



David Reed Conaghan

March 9, 1958 - January 13, 2016

David Reed Conaghan, 57, passed away in his home on January 13, 2016.

David was born on March 9, 1958 in Lima, Ohio.

As a child, his love of science and rockets led him to a career developing missiles. He attended Ohio University, graduating with a Bachelor Degree in Science. During his time at OSU, he joined the Naval ROTC. After graduation, he served in the Navy onboard the USS Waddell. After serving in the Navy, he joined General Dynamics. He led Standard Missile integration with the AEGIS combat system. In 1988, Dave moved to the Naval Ordnance Station in Indian Head, MD to provide simulation, integration, and system support for upgraded Standard Missiles. In 1992 and throughout the remainder of his career, he was with the Navy Advanced System Development Office, providing expertise and guidance for the design and testing of missiles and radars. Dave's father, a machinist, taught him a love of tools and cars, which Dave carried throughout his life. His joy was rebuilding his 1965 Mustang.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Jessie Conaghan.

He is survived by his sister, Carol A. Urban; his niece, Tracey Goyer and her husband John; his nephew, Scott Urban and his wife Rachel; and his great nieces and nephews, Zachary Goyer, Annie Goyer, Lucas Urban, and Liza

Urban.

Visitation on Thursday, January 21, 2015 from 5-8PM with Funeral Service at 7PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Interment at Lima Memorial Park in Ohio at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

Lima, OH

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
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Service

JAN 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was a friend of David, we lived in the same neighborhood , ate lunch together in school and shot rockets at each others house during the summer. He had a schwinn stingray fast back bike, I had the a similar one we rode to the mall together many times. I was thinking about reaching out to catch up with him and sorry to learn he has passed. He was a good friend and we had lots of fun times. He was very smart, creative and talented

Gary - March 15, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *David Reed Conaghan*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *David Reed Conaghan*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album photos of Dave*



erin yerke - January 23, 2016 at 01:15 PM

EY

“ 3 files added to the album photos of Dave



erin yerke - January 23, 2016 at 01:14 PM

OC

“ *Rare is the man who can light up a room with quiet, subtle wit. Heaven's got a good one. We will miss you Dave. ~ Meghan and Octavia Cady*

Octavia and Meghan Cady - January 21, 2016 at 08:22 AM

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“ *PEO IWS 7.0 purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of David Reed Conaghan.*



PEO IWS 7.0 - January 20, 2016 at 02:25 PM

MH

“ I had the great opportunity to work on programs that Dave and his Navy team managed. Dave was very astute and had keen insight. He always had ideas on how to take research we were doing to the next level. If we were headed in the wrong direction, he was quick to let us know. Dave was direct and I respected that attribute because you always knew he was telling you what he was thinking.

Dave and I shared a passion for classic cars. I always enjoyed talking with him about the restoration of his 1965 Mustang. He amazed me with all of the mechanical skills that he drew upon during the restoration and with the new tools that he acquired along the way.

Dave was a smart, straight-shooting engineer, manager and friend and he will be truly missed by all of us who worked with him.

*With respect,
Mike Harris*

Mike Harris - January 20, 2016 at 07:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Reed Conaghan.



January 20, 2016 at 04:09 AM

ES

“ *Eileen Simmons lit a candle in memory of David Reed Conaghan*



Eileen Simmons - January 19, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Reed Conaghan.*



January 19, 2016 at 01:01 PM

RB

“ *Robin Baehr lit a candle in memory of David Reed Conaghan*



Robin Baehr - January 19, 2016 at 12:37 PM

JC

“ *Jim Cech lit a candle in memory of David Reed Conaghan*



Jim Cech - January 18, 2016 at 04:55 PM

JE

“ *Jean lit a candle in memory of David Reed Conaghan*



Jean - January 15, 2016 at 12:57 PM