



David Nail

March 17, 1953 - November 23, 2022

David Patrick Nail of Mooresville, NC, passed away on November 23, 2022 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

David was born lucky on St. Patrick's Day 1953. He grew up in Winston Salem NC, and graduated High School at North Forsyth High School. He then grew his hair a little longer and moved to Cullowhee, NC where he studied and graduated from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1976. He later would further his education with Master of Science in Technology Education in 1995 at North Carolina A&T State University.

David began his teaching career at Mooresville Senior High. He taught at the same school for thirty plus years until he retired. David was also a member of the Mooresville Planning Board for many years. He was an avid carpenter and could build anything with a great imagination. He loved building furniture, toys, a tiki bar and even his own home. He also enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his only son and his two beautiful grandchildren, Brooklyn and Cash.

David loved retirement! He enjoyed the calm, quiet and relaxing time to have everything slow down. He loved a good book and would usually finish it within a couple days. When he wasn't reading, you could see him on his front porch rocking chair "just watching the cars go by." In the afternoon he was normally

talking with Josh and trying to figure out which new restaurant they needed to try.

He was always looking for the next great Hot Dog Spot! His usual order consisted of two dogs with mustard and slaw, and a small Pepsi. "No fries, I'll just have a few of yours." A simple day with only his favorite joys would really get him going.

For his entire 69 years, David was proud to be a hippie. Most photos included him flashing his Peace Sign. He loved listening to fine Bluegrass music and sitting around a fire. He enjoyed live music and concerts. There were not many country or folk artists and bands that David did not see perform at some point in his life. He loved passing on that gift of music to his son. He and Josh enjoyed MANY concerts together.

David was loved and will be missed by many. His family, his co-workers and the many countless students that he either taught or was just a mentor and friend.

Preceded in death by his parents Henry and Betty Nail of Winston Salem, NC; brother Rick Nail of Hinesville, GA.

Survived by son, Joshua (Donelle) Nail and two grandchildren of Myrtle Beach, SC; brothers, Mike (Jenny) Nail of Winston Salem, NC; Byron Nail of Winston Salem, NC and several nieces and a nephew.

A Celebration of Life will be held by the family in the Heritage House, on the campus of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, 494 E. Plaza Dr, Mooresville, NC on Sunday December 18, 2022 from 6pm to 9pm.

The family would like to have a Celebration of David's Life. This will be a time

to gather and reminiscence about his Life and Legacy without a formal service. It will be an informal occasion in a relaxed atmosphere. Josh wants to honor his dad by keeping this a time of memory sharing, a few tears and a lot of laughter, just like David would like.

Hot dogs, chips, and Pepsi will be served by The Dog House, food truck. But no fries. Only because David wouldn't have ordered any anyways. He would just eat some of yours.

If you are unable to join the family or in lieu of flowers and plants, you can donate to The Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaeljfox.org/donate

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

DEC 18. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

RB

“ I must admit that I was truly saddened to here that my former colleague and friend David Nail had passed! What a dedicated co worker he was ! David loved Mooresville High and NF Woods and the many students that were in his classes during his decades of public service! Well done my friend , well done! I thank you for being a great friend and colleague that Ill never forget! 🎓📖🖥️

May God Bless the Nail Family!

*Randy C. Bolton
N. F. Woods*

Randy C. Bolton - December 17, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BE

“ I will always have fond memories of Mr. Nail. A friend and I requested to be switched from a another class to his. He made everyday fun. He would always do roll call...and when he got to Shane Williams name...he would break into song...Chain chain chain, chain of fools. It was always good times in his class! RIP Mr Nail!

Brooke Eaton - December 15, 2022 at 10:33 PM

TN

“ Fine man, who only wanted the best for everyone and Mooresville.

Tom Nixon - December 11, 2022 at 08:00 AM

DN

“ Mr. Nail introduced me to drafting...which led to my career in the sign business. He was one of those teachers who really took an interest in his students. Decades later, when I had to appear before the Mooresville Planning Board , he actually stopped the meeting and told everyone that I was "one of his students"...Each time that I ran into him he was always smiling, telling corny jokes and genuinely interested in what was going on in my life. Well Mr. Nail, Thank You from all of "Your Students". You made a difference in our lives and we loved you for it.

Darin Martin , Mount Ulla, NC - December 08, 2022 at 09:17 AM

JN

Thank you Darin. Dad was one of the best. I appreciate your post.

Joshua Nail

Joshua Nail - December 09, 2022 at 05:25 PM

DT

“ Mr. Nail (I can never call any of my past teachers by their first name for some reason) was a great teacher. However, he would not agree that I was a great student. Drafting was just not my thing. RIP Mr. Nail. I will remember you as one of my favorite teachers.

Donna Troutman - December 07, 2022 at 03:11 PM

PW

“ Pat Wallace lit a candle in memory of David Nail



Pat Wallace - December 07, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ Beverly Holt lit a candle in memory of David Nail



Beverly Holt - December 07, 2022 at 09:10 AM

RR

“ A great teacher who took a genuine interest in his students in the classroom and beyond as lifelong friends afterwards. So sorry for his passing.

Rob Reading - December 07, 2022 at 07:51 AM

NL

“ Mr. Nail was my high school homeroom teacher in the mid-late 80s, and I also took his drafting I and II classes. I really loved his sense of humor. He made it so much fun to be there. He is the only teacher I ever went back to visit at school after graduation. I am sorry to hear of his passing, and I pray peace for the family.

Neal Leazer - December 07, 2022 at 07:16 AM

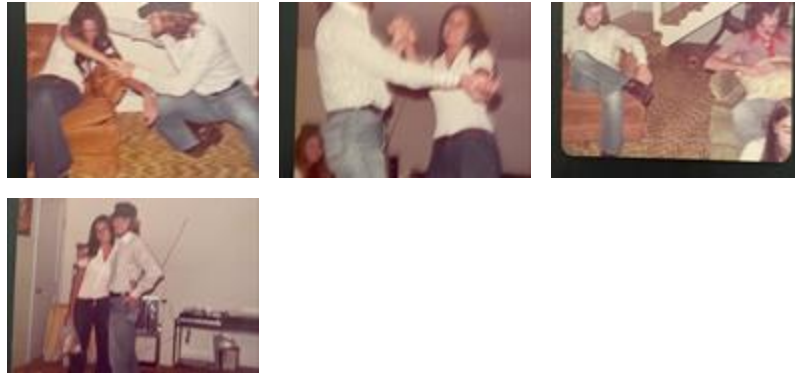
DC

“ so sorry to hear of davids passing.i last talked to him back in the summer.he always ask about my boys how they were doing.sorry i cant attend as im in thailand . yes,david will be missed by all who knew him. dave cook

dave cook - December 06, 2022 at 09:49 PM

TK

“ This was a youth party at the Golding’s house, from First Wesleyan Church! I was about 15 and David about 18, I think! Around 1971! RIP David, Tina Golding Keenan! Prayers for your family 🙏🥺🙏



tina keenan - December 06, 2022 at 05:33 PM

CH

Beautiful.

Cliff Homesley - December 06, 2022 at 06:15 PM

CH

Great tribute to a fine man. Mr. Mail was one of our favorite high school teachers for sure. I had no idea he was only 7 years older than me at the time. We had some great times with Outing Club and other fun stuff at Mooresville High.

Cliff Homesley - December 06, 2022 at 06:17 PM

JN

Thank you so much for posting those. Love seeing those old pictures of my dad. Brought a smile to my face tonight. Thank you again.

Joshua Nail - December 06, 2022 at 07:33 PM

MN

Thanks for posting these here, Tina. I was trying to figure out how to post them for Josh and others to see, but you can't teach this old dog new tricks.

Mike Nail - December 06, 2022 at 10:04 PM

CW

The world was a brighter place because of your Dad, Josh. The education world was made better because of his true love of teaching & exemplary attention to each student as an individual. Love & prayers to you all.

Cindy Wiggins - December 07, 2022 at 08:11 AM

SM

David will be missed by so many friends! Prayers for all his family! 🙏❤️

Suzanne Markofski - December 07, 2022 at 09:00 AM