



David R. Aitken, III

January 26, 1939 - June 8, 2015

Huntley, IL - David R. Aitken III, age 76, of Huntley, IL, died on Monday, June 8, 2015.

David was born in Maryville, Tennessee, on January 26, 1939. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire, and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville.

David worked for Sears, many years across the southern states, and then in corporate headquarters in the Sears Tower. In Chicago, David served as president of the board of the Griffin Theatre Company and sang with the Edgewater Singers.

David loved working with tools and his hands. At his cabin in Wisconsin, he cultivated the land, reaped the benefits, and canned jams, sweet pickles, beans, and other vegetables. An avid reader, David was an enthusiast, in love with music, the written word, the natural world and Diane. He loved to carve Halloween pumpkins with his Nebraska grandchildren each year. David shared his love of music, theatre, literature and the Wisconsin great outdoors with his grandchildren. He played the tuba in the Sun City Concert band in Huntley.

David is survived by his wife Diane J. Aitken, his sister and brother-in-law

Annie and Harold Trauernicht. He is survived by his three children and spouses - Rodger and Catherine Aitken, James and Valentina Mironova Aitken, and Mary and James Hayes and two step children and spouses Steven and Kathryn Burns, and Kenneth Burns and Ereck Jarvis. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren: David Aitken V, Zachary Aitken, Wiley Burns, Katie Burns, Christopher Hayes, Jacob Hayes, Jennifer Hayes, and Regina Aitken. He is also survived by two great grandchildren Keegan Hull and Kennedy Hull. His grandchildren were the light in his eye that shined brightest when he was able to impart his wisdom and love of nature.

He was preceded in death by his parents David and Hazel Aitken. Also preceded by his grandson Bryan Hull.

Private family services will be held.

Memorial gifts may be made to American Players Theatre, P. O. Box 819, Spring Green, Wisconsin 53544.

Tribute Wall



“ *David R. Aitken, III*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *I never met David, but I used to work with Diane and still keep in touch on facebook. I know that David made Diane very happy in all their years together. I'm so sorry that he has passed on.*

janice bouchard - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM



“ *We're so sorry to hear about David's death. We always enjoyed his humor and appreciation of nature. Our last visit to David and Diane was serendipitous when we drove near their place about a year ago with our guests from Evanston and decided to see if they were home. They were, invited us to the patio for wine and snacks, and we spent most of the afternoon just talking, laughing, and relaxing. Our friends were so impressed with how comfortable, charming, and fun the whole afternoon was. You will be missed, David.*

Diane and Vivek - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM



“ *I am glad we met.*

James Vinton - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM

VB

“ I fondly recall a fun weekend visit to Chicago many years ago when David was a trooper to ride the El on a Saturday because I thought it would be fun to do. He also treated me to a sail on Lake Michigan on his wooden boat and could cure my oncoming seasickness with a tiny maneuver of the sails. I have to admit it wasn't much fun that weekend to help take old carpet out of one of their rental apartments but it was a good trade off to be a part of David and Diane's city life for a brief shining moment in time.

vicki baskin - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM

AP

“ A life well lived

April Puccetti - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM

SG

“ We all grieve with you, Diane. He was a wonderful man and musician.

Sam Geati - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM

KE

“ Diane,

I was so sorry to hear about David's death. He was a good friend, and he was very musically talented. I think it was wonderful you two found each other after living down the street from each other and several years later.

In deepest sympathy,

Kay Llewellyn Eadie

Kay Llewellyn Eadie - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM

BV

“ We will really miss you David. Your lust for life, music, the land and Diane your best treasure was so admirable. Silent screaming is the only way to describe the void without you. How lucky Jim and I were to know you. Rest In Peace
Bobbi Vinton

Bobbi Vinton - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM

NA

“ David will be greatly missed by his loved ones and friends for he truly helped to make this world a better place. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Nettie Van Alstine - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM

DM

“ Diane, I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. What a shock. I am so thankful for the times that we have shared together - pulling garlic mustard, singing in the Taliesin Chorus, working donor events for APT, and the most enjoyable evening spent at your cabin and in your woods. He was a great man with a zest for the arts and nature, and will be greatly missed. Dundee

Dundee McNair - April 28, 2018 at 01:53 AM