



## David Kim Hufendick

August 29, 1955 - January 16, 2026

David Kim Hufendick, of Salem, Missouri, passed away peacefully at his home with his wife by his side. He was born on August 29, 1955, in St. Louis, Missouri, to the late Herbert and Patsy (Basse) Hufendick.

David was first united in marriage to Berniece Bauer and this union was blessed with two sons. The couple later divorced. On October 27, 2014, David married Rhonda Hamilton, and together they shared a blended family of six children. David and Rhonda truly lived a lifetime of memories in their eleven years of marriage. During the past three years, Rhonda lovingly served as his devoted caretaker while he battled illness.

Like his father and brother, David spent his entire working career as a Union sheet metal worker with Local #36 out of St. Louis, Missouri, working in the heating and cooling industry. He was proud of his trade and the work he did.

David loved the outdoors, especially being on the water. He enjoyed boating and fishing, and before moving to Salem, he and Rhonda lived in Arkansas near Bull Shoals Lake. There, they maintained 35 acres of land—work David embraced wholeheartedly, often heading out with his Kubota tractor and working long past dark, enjoying every minute of it.

David was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle,

and friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

David is survived by his wife, Rhonda Hamilton, of Salem, Missouri; his sons, James Hufendick (Elizabeth) of Harrison, Arkansas, and Kyle Hufendick, of Arkansas; step-children, Mason Elms, of Cameron, Missouri, Kylie Kloepfel (Lance), of Meta, Missouri, and Hayden James, of Vienna, Missouri; grandchildren, Xavier Hufendick, Elaine Kloepfel, and Lawson Kloepfel; his brother, Doug Hufendick, of St. Louis, Missouri; his sister, Donna Hufendick, of St. Louis, Missouri; The mother of his children, Berniece Bauer; and a host of extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Herbert and Patsy Hufendick, David was preceded in death by his step-son, Zachary Shelton.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary, with Rev. Lloyd Mattocks officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the chapel on Monday prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. until service time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My mom Wanda was married to his Uncle Boop and growing up I enjoyed so much time spent with Dave and his then wife Bernice. The biggest memory I have from Dave is his absolute kindness and good nature. I'm so sorry for your loss and I will keep you all in my prayers.  
Angie

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**Angie Emring** - January 18 at 09:16 PM

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“ Yvonne Mays and Mary Angela Kaz. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Kim Hufendick.



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**Yvonne Mays and Mary Angela Kaz.** - January 17 at 02:42 PM

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“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of David Hufendick



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**Tammy** - January 17 at 01:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Kim Hufendick.* ”



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January 17 at 09:57 AM