



David A. Cunningham

December 25, 1941 - December 29, 2015

David A. Cunningham, age 74, of Centerville, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2015. Dave graduated from Centerville High School in 1960 and honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He retired after forty years of service with Washington Township Fire Department. Dave was a member of the Montgomery County and the Ohio Fire Chiefs Associations and the Miami Valley Four Wheelers. He was preceded in death by his parents, William & Mary Cunningham; son-in-law, Jason Kirby; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Agnes & Ben Stokes; and sister-in-law, Linda Stokes. Dave is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Lynne; daughter, Debby Kirby; grandchildren, Joshua and Piper Kirby; brother, Richard Cunningham; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dale & Jane Stokes; brother-in-law, Tom Stokes; numerous nieces and nephews and friends; and his granddog, Holly. Dave was well respected and much loved and he will be greatly missed. Family will greet friends 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2016 at Reis Legacy Center/Schlientz & Moore Funeral Home, 820 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd., Centerville. Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 5th at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Centerville Cemetery. If desired contributions may be made in Dave's memory to The Jason Kirby Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 751765, Dayton, OH 45475, benefitting the education of prospective firefighters.

Cemetery Details

Centerville Cemetery

68 Maple Avenue
Centerville, OH 45459

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Final Legacy Life Celebrations
155 South Main Street
Centerville , OH 45458
(937) 291-3911
reisfh@att.net

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David A. Cunningham.*



January 04, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ *Hi Dave, I know your at peace and with Jason now, I just want you to know what a special man you are and I am a lucky person for having you in my life all these years. At 1,100 miles away you where there to talk on the phone and always brought me comfort and gave me good advice. We wont talk on the phone now, but I will always talk to you knowing your hearing me. I Love You Chief
Jana (Rhoades) Notarian*

Jana Notarian - January 04, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ *Papa C, our conversations and laughing will forever be in my memory. I always enjoyed our time together. Your caring and generous ways will forever be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.
Love you always, Soichie*

Alicia - January 03, 2016 at 05:03 PM

BW

“ I had the privilege of working with Dave right after he first joined WTFD. He was a pleasure to work with all of those years. He was the boss and I was the radio man.
He was a fine gentleman. RIP in peace Dave.
Bob Wallace

Bob Wallace - January 02, 2016 at 09:31 PM

LW

“ Love, All of Us at Miami Valley Four Wheelers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David A. Cunningham.



Love, All of Us at Miami Valley Four Wheelers - January 02, 2016 at 03:43 PM

RE

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Richard Ewing - January 02, 2016 at 09:12 AM

FC

“ Spent many hours with Dave at Station #1. It was me, Terry T., Dave C., Chief Staley, Tom A., Lee H., Roy, Harold R. (Moose), Ken P., and later Doug C.. He was always working in the shop on something. I never seen him get rattled and when I left there I tried to maintain that composure on the fire scene. Before I retired, I always reminded a district chief to take his Ritalin and calm down and not get so excited. 2 of them are Fire Chiefs where they live as well as WPAFB's Chief and Deputy Chief. Dave was a nice guy to work with and was jolly most all the time. R.I.P. Dave you did your time, served the people and left good memories for all your friends. You will be greatly missed. Thanks for spending your time with me at Station 1.

<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Firefighter.png>

Frank Cox - January 01, 2016 at 09:06 PM

PS

“ I learned a lot from Chief Cunningham. But the one trait I took with me for my whole career was how you can push the mic button on the radio, while it is still hooked to the dashboard and holler "ga ahead". And it's works just fine!

P Sinewe - January 01, 2016 at 08:06 PM

 Lou Pauly

“ A great guy to know, work with and for. You taught us well and we are better for it.
RIP, Chief 2,. We will take from here

Lou Pauly - January 01, 2016 at 06:21 PM

JH

“ Dave was a kind hearted man, but he had presence about him that let you know he was the boss. He could chew your ass and smile the entire time. Gonna miss the stories and that smirky smile. Rest easy Chief 2

Joel Holbrook - January 01, 2016 at 04:21 PM

SG

“ Hey Geeb that was the greeting I got for many years and will miss very much.
Intimidating at first but a great leader and a good friend at work and someone you could talk to if you had a problem away from the Fire Department.
Halloween at Dave and Lynne Cunningham's house kicked off the holiday season for me. I looked forward to it every year.
Professionally hearing Daves voice on the radio "CHIEF-2 " had a calming effect to incoming crews whatever the emergency was. In September Rich Ewing and I brought Engine 12 and 21 to old Pirsch's the fire department ran for years to The Cunningham's house and parked them nose to nose in front of they're house. Dave walked out and had a big smile on his face happy that we were able to get them and bring them back home for everyone to enjoy. Dave I will miss you very much. I'm sure your up there cutting up with Moose, Daryl, Bob, Jason and the rest of the gang.

Steve Guilbert - January 01, 2016 at 10:25 AM

DS

“ Dave was my very first deputy chief in the fire service and was the most respectful chief man and person to everyone he came in contact with Dave I going to miss you dropping in at sta 3 unexpected and busting us for not doing are jobs but in the end he trusted us with everything. Thank you for getting me started in the fire service and teaching me a thing or two along the way

Dan Shuga - December 31, 2015 at 11:37 PM

KM

“ *A pivotal man in my life. Loved by many and loyal to his friends. Thankful for his impact. Love you Dave Welcome to your forever home in paradise with Jesus and Jason.*

Karen Maxwell - December 31, 2015 at 10:28 PM

KW

“ *Chief Cunningham was one now the first people I was introduced to after being hired as a paid on call. He was a great leader, mentor and friend. Rest in Peace, Dave.*

Kathleen Yingling Weaver - December 31, 2015 at 06:29 PM

DW

“ *I will always remember going Jeeping in the mud as a kid with our families.*

Denise Willits - December 31, 2015 at 02:52 PM