



David N. Stille

March 22, 1962 - December 18, 2017

David N. Stille, age 55 of Woodbury, MN, formerly of Bloomington, IL and originally of Alhambra, IL, died Monday, December 18, 2017, at Woodwinds Health Campus, HealthEast in Woodbury, MN.

Sometimes words can't express the love someone holds in their heart for others. David shared his love through a warm hug, a firm handshake or a kind deed, demonstrating his love of God in humble actions each day that set an example for others. He was called to God on December 18th, 2017.

David was born to Marvin and Darlene (Weinheimer) Stille in 1962. His childhood years were spent on the farm outside of Alhambra, Illinois. He attended Highland High School, where he participated in many activities including: band, FFA, choir, and speech team. David shared his love of their family farm through many activities in 4H and FFA, including serving on the Illinois FFA state officer team in 1982. He attended college at the University of Illinois, joined the Farm House fraternity, and then turned his passion for agriculture and leadership into a 30-year career with the Illinois Farm Bureau. Dave was a gifted public speaker and always kept his youthful spirit as he guided the IFB youth and young leader programs, and then continued his work with future leaders in the IFB training department. After retiring, he consulted with agriculture groups on leadership and strategic planning.

David married Barbara Kay Shoot on May 27, 1995 at the Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra. They resided in Bloomington, Illinois for more than 20 years and were blessed with two children, David Jacob and Emma Katherine. Their family belonged to St. Luke Union Church in Bloomington, IL, where Dave shared his talents by serving in several leadership roles. He was overjoyed when Jake chose to attend University of Illinois and pledge Farm House, and when Emma also decided to follow in his footsteps at U of I to pursue a degree in agriculture economics.

Dave's life revolved around faith, family and farming, but as a true renaissance man, his talents were many. He could sing, dance, play the trombone, and perform magic, and he loved to tinker in the garage, often using his farm-honed ingenuity to build or fix almost anything. He earned a second-degree black belt in Taekwondo and became an instructor, sharing his knowledge and skills with both adults and kids. An avid student of history, Dave enjoyed visiting historic sites and collecting artifacts. In fact, he visited Gettysburg more than 25 times and could discuss the Civil War as knowledgably as most history professors. He also looked to the future as a science-fiction fan and computer enthusiast. Family and friends often called upon him for technical support and were never disappointed.

The Stille family enjoyed many happy memories of travel, movies, kids' sports, and entertaining. David loved to host parties for friends and loved ones, including his legendary Halloween and Mardi Gras gatherings. He was a renowned cook and enjoyed experimenting with new recipes, which invariably turned out to be delicious. He also enjoyed relaxing by the fire with a good bourbon at the end of a long day, surrounded by his family, friends, and his black Labs.

David is survived by his beloved wife Barbara Kay, and his two children, David Jacob and Emma Katherine, all of Woodbury, MN; step-mother Elinor Hall

Stille (nee Cullen) of Highland, IL; brother Dr. Lee Allen Stille of Dearborn, MI, sister Debra Lynn (Dale) Stocker of Champaign, IL, and step-sister Kathy (Rick) Porter of Grantfork; mother and father in-law Gene and Dolorse (nee Eggers) Shoot of Toledo, IL; sisters-in-law Rebecca (Al) Brislain of Reno, NV, Mary (Paul) Peters of Alhambra, Helen (Tim) Zobrist of Rice Lake, WI; and brother-in-law John (LeAnn) Shoot of Highland, IL; and many cherished nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marvin L. and Darlene E. (nee Weinheimer) Stille.

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, and from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL., with John Mindrup - Assistant Pastor, officiating, and Rev. Andrew Gifford, Pastor, St. Luke Union Church, Bloomington, IL, co-officiating.

Interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Illinois Foundation FFA, Illinois 4-H Foundation or Farm House Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of David N. Stille*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - December 22, 2017 at 01:48 PM

GB

Sorry for your loss, rest in peace. David

Gerri (Bosshart) Baja - December 10, 2018 at 06:07 PM

JH

“ *Barb - I'm reading this news at 1:00 on Wednesday. I wish I had seen it sooner, so that I could be there with all of you today. My prayers, thoughts and tears are with you and the kids. I am so thankful for the video so I can see how you and Dave created such a beautiful family. The U of I and Farm House connections are the best. Besides being a favorite band student, Dave showed me (someone raised in the Chicago suburbs) what it is like to be raised in southern Illinois. He also introduced me to Illinois FFA when he was a state officer. What energy, what humor and what enjoyment for life. Please give your kids a squeeze for me and have them give you one as well. John Heath*

john heath - December 27, 2017 at 02:23 PM

NN

“ *Naohiro Nishida purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David N. Stille.*



Naohiro Nishida - December 25, 2017 at 07:47 PM

SL

“ *My sympathy to each one of you on Dave's passing. I have known him since he was a State FFA officer and I was the FFA advisor at Central High School in Breese. Later I would always see at State Farm Bureau events. The last time I visited with him was at Udel Meyers auction in Hamel, he was happy with things in MN and invited me to look him up if I traveled to MN. The news came as a complete shock to me, the Lord,s Blessing to each one of you. Sincerely, Steve Launius Nashville, Illinois*

Steve Launius - December 25, 2017 at 05:23 PM

JB

“ *My sincere condolences on your loss. Dave was a great FarmHouse brother and friend of the FFA Organization, and he will be very missed by all who knew him.*

Jeff Beavers - December 22, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Spengel-Boulangier Funeral Home - December 22, 2017 at 12:46 PM

HR

“ Barb, Jake & Emma,
My thoughts & prayers are with you. He was taken too soon. May
the wonderful memories you have provide you everlasting comfort.
Rest In Peace, Dave. God Bless

helen dobbyn reedy - December 22, 2017 at 10:45 AM

EC

“ Barb, Jake, Emma, Deb and the entire family. You are in our
prayers and constant thoughts. I treasure my friendship with Dave
and our work together at Illinois Farm Bureau and will remember
him always. He loved you and was so proud of each of you. His
dedication to youth in agriculture was unmatched---he made a
tremendous impact in word and deed with 4-H and FFA youth and
with Young Leaders. Treasure your memories. Ellen & Max Culver

Ellen Culver - December 22, 2017 at 12:29 AM

AM

“ I’m so sorry to hear of your loss, Barb. Your family is in my prayers.
Ann Mueller

Ann Mueller - December 22, 2017 at 12:02 AM

DG

“ I worked as Dave's Administrative Assistant. Dave made a wonderful database program that was simple and very specific to help county managers keep track of their hours of training. He also helped me fix a few glitches. He was excellent at explaining and teaching things. So sad he was taken so young. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Debbie Golden - December 21, 2017 at 10:16 PM

PR

“ I worked with Dave for nearly 20 years at the IL Farm Bureau where we shared a few projects and a lot of laughs. Barb you made such a great couple and family. I know this is a devastating loss for you. Jake and Emma your dad was so very proud of you and loved you like crazy. Hold on to that. I am so sorry for your loss. Dave will be missed by many.
Peggy Romba

Peggy Romba - December 21, 2017 at 09:31 PM

JS

“ 50 files added to the album *Dave Stille's Life Tribute*



Jake Stille - December 21, 2017 at 09:02 PM

TS

“ *Dave and I use to play 'Star Trek' in the club house on the farm sometimes others would join us, we had great times.*

Todd Stille - December 21, 2017 at 08:39 PM

DF

“ *I remember David from his work at IAA as always dedicated and smiling. So sorry for his loss. Prayers for his family. Deanna Frautschi*

Deanna Frautschi - December 21, 2017 at 07:42 PM