



## David Godwin

August 19, 1942 - March 31, 2015

David L. Godwin, 72, of Limestone, passed away March 31st at home surrounded by his loving family following a courageous battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. Visitation will be at Schreffler Funeral Home on West Court Street, Kankakee on Friday, April 3rd, from 3-7 pm. A celebration of life will be held at Westbrook Church of the Nazarene on April 4th at 12:00 Noon with Rev. Todd Peeler officiating. Burial will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Il. on April 6th with full military honors. David was born August 19, 1942 in Grand Island, NE to Clyde and Lillie [Bush] Godwin. He married Sandra Dickinson on July 26, 1969 in Skowhegan, ME. David loved God, his wife, and his family and they were the three pillars of his life. A National Merit Finalist and an accomplished musician, he played both violin and trombone. He graduated from Olivet Nazarene University and then served four years in the U.S. Navy as a trombonist. While in the Navy stationed at Newport, RI, he met the love of his life and they were married for 45 years. He taught high school music for a few years, but railroading became his main occupation. He held many jobs on the railroad over his 42 year career, working as an engineer his last 15 years. Upon retirement from Norfolk Southern Railroad, he participated in 12 work and witness overseas mission trips with the Church of the Nazarene which he thoroughly enjoyed. As a trombonist, he played 25 years with the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra, was a charter member of the KV Wind Ensemble and also played in the New Horizons and Municipal bands. David was a member of Westbrook Church of the Nazarene. Through

the years he taught Sunday School, sang in the church choir, helped with buildings and grounds, and served as a board member. An avid student of the Bible, he read through the Bible more than 20 times. David is survived by his loving wife Sandra, his daughters Karen [Dan] Davidson of Franklin, TN, Kathryn [Tim] Buffey of Bloomington, IL, Karla [Dan] Pralle of Bourbonnais, IL and eleven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorials may be made to the Jesus Film Harvest Partners or the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Godwin*

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February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Sandy, I was so heavy hearted to hear Dave's passing. Please know that I immediately began to pray for you and the girls. Dave was a true man of God and a living example of what it meant to live like Jesus, and to spread the Good News to everyone. I count it a true privilege to have had the prayers of Dave (and you!) for both myself and my family. The first thing I thought was, "Oh no! What will I do without knowing Dave is praying for us!" What a legacy that is! I am certain that when he arrived at Heaven's gate, he was greeted by several people who thanked him for sharing Jesus with them so that they could be in paradise. Please be assured of our continued prayers. You are SO loved by the Wright family!!*

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**Deb Wright** - April 02, 2015 at 10:36 PM



“ *Mr. Godwin, as I knew him as a teenager, was a man blessed with many talents who infused his passion for music, knowledge, and God to his beautiful daughters. Our hearts and prayers go out to the entire Godwin family at this sorrowful time.*

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**Jill Cankar** - April 02, 2015 at 08:36 PM

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“ *Knowing Dave was a pleasure and delight. He always had a bright spirit and a smile. Prayers are sent to Sandy and his entire family. Losing Dave is leaving a hole in many hearts and we will always remember him. GOD SPEED dear friend. Gone but not forgotten. Heaven is a little brighter because of him.*

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**Randy & RoseAnna Knickerbocker** - April 02, 2015 at 04:16 PM

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“ *The light set forth by a candle is dull in comparison to the light generated through the life of Dave. His light will continue to shine through the lives of all those who were ever touched by him. Love and prayers to Sandy and family. What a loving and passionate man Dave 'is' . . . Earth's loss is Christ's Glory!*

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**Donelle and Carl Luhman** - April 02, 2015 at 03:38 AM