



David L. Nagel

August 30, 1942 - March 30, 2025

David Lee Nagel, 82 years old, of Strongsville, Ohio, formerly of Alhambra, Illinois, died Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

David was born on August 30, 1942, in Highland, Illinois to Melvin and Laura (nee Ahring) Nagel.

On Saturday, January 4, 1964, he married Judith Louise Nagel (nee Ruehrup) at Alhambra, Illinois, who passed away on Sunday, November 6, 2011.

David spent his childhood farming and milking on his dairy farm in Highland, Illinois with his older brother, James Nagel (deceased), and younger brother, Ronald Nagel. He also worked attending to herds of buffalo on the small local farm in Highland as a young adult. David attended Highland Community Schools and after which he spent his early married years farming on their small family farm in Alhambra, Illinois, where he and his wife raised four children and along with Judy's parents' Elmer and Edith (Steiner) Ruehrup (both deceased) bottled and delivered milk door-to-door. He and wife Judy were active 4-H Leaders and have been involved with both Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra and Middleburg Heights Community United Church of Christ in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. In the mid-1980s, David's wife began working for the United Church of Christ National Headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, and in 1989, they relocated with the United Church of Christ

to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked until he was laid off from his Mailroom position. After being laid off, David retired and soon started volunteering with Southwest General Hospital until he had to have hip replacement surgery. He then started working as a part-time Train Engineer for Smiles Aboard at Southpark Mall, where he worked up until a fall led to deteriorating health issues this past November 2024. He will be sadly missed as a respected member of the community. David loved spending time with his eight grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren, and would often travel many miles to ensure he was able to celebrate special occasions with them. He also had a perfect driving record NEVER causing an accident and NEVER issued a traffic citation during his entire life. May we all be blessed as good as drivers with the love of traveling as David.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith L. Nagel (nee Ruehrup); his parents, Melvin and Laura (nee Ahring) Nagel; brother, James Nagel; and son-in-law, Joseph A. Koehler.

Surviving are his four children: Janice M. Koehler of Strongsville, Ohio; Michael "Mike" W. Nagel of St. Charles, Missouri; Mark A. (Kris) Nagel of Alhambra, Illinois; and Denise K. (Michael) Mutti of Middleburg Heights, Ohio. David is also survived by his eight grandchildren: Michelle (Artie) Wojciechowski of Middleburg Heights, Ohio; Trecia (Barry Otto) Winte of Pocahontas, Illinois; Ashley (Randall) Toppmeyer of Jerseyville, Illinois; Hannah (Steven) Hall of Southington, Ohio; Peyton (Fiancé Taylor Ernst) Nagel of Alhambra, Illinois; Ryan Nagel of St. Peters, Missouri; Emily Nagel of St. Charles, Missouri; and Makayla Mutti of Middleburg Heights, Ohio. Great Grandchildren: Alan Winte, Noel Winte, Emma Winte and Edith Otto of Pocahontas, Illinois; Brandon Wojciechowski and Paislee Clough of Middleburg Heights, Ohio; Jace Toppmeyer and Landon Toppmeyer of Jerseyville, Illinois; and is expecting another great grandchild in August 2025 of Southington, Ohio. David also is survived by a brother, Ronald Nagel of

Highland, Illinois.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, Illinois.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, Illinois, with Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Pastor, Salem United Church of Christ, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to Middleburg Heights Community United Church of Christ for Neighbors in Need. Expressions of sympathy may also be sent to the family by visiting www.spengel-boulanger.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 West North St.
Alhambra, IL 62001

Funeral Service

APR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ Blake R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Nagel.

Blake R. - April 08, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David L. Nagel.



April 08, 2025 at 10:12 AM

MN

“ Mary Nguyen purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David L. Nagel.



Mary Nguyen - April 07, 2025 at 08:03 PM

CZ

“ Cal & Karen, Marci & Mark, Alex & Zach purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of David L. Nagel.



Cal & Karen, Marci & Mark, Alex & Zach - April 07, 2025 at 12:17 PM

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“ Cal & Karen, Marci & Mark, Alex & Zach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Nagel.

Cal & Karen, Marci & Mark, Alex & Zach - April 07, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David L. Nagel.



April 07, 2025 at 09:35 AM

PL

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Ron and David's families. I remember being a neighbor to the Nagel family for many years. Always kind people. RIP David

Pam Ulrich Lecerf - April 07, 2025 at 02:18 AM

MF

“ My sincere and deepest sympathies to all of David's family. David was a dear friend of mine following the deaths of both of our spouses. We met through Cornerstone of Hope in Independence, Ohio. We shared many heartfelt phone calls, dinners, and spending time with mutual friends. I truly miss David, but I know he is happily now with Judy. God's peace to everyone who knew him and enjoyed his company.

Love,
Marge Fetterman

Marge Fetterman - April 05, 2025 at 09:27 AM

KC

“ David was my coworker on the All Smiles Aboard Railroad. David was such a genuinely kind and caring person. His gentle and easygoing way with kids of all ages made riders look forward to seeing him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Karen Cooney - April 04, 2025 at 11:10 PM

VS

“ My sincerest condolences to the family and especially Janice, I worked with you and your dad at 700 Prospect for several years. Dave was just a joy to work with and was so helpful (especially when I first started work at the national office) and he always had a smile on his face and a nice thing to say.

Valerie Smith - Cleveland, OH

Valerie Smith - April 04, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David L. Nagel.



April 04, 2025 at 11:00 AM

JK

“ Condolences to the entire family. Prayers of comfort to all of his family and friends. 🙏

Jim and JoAnn Kijewski - April 03, 2025 at 09:53 PM

EB

David was a genuine human being. Loved the children who came to ride the train at South park Mall. I worked with David for 5 yes on that train. WE lost another engineer Cindy to cancer. I'll miss David's wit and laugh.

The world will miss this great, humble human bring.

RIP my fear friend

Ed Bruening

Ed Bruening - August 13, 2025 at 10:05 PM