



## David R. Esch

January 26, 1943 - May 8, 2019

Ridgeway – David R. Esch, age 76, of Ridgeway, died on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at his home.

He was born on January 26, 1943 in Dodgeville, a son of Leo and Mildred (Flynn) Esch. He graduated from Dodgeville High School in 1961 and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he was stationed in Japan.

Dave worked as a field service engineer for several telecommunication companies. He was a member of the Beckett-Kurth American Legion Post No. 257 in Ridgeway, was a 50 year member of the Town of Madison, City of Fitchburg and the Ridgeway Fire Departments and served at a Firefighter Instructor for Southwest Technical College and Madison Area Technical College.

Dave enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially sitting around the fire pit, riding on the pontoon, taking pictures, decorating for Christmas and vacationing in Texas for a couple of months in the winter.

David is survived by his wife Janet; his children Kevin (Madeleine) Esch of Providence, RI and Amy Esch of Fitchburg, Angela (Mark Thomas) Meudt of Darlington and Anthony “Tony” Meudt of Ridgeway; his grandchildren Charlie Esch, Zak Esch, Brianna Meudt, Caitlyn Davis, Emily Shearer, Ashlynn

Schultz, Olivia Meudt, Gabriella Meudt, Maddox Meudt, Ashley Komplin, Nicole Meudt; great grandchild Fraya Meudt-Frohmaer; his brother Ed Esch; his sister-in-law Sharon Esch; his sister-in-law Arlene (Ed) Banfield; many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son William "Billy" Meudt, granddaughter Cassie Meudt, grandson Jesse Halverson and his brother Phil Esch.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville. Fr. Stephen Petrica will officiate. Burial will be held in Eastside Ebenezer Cemetery in Ridgeway with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the Ridgeway American Legion. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and from 10:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastside Ebenezer Cemetery

County Road H  
Ridgeway, WI 53582

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home  
400 East Grace Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-5222  
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

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## Service

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## Military Graveside Rites

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David R. Esch*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Amy, I am sorry to learn of your father's death. I am sure you and your family have many happy memories which will be a great comfort to you.*

*Barbara Easterhouse*

**Barbara Easterhouse** - May 13, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Sharon E. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of David R. Esch.*



**Sharon E.** - May 12, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Janet and family,  
I am sorry to hear the news of Dave's passing. I'm sure many happy memories remain in your heart. Take care.*



**Donna Toay** - May 11, 2019 at 09:43 AM

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“ I miss you so much, Dad. We'll meet again someday. Until then. ❤️  
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Amy Esch - May 10, 2019 at 05:00 PM