



David W. Klapproth

March 31, 1943 - April 2, 2019

David W. Klapproth, 76, passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in Santa Rosa, CA. He was born March 31, 1943, in Palm Beach, FL to Clarence and Eileen Klapproth. He married Jane Mitchell in Chicago, IL. During his youth, he loved scouting and attained the highest honor of Eagle Scout. David was a 1961 graduate of Cape Central High School in Cape Girardeau, MO. He received a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri in 1966. Upon graduation, he moved to Chicago IL and had a successful career in advertising. After the birth of their two daughters, the family decided to relocate to a smaller community and chose Carbondale, IL. He and his wife co-owned and operated a Mail Boxes Etc. for 20 years.

Upon retirement, David moved to Santa Rosa, CA to be closer to his family. A man of many talents, David was an accomplished artist, photographer and writer. He had a short story published in the magazine, *University Man*, in 1987. He enjoyed sailing the Caribbean Sea and canoed the Boundary Waters. David was an avid reader, loved flower gardening and cooking. He could slow cook beef brisket and port butt that would make the best BBQ chefs in the country envious, and he was never far from his box of Bisquick, his favorite topping for campfire stew, one of his specialties.

David was a member of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa, CA. He lived a full life, dearly loved his family and friends, and will be sorely missed. Loving survivors include two daughters, Molly Klapproth of Sebastopol, CA and Elizabeth Klapproth of Forestville, CA, one sister, Susie (Dan) Seib,

and one grandson, Rumi. David was preceded in death by his parents. A beachfront celebration of life is planned in CA. In Cape Girardeau, MO, visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 18 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Doug Breite officiating. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We knew Dave well. He always told you what he thought, and that was good. He told us to start a newspaper in Carbondale, and we did, and he was, ever-after, a loyal reader and advertiser, and friend.

Jason Thomas - July 19, 2023 at 07:28 PM

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“ OUR GOOD FRIEND, DAVID

In 1966, three recent Mizzou Journalism school graduates—John Aycock, Jon Shulenberger and David Klaproth—were each hired as catalog copywriters at Sears & Roebuck in Chicago. Who could have known at the time that we would become friends for life? Or that I would become David’s roommate? Or that I would borrow his beat-up car for a first date with a girl who would end up spending the rest of her life with me.

That was the evening when I introduced Ro to my roommate, David.

Maybe it was the smoking jacket he sometimes wore. Or the vintage Van Bruyere hand-carved pipe he occasionally puffed on. But what clearly separated David Klaproth from ordinary men was the black cape he donned for special occasions. Only later did his friends grasp its full significance: a young man from Cape Girardeau ... himself wearing a cape. Grand irony.

What can one say about the lazy weekends we shared in Carbondale, Illinois, sipping adult beverages by the pool with the aroma of Applewood slow-smoked pork butt wafting our way from David’s finely tuned Weber grill. In BBQ lore, the man was commonly referred to as the “Sultan of Smoke.”

And as the kids grew and the years rolled on, we were blessed with enough good times and great memories to fill a thousand scrapbooks. Knowing David, he’s probably grumbling right now about getting this thing moving with some music. His choice, of course, would be The Grateful Dead. Some things never change.

-Shully & Ro

Jon Shulenberger - May 15, 2019 at 08:47 PM

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“ Joe Seib & Fay Ishikawa purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of David W. Klaproth.



Joe Seib & Fay Ishikawa - May 12, 2019 at 02:54 PM