



David Allen Grunig

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David “Dave” Allen Grunig passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at the age of 80. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Nancy Tisthammer Grunig; his son, Brad Grunig and his wife Melissa; his two daughters, Laura Wallace and her husband Bryant, and Kathy Carter and her husband Chris; eight grandchildren, Ross Grunig, Shelby Grunig, Jaxson Grunig, Emily Wallace Pulliam and her husband Stephen, Austin Wallace, Katlyn Carter French and her husband Peyton, Christian Carter, Caden Carter; his three great-grandchildren, Parker French, Juliet French, and Franki Love French; along with his two brothers, Ron Grunig and Jim Grunig and his wife Lauri; and a host of nieces, nephews and other loved ones. He was born and raised on a farm in Storm Lake, Iowa, the youngest son of Roy and Gladys Grunig.

Dave and Nancy were high school sweethearts and were a wonderful example of a loving, devoted marriage. He patiently taught his children so many things and always supported them in everything they did. He was the best husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa in the world. He had many passions, including his family, church, sports, the Braves, golf, a good card game, wood working, his yard and flowers, animals, ancestry, time with friends

and many other things. He often coached children's sports teams and was on the board of the Salvation Army. Dave was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Laurel, then later at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hattiesburg. He was a man of faith who loved God, his family and others well and was always a calming influence wherever he was. He was honest, loyal, a spiritual leader, wise and compassionate, yet stern when needed. Dave earned his college degree from Iowa State University in 1967. He began his career at Delco-Remy/Delphi Automotive in Anderson, IN, and moved with the company to start the plant in Laurel, MS. He spent his entire career with the company, and retired as the Plant Manager. His life was a life well lived, and he was loved and respected.

Visitation will be at noon on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel in Laurel, MS. Pallbearers are Ross Grunig, Christian Carter, Caden Carter, Chris Carter, Bryant Wallace and Peyton French. Honorary pallbearers are Austin Wallace and Jaxson Grunig. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.memorychapel Laurel.com

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Tribute Wall

CG

“ Dave was my neighbor in Laurel. I remember this man working tirelessly in his yard. He was such a kind man. I had a lot of respect for him with his quiet but obvious good values. He will be missed.

Christine Gray - September 28, 2025 at 05:35 PM

JS

“ Jennifer S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Allen Grunig.

Jennifer S. - September 02, 2025 at 10:28 AM

JG

“ Dave was my younger brother. We grew up on a farm together near Storm Lake, Iowa. We went to school together at Providence Consolidated School in Sulphur Springs, Iowa, until it closed in 1960. I was in the last graduating class, and Dave went on to graduate from Storm Lake High School. He was the captain of the basketball team there, which finished fourth in the state basketball tournament in 1963. He also played on the Iowa State University freshman basketball team when we were both at ISU at the same time. We shared lots of memories from our farm days: the mouse that ran up my leg, shooting sparrows with our BB guns, training our 4-H steers, playing basketball by the barn (and at Sulphur High), making hay with Uncle Les Grunig, and the many times I had to "discipline" him. We lived miles apart for our careers--Dave in Indiana and Mississippi with Delco-Remy and I in Maryland at the University of Maryland. In our early years as adults we saw each other once or twice a year, but Lauri and I last saw Dave in 2019, when we got together at the Beau Rivage resort in Biloxi. I will share a few photos of our early times, visits in the middle years, and our last time together.



Jim Grunig - September 01, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Allen Grunig.

September 01, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Allen Grunig.*



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“ *Vince Williams and Colby Mauldin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Allen Grunig.*



Vince Williams and Colby Mauldin - September 01, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Allen Grunig.*

August 31, 2025 at 01:59 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Allen Grunig.*



August 31, 2025 at 01:59 PM

RG

“ Ron Grunig purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Allen Grunig.



Ron Grunig - August 30, 2025 at 10:07 PM

RG

“ Dave was my youngest brother. We grew up on a farm near Storm Lake. 4-H and sports were a big part of our lives while growing up. We did so many things together from hunting, fishing, sports and many other things. I will really miss him not being a part of my life anymore. Brother, Ron

Ron Grunig - August 30, 2025 at 09:58 PM

DW

“ Dan & Sandy Wages, Jason & Brandi Waller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Allen Grunig.



Dan & Sandy Wages, Jason & Brandi Waller - August 30, 2025 at 05:50 PM



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“ *Brad, you and your family are in my prayers. It is never easy losing our parents, no matter the age.*

Connie Hoover - August 30, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Dave was a good man. Dave and I worked together at Delco Remy in Anderson, Indiana. We both went south . Dave went to Laurel, MS and I went to Albany, Ga and then to Fitzgerald, Ga. I always enjoyed catching up with Dave at company meetings or occasionally I traveled to Dave’s plant with my HR duties. RIP my friend.*

Ron Baker - August 30, 2025 at 11:54 AM