



## David Atwell Yarger

July 13, 1932 - February 28, 2018

David Atwell Yarger, age 85, of Versailles, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia.

He was born July 13, 1932, in Eldon, Missouri, son of the late Paul Swisher and Virginia Ruth (Atwell) Yarger.

David was a practicing attorney at law, graduating from the University of Missouri School of Law in 1961. He was an officer and navigator in the United States Air Force, stationed at Travis AFB, California, assigned to the Pacific Route. David was the City Attorney for Versailles, Stover, Lake Ozark and Laurie, Missouri. His loves aside from his family included law, the freedom of flying, traveling, navigating and the military. One of his favorite hobbies was visiting his condo in Lakeland, Florida. He also loved golf, though he may not have been the best player on the course. Additionally, he enjoyed deer hunting and attending MU Athletics. Never wanting to retire, he practiced law until the end, as he always dreamed. He did "slow-down" working only four days per week over the last year.

David served his community and belonged to many organizations throughout his life. He was president of the Versailles Lions Club, a charter member of the National Cessna Pilots Association, member of the Missouri Pilots Association, American Legion and VFW, Rolling Hills Country Club and

Bramble Ridge Golf Club. In addition, he was a former partner of the Woolsey-Yarger Law Firm in Versailles.

David married the late Barbara Haynes of Stover in 1955 and to this union they were blessed with three children, David P. Yarger, his wife Lauren Yarger, Janice Clark her husband, Don Clark and Jessica Rau and her husband, Alan Rau. To this union he also had the following grandchildren; Sarah Yarger, Betsey Clark, Byron Clark, Brian Yarger and Brock Rau.

David is also survived by his beloved wife, Beverly of Versailles, Missouri. David and Beverly were married in February, 1997. She followed his love of flying by obtaining her own license. They flew to Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Alaska. Of this union, he was blessed with two additional sons, Jeffrey T. Hughes and his wife, Gina Hughes and Jeremy C. Hughes and his wife, Krista Hughes. To this union, he gained the following grandchildren; Hannah Rogers, Bailey Clopton, Allison Rogers, Gabe Rogers, Jenna Hughes, Grant Hughes and Zachary Wessman-Hughes.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 3rd, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Rudy Beard officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Versailles.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084  
(573) 378-4655

## Service

MAR 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I just 2 minutes ago heard about Dave passing and I am at loss for words. Dave was such a wonderful friend for so many years to so many people and I felt privileged to be counted among those who knew him for such a long time. I always enjoyed so much visiting with him on his many trips to HAL and the other times and other places we met over the years. His love of flying always showed in the skillful way he handled the controls to his eagerness to fly for any excuse. All of his friends over the years at Higginsville will miss his humor and good will very much..



*I wish you the very best and my prayers are with you as you go through these times of grief...*

*Dennis and Catherine Stoll*

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**Dennis Stoll** - March 16, 2018 at 02:10 PM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



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**Mary Ellen Dunnaway** - March 09, 2018 at 08:11 PM

WL

“ *Wende Crowe & Dorothy Lucas lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



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**Wende Crowe & Dorothy Lucas** - March 07, 2018 at 11:22 AM

JC

“ *I met and first flew with Dave at Wulff Harbor Airpprt at the Lake 1967 . Dave was active as a talented Instrument rated private pilot for over 50 years . He was as professional and meticulous as any pilot I ever flew with.  
A great friend and valued counselor, advisor , and “go to guy” to me and my family for many years .*

*Jack Chapman*

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**Jack Chapman** - March 06, 2018 at 08:42 AM

 Barb  
Wilde

“ *Dear Jessica:  
I have very fond memories of hanging out with you at your grandparents home in Eldon, and at your parents home in Versailles. Your parents were two of the nicest people I knew. I send you a hug, love and peace for the days ahead-it's tough when you see your last parent go. Love to all.  
Your old friend,  
Barb (Talken) Wilde*

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**Barb Wilde** - March 05, 2018 at 01:44 PM

JB

“ Rest in peace Dave.  
*Blue Skies and tail winds are now your permanent flight plan! You will be sorely missed by all your aviation associates.*

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**Jack Billington** - March 05, 2018 at 11:21 AM

LM

“ Another Veersailles icon lost! When i first moved to Versailles 40 plus years ago, there were many great people that made Versailles such a great small town to live in. He was one of them. Besides him being my sister's neighbor for quite a few years to a time he took our little family for a small plane ride over Versailles. He will be missed.

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**LINDA MILLER** - March 04, 2018 at 09:50 AM

SM

“ I remember how David and Barbara went to dinner and mu games alot with my parents. He was a sweet and funny person. He will be missed . prayers for the family. Love you all.

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**Susan main** - March 03, 2018 at 08:12 PM

JL

“ God bless David and all his children and his wife Beverly, my dear dear friend of 50+ years. The love and joy and comfort he brought to her life meant so much ... a wonderful man in my eyes for that alone.  
Much love to you all.  
Jan Little

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**Jan Little** - March 03, 2018 at 12:47 PM

PH

“ Penny Haile lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Penny haile - March 03, 2018 at 09:24 AM

PH

Keeping your family in our prayers ,may your many memories give you peace ,love in Christ ,Bill Patton and Penny Patton Hails.

Penny haile - March 03, 2018 at 09:26 AM

 Ginger Arment

“ Ginger Arment lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Ginger Arment - March 03, 2018 at 02:02 AM

LF

“ Laraine Forth lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Laraine Forth - March 03, 2018 at 01:39 AM

RF

“ Renee Rau And Family lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Renee Rau and family - March 02, 2018 at 06:10 PM

BC

“ Bill And Judy Campbell lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Bill and Judy Campbell - March 02, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes - March 02, 2018 at 01:28 PM

KC

“ *Kathy & Kenny Coffman lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



**Kathy & Kenny Coffman** - March 02, 2018 at 12:14 PM

DB

“ *Diann Bauer Bates lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



**Diann Bauer Bates** - March 02, 2018 at 11:16 AM

MG

“ *Mr. Yarger was a very fine man. He was my mother's attorney for many years. He always showed interest and compassion in his work. Dave got to know his clients personally which made him a better attorney. He will be missed by all.*

**Max Garoutte** - March 02, 2018 at 11:01 AM

WS

“ *Lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger.*



**Wayne & Beverly Kurtz, Sr** - March 02, 2018 at 10:53 AM

AH

“ *Ann Hester-Moore lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



Ann Hester-Moore - March 02, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *Lisa Williams Arnold lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



Lisa Williams Arnold - March 02, 2018 at 09:37 AM

CB

“ *Cindy Baker lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



Cindy Baker - March 02, 2018 at 08:05 AM

LZ

“ *Lynda Zurmiller lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



Lynda Zurmiller - March 02, 2018 at 05:17 AM

TK

“ I vividly remember when David and Tom Woolsey were law partners, when their law office was above the Corner Drug store in Versailles. May memories and our Lord comfort David's family during this time.



Tom & Yvonne Kerr - March 01, 2018 at 11:50 PM

MD

“ Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Mary Ellen Dunnaway - March 01, 2018 at 11:33 PM

LF

“ Lena Flaughter lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Lena Flaughter - March 01, 2018 at 10:38 PM

DB

“ Dawn Stevens Bush And Allen Bush lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Dawn Stevens Bush and Allen Bush - March 01, 2018 at 10:38 PM

DM

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers*



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**Debbie and David McCollom** - March 01, 2018 at 04:26 PM

DH

“ *David has been a friend of mine since our college days. Together with Janice Nichols Claxton we shared many happy times in the early 1950's. My heart goes out to the family at this very difficult time. He will be missed by so many.*

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**DeeDee Hutchison** - March 01, 2018 at 11:27 AM

MG

“ *Marleen Gerber-baker lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



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**marleen gerber-baker** - March 01, 2018 at 09:21 AM

MG

*David was a wonderful friend and neighbor to my family for many years. Marleen*

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**marleen gerber-baker** - March 01, 2018 at 09:23 AM

AB

“ ANITA BUMGARDNER lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



ANITA BUMGARDNER - March 01, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ Peggy Powell Penrod lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Peggy Powell Penrod - March 01, 2018 at 08:17 AM

KB

“ Kent And Barrie Bales lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Kent and Barrie Bales - February 28, 2018 at 07:56 PM

WS

“ Willa Stafford lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger



Willa Stafford - February 28, 2018 at 06:35 PM

SR

“ *Shirley Root lit a candle in memory of David Atwell Yarger*



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**Shirley Root** - February 28, 2018 at 02:56 PM