulah Mennonite Church  
Shadey Brook Drive  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Tribute Wall



“ *David was my boss for a few years at Christian Hospital. He was always telling jokes. We developed a good friendship. We had lost touch and I was shocked and deeply saddened when I found out about his illness and passing. I would like Joe, Kelly and Steve to know that I loved David as a very dear friend. I met the three of you while working for him. I never met his sister but would like her to know as well. Prayers for you all.*

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**RaNell Consiglio** - March 30, 2017 at 05:09 PM

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“ *David had a football championship ring he wore from his days of playing college football. I envied him.*

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**Wayne Kasper** - March 04, 2016 at 09:55 AM

NH

*Joe and Kelly, I want to express my love and sympathy to you & family. I am glad you were able to be here and be with your dad in his last days. I am sure it meant a lot to him and to you. I remember he always had a friendly smile and greeting when we met. He will be missed by many. Nadine Harris*

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**Nadine Hariis** - March 04, 2016 at 11:54 AM

MC

*David and I became close friends when his dad came to Joplin to pastor Fellowship Baptist Church. So many memories and laughs from those days. We played lots of church league fast pitch softball together. David was our catcher. We could talk forever. He was a "Potter" the whole way through. We connected later when Joe came to play a football game at Missouri Southern. He was so proud of both his children. Thank you Sharon and Steve for including me in your family while you lived in Joplin. Sorry I couldn't make it. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you all.  
Mike Curry*

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**Mike Curry** - March 05, 2016 at 01:02 PM