



## David Joseph Dinneen

May 2, 1957 - September 20, 2023

September 20, 2023, David (Dave) Joseph Dinneen lost his brave battle with cancer. Dave spent his final months in Iowa City under the care of his sister Kit and her partner George, while enjoying loving visits from his sisters Ann and Molly, brother Pat, and brother-in-law Pat D. Rogers and enjoying quality time with his great nieces and nephews, the “ballerinas”(nieces) and “lads” (nephews). His older nephews and nieces were able to enjoy Uncle Dave's stories and spend quality time with him during his time in Iowa City.

David was born on May 2, 1957 in Albia Iowa to Michael (Mick) and Felicia(Phil) Dinneen. He was the youngest of 8 and was welcomed home to Melrose by his older siblings, Margaret, Michael, Ann, Molly, Dennis, Kit and Pat. Dave began working at the Albia Newspaper as an intern in high school. Upon graduation, he began his career as a graphic artist and photographer. He ended his long career in June 2023, being graphic artist emeritus.

Dave enjoyed many of life's simple pleasures instilled in him by his small town upbringing.

He loved nature and being outdoors. Dave was a prolific photographer. His photography concentrated on wildlife, automobiles and motorcycles. He traveled the country with his friend Don Sofranko going to car shows and drag races, talking to other car enthusiasts, taking photographs and making friends along the way. Dave spent a lot of time hunting with his dogs and was a great

defender of conservation. He was involved in Pheasants Forever for many years and belonged to the Knights of Columbus organization.

Dave loved riding his Harley motorcycles and took many trips with his good friend, Danny Judge and others. He belonged to A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa district 12, a motorcycle rights and education organization. Dave and Danny could be found at their shop in Melrose working on projects and talking about old times. Their shop was not only a place for their cars and motorcycles, but also a gathering place for their many friends.

Many of the holiday memories spent in Melrose, at Grandma Felicia's were surrounded by Uncle Dave. His nieces and nephews always remember the Cokes and snickers he provided for them, in addition to taking them and his siblings on truck rides throughout his beloved Monroe County. He was a griller of pork chops, a maker of delicious soups, and was a fierce competitor in jeopardy. We will always remember Dave for his quick wit, dry sense of humor, and quiet demeanor. He was a great story teller and had the ability to make the characters in his stories come to life. Everywhere that Dave went he would find someone to talk to and share stories with.

Dave is survived by sisters Ann (Pat) Rogers of Venice, FL, Molly (John) Nosbisch of Estes Park, CO, and Kit (George Giudice) of Iowa City and brother Pat (Karen) Dinneen of Sarasota, FL. Also surviving are 13 nephews and nieces, along with numerous great-nieces and nephews and many life-long friends who Dave considered family. Dave was preceded in death by parents, Mick and Felicia Dinneen, a sister Margaret, brothers Michael and Dennis and niece Nicole Dinneen Conley.

"David. out of all the brothers in the world, you were ours. It was an honor to be your family."

VISITATION will be held from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Dave's family present to greet family and friends.

A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Father Timothy Armbruster, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

MEMORIALS may be directed to the American Cancer Society, Melrose Betterment or Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Melrose, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
200 Trinity Ave,  
Melrose, IA

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ With deepest sympathy as you remember your loved one.

Dave and Margaret Tierney - September 30, 2023 at 04:07 PM

SM

“ Sheila & Juley Murphy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Joseph Dinneen.

Sheila & Juley Murphy - September 29, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Joseph Dinneen.



September 26, 2023 at 10:13 PM

JP

“ To his family, our sincere condolences, we're truly sorry. Met Dave about 40 years ago when he needed insurance. On my 75th Birthday, Dave dropped by a really nice glossy picture of a Black 1955 Chevrolet popping a wheelie and wrote this, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JERRY" - THERE'S NO BEATING CLASSIC "POWER" May he Rest in Peace!!! A real Gentleman!

JERRY POWER - September 25, 2023 at 03:05 PM

JH

My condolences to the Dinneen family.

john horn - September 26, 2023 at 09:38 PM

MC

*Our family knew the Dinneen family well in the small town of Melrose.  
Dave was a great guy.*

*Our sympathies to the family.*

*Mike and Linda Carmody*

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**Mike Carmody** - September 27, 2023 at 04:22 PM