

David R. Sampson

September 24, 1942 - February 22, 2016

Mattoon, IL – David R. Sampson, age 73, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 2:12 p.m., Monday, February 22, 2016, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

There will be a visitation from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2016 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. There will be no services.

Born September 4, 1942, in Charlotte, MI, David was the son of Raymond and Dorothy M. (Allen) Sampson. He married Karen M. Williamson on October 15, 1966. Survivors include his wife, Karen Sampson of Mattoon, IL; his mother, Dorothy Sliker of Sullivan, IL; two children, Angela Davison and husband Shawn of Arthur, IL, and Kyla Kuhns and husband Andrew of Philo, IL; three brothers, Kenneth Sampson and wife Barbara of Allenville, IL, Phillip Sampson and wife Karen of Sullivan, IL; and Mike Porter and wife Judi of Atwood, IL; two sisters, Sandra Eaton of Florida, and Lori Sampson of Michigan; and five grandchildren, Finnian Davison, Faeryn Davison, Faemus Davison, Asa Kuhns and Anna Kuhns. He was preceded in death by his father and a grandson, Samuel Kuhns.

David graduated from Sullivan High School in 1961. He then earned a Bachelor's of Science in Education and a Master's in Geography from Eastern Illinois University.

For 34 years, David was a teacher with the Mattoon Community Unit School District #2. After retiring, he then taught Geography and Weather and Climate at Lake Land College. He was a member of the Broadway Christian Church and a lifetime member of the National Education Association. David was an outdoorsman and nature lover. His hobbies included trapping, vegetable gardening, woodworking and construction, however, his favorite pastime was spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his honor may be made to the David R. Sampson Scholarship Fund by making checks payable to Mattoon High School and indicating Sampson in the memo. The mailing address is 2521 Walnut Avenue, Mattoon, IL.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David R. Sampson*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *R.I.P. Mr. Sampson. You were a great person and everything a teacher could ever hope to be.*

Sean Casey - February 26, 2016 at 03:47 PM

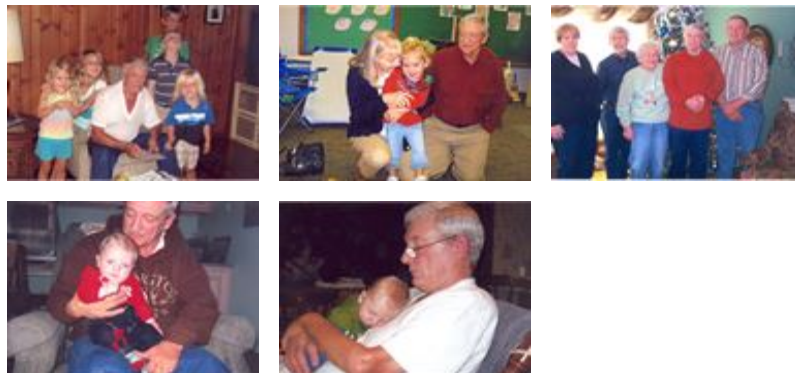


“ *It is with sadness that I wish you and your family peace in your time of sorrow. David was a good friend to me. I remember the year that I had to take over chemistry when Mrs. Scott retired. He was a constant help and reassurance to me as I picked up the pieces left by her departure. God be with you all as you say your goodbyes and move on with your lives. Peace and love, John and Tami Cox*

John Cox - February 26, 2016 at 08:42 AM



“ *50 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - February 26, 2016 at 08:10 AM

PS

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Sampson family. I enjoyed teaching with Dave at MHS and remember his dedication to teaching and his sense of humor.*

Pam Sundheim - February 24, 2016 at 07:39 PM

AN

“ *Such a warm and caring man and amazing teacher.*



Andrew - February 24, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ *Mark and I country danced with Dave and Karen, way back in the day. He was kind enough to bury our first dog in the early 90's.*

Gail Nelson - February 24, 2016 at 04:46 PM

LA

“ *Mr Sampson was by far one of the best teachers I ever encountered. He truly was an educator who loved what he was doing. Through that he made learning fun. Will truly be missed.*

Lynne Andres - February 24, 2016 at 11:57 AM

PL

“ *Karen & Family
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Paula Linker & Family*

Paula Linker - February 24, 2016 at 09:48 AM

KP

“ *Mr. Sampson was a wonderful Science teacher and always had a smile. I remember when he told me that he had a Daughter named Kyla and I was so surprised because I had never known anyone else with that name besides myself.
My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Kyla Albright Poplawski

Kyla Albright Poplawski - February 24, 2016 at 08:49 AM

LP

“ *Mr. Sampson goes into my book as one of the best teachers I ever had, and probably one of the main reasons I went on to study Zoology as a major in College. His energy, warm spirit and kindness inspired what I'm sure was thousands of students during his teaching career. My sincere condolences to his family during this time... may the memories that are being shared help you during this difficult period.*

Lisa Shrake Perry - February 24, 2016 at 01:34 AM

SH

“ *You were my science teacher at CJHS. Great teacher, you actually made me love science. R.I.P I was privileged to know you*

Susan Hoepner - February 24, 2016 at 12:05 AM

MY

“ *Mindy Young lit a candle in memory of David R. Sampson*



Mindy Young - February 23, 2016 at 10:49 PM



“ *My condolences go out to the Sampson family. My father taught with Mr. Sampson for many years. I also was blessed to have Mr. Sampson as a teacher. He mentored so many of Mattoon's young people. He will be remembered and missed.*

Terry Jarvis, Dallas, Texas

Terry Jarvis - February 23, 2016 at 10:15 PM

MW

“ *I am so so sorry for the loss of your father and husband he was always such a great person very loving and caring and a wonderful dad and husband I remember going to your house and staying the night with Kayla and he used to take us on horseback rides and joke with us you're all in my prayers love and huge hugs*

Mandy West - February 23, 2016 at 09:57 PM

P(

“ *Dear Karen and Family, I'm so sorry to hear this and I remember several good times with y'all and I especially remember how Strong Dave was when I seen him lift a refrigerator all by himself and loaded it in the back of a pick up at Rick and Sharon's on Prarie Ave., despite his handicap he was a very strong man and will be missed and remembered by many, love you all and take care.*

Patsy (Reddick)Tunberg - February 23, 2016 at 09:47 PM

SR

“ *Karen and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. We was a wonderful man and will be missed by many! Treasure the memories! Sheri Rodebaugh*

Sheri Rodebaugh - February 23, 2016 at 09:37 PM

Teresa
Garrett

“ So sorry to hear this he was a wonderful teacher. I remember the tarantula we had in our science class, he used to take it out and let it crawl on his arm! We loved it. He always had a story to tell and was always willing to help with any problems you had!

Teresa Garrett - February 23, 2016 at 09:27 PM

JR

“ R.I.P Mr. Sampson, He was one of the best teachers I've ever had. He was just the topic of a conversation the other day between me and my husband. I still remember everything I ever learned from his class. You touched many of us in so many ways. You will be missed. Jojo (Turner) Roach

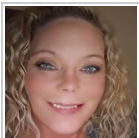
Jojo (Turner) Roach - February 23, 2016 at 09:26 PM

LM

“ Lynn Hendrix Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of David R. Sampson



lynn hendrix mckenzie - February 23, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ Mrs. Sampson you will forever and greatly missed! Wes and I have so many amazing memories with you and Karen and all you two did for us and with us! You will forever be in my heart and memory!



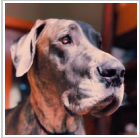
Misty Rae Janssen - February 23, 2016 at 08:54 PM

NP

“ Thinking of your family. David was a great person.



Nancy Purdy - February 23, 2016 at 08:50 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Sampson was one of my favorite teachers. I would say I was a teachers pet, proudly! Lots of great memories from his class! God bless you all!

Noelle Goeckner - February 23, 2016 at 08:43 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Sampson was an amazing teacher. He always had a joke to tell to catch our attention before starting the lesson. He guided me not only in class, but helped to develop my interests in biology and science. Due to teachers like him, I have had a satisfying career in nursing for the last nine years. ❤️

B - February 23, 2016 at 08:35 PM



Patricia Hussemann

“ Karen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. David was a great man.

Pat & Bob Hussemann



Patricia Hussemann - February 23, 2016 at 08:26 PM

Wes
Fuller

“ I never had him as a teacher but he knew me in school he was always very nice an loved to talk but one thing that I have held on to for many years is he help me and misty with a baby raccoon named cutie. I will miss running in to him and having our talks.



Wes Fuller - February 23, 2016 at 08:22 PM

Jim
Scott

“ Mr Sampson was my science teacher middle school about 1980. Rod and Gun Club days,he was an awesome man. Will never forget when my best friend and I skinned a muskrat in his class for a club presentation,wow no other teacher on this earth would allow that. He was smiling the whole time, I will never forget him taking a couple of us coon hunting several times as well. I feel privileged to have known him. Thank you and RIP Mr. Sampson.

Jim Scott - February 23, 2016 at 07:53 PM

BI

“ Becki Johnson Inyart lit a candle in memory of David R. Sampson



Becki Johnson Inyart - February 23, 2016 at 07:53 PM

MF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Karen, Dave was one of my favorite teachers, and an all around great guy. Every time I ran into him around town, we shared a bit of conversation and a smile. Godspeed Dave, your in a better place now.

Matt Frederick - February 23, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ I will never forget biology with Mr. Sampson at CJHS. His enthusiasm and joy of teaching was evident each and every day. His daily "rationale" was a highlight! To his family, I am sending you prayers as you deal with this great loss. He will truly be missed!
Gail Ballinger Crouse

Gail Crouse - February 23, 2016 at 07:30 PM

JE

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Sampson was a wonderful human being, with a heart for mankind and the ability to teach with wisdom and kindness. He left this world a better place. May he rest eternally in peace.

Jeanne - February 23, 2016 at 07:17 PM

CH

“ Cindy Hoelscher lit a candle in memory of David R. Sampson



Cindy hoelscher - February 23, 2016 at 07:10 PM

CL

“ I'm so ferry sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I was one of his students when he first started teaching at Central Junior High. Later, I had the privilege of teaching with him – my heart is breaking her this news. He taught me so much and I'll be forever grateful to him. He will be greatly missed.



Christie Lawrence - February 23, 2016 at 07:01 PM

CL

So sorry for the typos. Words were changed by my iPhone

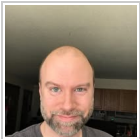
Christie Lawrence - February 23, 2016 at 07:03 PM

MC

“ *Melissa Cole lit a candle in memory of David R. Sampson*



Melissa Cole - February 23, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ *I was a student of Mr. Sampson, both in high school and at Lake Land, as he "followed" my class with his retirement. He was a great teacher who cared about his students and loved his job. He will be missed!*

Robert Howard - February 23, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ *I haven't seen Mr. Sampson since I graduated in 1991. But I feel like he'd have known me right away if he had seen me on the street. That's the kind of relationship he had with his students. I loved his stories. I'll never forget how he made me feel.*

Ron White - February 23, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ *Amber Penhale lit a candle in memory of David R. Sampson*



Amber Penhale - February 23, 2016 at 05:36 PM

 Kelly
Kress

“ *Kelly Kress lit a candle in memory of David R. Sampson*



Kelly Kress - February 23, 2016 at 04:36 PM

 Kelly
Kress

Condolences to all of Mr. Sampson's family and friends. He was one of THE best!

Kelly Kress - February 23, 2016 at 04:37 PM

KH

“ *Kaye Honn lit a candle in memory of David R. Sampson*



Kaye Honn - February 23, 2016 at 04:31 PM

KH

Thinking. About you and wishing you peace and comfort in the loss of your loved one.

Kaye Honn - February 23, 2016 at 04:34 PM