



David Raymond Butler

November 26, 1942 - September 30, 2025

David Raymond Butler, 82, of Smithton, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 30,

2025, in Sedalia, Missouri, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on Thursday, November 26, 1942, in Independence, Missouri, to the late Orville Raymond and

Ethel Marie (Shrader) Butler, David lived a life of service, devotion, and generosity. From 1961 to 1964,

he proudly served in the United States Marine Corps as a helicopter mechanic, rising to the rank of

Lance Corporal (E-3) and completing two tours during the Vietnam War.

On June 23, 1989, David married the love of his life, Mary Lynn Cunningham, in Liberty, Missouri.

Together, they built a beautiful life over 31 years of marriage until Mary's passing on July 8, 2020.

Together Mary and David had three sons, Anthony, Michael, and Ian, and four daughters, Lisa,

Michelle, Kristina, and Shawna while creating a home filled with love and family. Over the years, they

lived in Liberty and Independence before settling in Holden in the mid-1990s, later moving to Smithton

in 2019.

After his military service, David continued giving back as a volunteer firefighter in the 1970s. His skills and discipline as a Marine led to a long and respected career at Dean Machinery, where he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic until retiring in 2009. Known for his deep knowledge and patient teaching, he had a gift for mentoring apprentices and students from technical schools, many of whom learned the trade directly from his guidance in the field.

David loved the outdoors and found joy in camping, fishing, gardening, yardwork, and caring for his dogs. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his family. His devotion was especially evident in the way he lovingly cared for Mary in her final days. With an outgoing personality, a generous spirit, and a heart for others, David left a legacy that will be remembered by all who knew him.

David is survived by his sons, Anthony (Michelle) Butler, Michael Butler, Ian (Debra) Borath; daughters, Lisa Bumgarner, Michelle Butler, Kristina (Sam) Porter, and Shawna (Don) Hayes; brothers, Paul (Susan) Butler, Mark (Sheila) Butler; grandchildren: Amanda Porter, Bethany (Jake) Kearney, Logan (Bre) Hayes, Shannon Hayes, Renata Prado, JD Hayes, John Porter, Darrion (Metaia) Prado, and James Porter; as well as 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Lynn Butler; his parents,

Orville and Ethel Butler;
sisters, Esther Alley and Frances "Frankie" Robinette.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 10:00 AM on
Saturday, October 4, 2025, at
Holden Cemetery, Holden Missouri, with Pastor Michael Wakeman officiating.

Arrangements are under the care of Campbell-Cast Funeral Home, a Stewart
Family Company. Online
condolences may be shared with the family at www.castfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service with full Military Honors

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holden Cemetery
West 10th Street
Holden, MO 64040

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I'm so sorry to Davies family. He was a great guy and entertained me for hours while riding in his service truck when I was younger. The world lost a great story teller.

Josh Belanger

Joshua Belanger - January 09 at 01:51 AM

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“ I was David and Marys neighbor for about a year and a half. We became fast friends. They were so welcoming and helpful to me and my boys. Fantastic people and fantastic neighbors. Very sorry for your loss. Shellie Morrison

Shellie Morrison - October 08, 2025 at 01:56 PM

BC

“ My Uncle Dave took me into his home when everyone else gave up on me. He taught me how to live in society and be an independent thinker. He showed me hard work and perseverance will open doors that you didn't even know existed. I'll will always love Dave for that perspective of life. He made me stronger.

Billy Cunningham - October 03, 2025 at 01:53 AM

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“ I was one of his new mechanics he trained. I went out with him as a night helper & loved working with him. His help allowed me to also get a night service truck. we sometimes would work jobs together. times I would have to follow him & quick learned that he was the strongest small man I had ever meet. I would have to remove more parts in order to get in hole where he took out what needed repaired to reinstall. I can verify everything mentioned in his obituary. Rest in peace my friend I will never forget you. Cliff Henning

Cliff Henning - October 02, 2025 at 12:05 PM

BD

“ I have many memories of working with David in Dean KC service. He was a person full of valuable information and insight besides being a wonderful friend. Many of my hardships were locating his jobsites in the dark of night. He will be missed!

Bill Darrah - October 02, 2025 at 11:20 AM