



Mr. A. Jerome "Jerry" Dave

August 23, 1935 - March 23, 2018

A. Jerome "Jerry" Dave, 82, of Asheville, died on Friday, March 23, 2018 at his home.

A native of Asheville, he was born on August 23, 1935 to the late Joseph and Eva Dave. He attended Ira B. Jones, David Millard, Jr. Middle School, Riverside Military Academy and was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity.

Upon graduation he began his career at Dave Steel Company in Lebanon, OH before transferring back to the Asheville facility in 1969. He served as President of the company from 1975 until 2004 and finished his career as Chairman of the Board until 2017. With his leadership, the company now well into its third generation of management, experienced significant growth since its start in 1929.

Jerry was a longtime member of Congregation Beth Ha Tephila, the Jewish Community Center, served on the AB Tech Foundation Board, the UNCA Family Business Forum Board, was Past President of the Manufacturers Association of Asheville and Past President of the Virginia Carolinas Structural Steel Fabricators Association. He will be remembered most for his significant philanthropy to the community.

He is survived by his children, Pam Turk and her husband, Jonathon, of Boca Raton, FL, Jeff Dave and his wife, Juli, of Asheville, Dee Dee Stilphen of Charlotte; his spouse, Barbara Shagan-Dave of Naples, Florida; her children, Robert Shagan and his wife, Allison of Knoxville, TN, Artie Jay Shagan of Knoxville, TN. He is also survived by his brother, Bernard L. Dave of Cincinnati, OH; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00AM on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Congregation Beth Ha Tephila, 43 N Liberty Street with Rabbi Batsheva Meiri officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery, 53 Birch Street.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to CarePartners Foundation, PO Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813 or to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. A. Jerome "Jerry" Dave*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a very kind and generous person who touched many lives in a very positive way as the consummate gentleman which he was. My sincere condolences to Barbara and the family during this difficult time.*

Richard Hurley - March 29, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *Dear Barbara,
Alice and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and the family during this time of loss and sadness. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
William A. (Bill) Hart, Jr.*

William A. Hart, Jr. - March 27, 2018 at 08:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. A. Jerome "Jerry" Dave.*



March 26, 2018 at 02:46 PM

DK

“ *Dan Kramer and Saginaw Pipe Company Inc. are praying for the Dave Family. I am very sorry to hear and will keep your family in my prayers. He was a great man and has influenced so many people through the years!* ”

Dan Kramer - March 26, 2018 at 12:46 PM

NG

“ *Nucor Grating purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. A. Jerome "Jerry" Dave.* ”



Nucor Grating - March 26, 2018 at 11:40 AM

KN

“ *Kloeckner Metals Corporations, Charlotte NC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. A. Jerome "Jerry" Dave.* ”



Kloeckner Metals Corporations, Charlotte NC - March 26, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ *When I started at the UNC Asheville Family Business Forum, I could always count on Mr. Dave to show up at each program. He always had questions and appreciated the opportunity to learn. He was a good man and I am sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers of comfort in this sad time to his family, friends and the community.* ”



Cindy Clarke - March 26, 2018 at 09:18 AM

DE

“ I always enjoyed seeing Jerry stop by in the fall before he left for Naples. Often he wore his Bengals jacket. He was always engaging and took time to interact with every employee in the office. We would joke about my wife and I coming to stay with him in Naples on our annual visit to Florida. It broke my heart to hear of our lost this past Friday. Doug Edwards.

Doug Edwards - March 25, 2018 at 09:24 AM

BF

Sincere condolences to Barbara and the family. Jerry was a very good man and Asheville is a sadder place today for his passing.

Bill Fishburne - March 27, 2018 at 09:32 AM

RT

I was saddened to hear the news about Jerry's passing.

I remember the day I met him with a smile. He spent a good while quizzing me about my journey, as a female, into Structural Steel estimating and project management. He genuinely seemed fascinated in the career path that I had chosen.

I didn't know him as well as others, but observed his keen interest in what might be going on in the building and in the steel business since his last visit.

Jerry Dave had a smile and a friendly greeting for each employee as he was making his rounds through the building when in town. He made us feel as though we were important - both as individuals as well as a team.

We have lost a friend.

Regina Tunney - March 30, 2018 at 01:05 PM