



David Dale Cribbs

February 13, 1939 - June 10, 2021

David Dale Cribbs was born at home in Halfway, Missouri, on February 13, 1939, to Clifford and Sadie (Seiner) Cribbs. David is preceded in death by infant twin daughters, Terri and Sherri, his parents, one brother, Darrol Cribbs, and two sisters, Darlene Allen and Wanda Agee. He is survived by his wife Betty and they were married 59 years, and their children Sandy (Jake) Jacobson, Mike (Jill) Cribbs, Betsy (Tony) Berry, all of Bolivar, Missouri, and Susan (Brad) Coy, of Carthage, Missouri, 13 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, one sister Carol (Diz) Stepp, one sister-in-law Judy Cribbs, and one brother-in-law Dorman Agee.

David graduated from Bolivar High School and attended Draughan's Business College and Drury College in Springfield, Missouri. During his high school years, he played basketball, participated in track, held several offices in FFA, and sang in the State FFA choir which traveled to the State FFA Convention in Columbia, Missouri. He also played basketball while attending Draughan's. David served the U.S. Army on active duty for six months and the Reserves for four years. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Fort Polk, Louisiana and was a Gunner on a 105 Howitzer Weapon.

During his college years, David worked as a Rate Clerk at Yellow Freight in Springfield, Missouri, but due to his father's declining health, David left college to help in the family business and work as a salesman for Bolivar Insulation Company. Later he became Vice President.

David continued to work with his dad at Bolivar Insulation and in early 1973,

David's parents decided to finalize their estate plan and sell the business to David and Darrol.

In the early 1970's, David, his dad, and Darrol started Triple C Farms which David continued to operate and expand. He loved all aspects of farming including producing the very best cattle, clearing the land, and building fences, and was a great steward of the land.

After Clifford's death, Bolivar Insulation continued to grow and expand to ten locations with around 200 employees. Bright yellow trucks served as moving billboards as they traveled up and down the roads advertising products and services. Throughout the years, the Company generously donated building materials to churches and organizations throughout the state. Darrol sold his interest to David in 1982 and David continued as sole owner until the business was sold in 1994.

David grew up at First Assembly of God Church in Bolivar. He was saved when he was about 9 years old and was baptized below the Jefferson Bridge. He served in many areas at the church including deacon for over 40 years. He ran a bus route and was head of the bus ministry when at its peak the church was running five routes and picking up around 100 children each Sunday morning. David's competitive spirit was strong and he even put a pony on his bus so his route would win a contest. People were in shock to see a pony's head hanging out the window of the bus as the bus went through the Bolivar Square. Also at First Assembly, David and Betty started the Homebuilders Class for young married couples and he participated in a number of mission projects including the Arizona Indian Reservation. David served as construction manager on a number of mission trips both inside and outside the U.S.

David was also very active in the community and recipient of several awards. He was President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Bolivar School Board and the Kiwanis Club. He received an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration from Southwest Baptist University and was named "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1986, was inducted into Junior

Achievement's Greater Ozarks Business Hall of Fame in 1992, the Bolivar Schools Hall of Fame in 1997, featured in "Today's Farmer" magazine in May, 1997, and awarded the Donald J. Babb Award for Visionary Leadership, Involvement, and Commitment to Improving Healthcare Delivery for Bolivar and the Surrounding Area in September, 2006.

David served on the Commerce Bank Board of Springfield for 13-1/2 years and also served on several other boards including Trust Company of the Ozarks, Citizens Memorial Hospital Foundation, Convoy of Hope, AG Financial, Assemblies of God Foundation, and Stewart Concrete. He was invited to participate in President George H. W. Bush's Lay Leaders Task Force in Washington, DC and met with the President and members of the Task Force at the White House.

No doubt one of David's most-loved organizations was Convoy of Hope where he was a member of the Board since its inception. He always considered himself especially blessed to witness the way that organization's mission expanded from community outreaches to disaster relief both in America and around the world. When presented with Convoy's need of a tractor-trailer unit to deliver food to the needy in inner-city outreaches across the U.S., David responded by purchasing a tractor-trailer unit for them to use. David and his son, Mike, drove the truck to Convoy outreaches from coast to coast. One of his most memorable experiences was when David and Mike drove a Convoy of Hope truck to New York immediately following the 9-11 attack. After driving for 24 hours straight, they were escorted by New York State Highway Patrolmen right down to the base of the Statue of Liberty where they were privileged to eat and visit with policemen and firemen who had been working at the 9-11 scene.

David along with his son Mike purchased Jump Oil Company in 1988. They expanded the business with multiple convenience stores and a Jump Oil Travel Center at Collins, Missouri.

With the sale of Bolivar Insulation in 1994, David and his wife, Betty, formed

DCBC, L.L.C. (which represents David Cribbs and Betty Cribbs) to own and operate their real estate and farming business. David can best be described as an entrepreneur and visionary who possessed a special knack for looking at a run-down, seemingly worthless property and seeing what it could become. He was fearless and courageous in business decisions and quick to follow that “still small voice” or “gut” feeling he had inside.

David was co-founder and Chairman of the Board of Bank of Bolivar until its merger with The Bank of Missouri in 2020 and after the merger served on The Bank of Missouri’s Advisory Board. His wisdom, insight, and extensive business relationships contributed greatly to the success of Bank of Bolivar as a thriving community bank.

David had a heart for sharing God’s blessings with his family and others. David and Betty sponsored immigrant families from Mexico, Cambodia and Venezuela and donated meat to individuals in need as well as various charitable organizations. David was quick to lend a vehicle (including three stranded Catholic nuns who were shocked when he said, “Just take my vehicle and I’ll take care of your broken down one and get it back to you later”), and it was common for him to arrive at the home of a widow, neighbor, or his church to clear snow from driveways and parking lots.

David knew he was richly blessed with a strong Christian heritage and a mother and wife who devoted hours to prayer. Betty was a supportive wife who devoted her life to the care of the home and their children. She shared David’s love of the Lord and they partnered together in many ministry endeavors.

David adopted his dad’s favorite saying that “Where there’s a will, there’s a way” and faced every challenge with that type of determination. For the most part, he refused to accept comments like “you can’t do that” or “that can’t be done” and instead looked for a way to make it happen. He possessed an incredible work ethic and never expected more of an employee than he was willing to give himself. To say he was energetic is an understatement. He rarely missed any of his family member’s ballgames – even if it meant driving

late into the night in all types of weather – and then was up early and on the move the next morning regardless of missing a few hours of sleep.

When David made a commitment to someone, he did his best to honor it. He didn't want attention or praise and in many cases, preferred to remain anonymous. When he saw a need, he was quick to respond. If he felt the Lord had impressed on him to do something, he did not question or hesitate but rather went to work to make it happen. He loved buying and selling cars and finding a good deal at an auction. He especially enjoyed securing a farm or building that was a diamond in the rough then working hard to get it in shape so it would improve the community and increase in value. His contributions of time and energy were far-reaching and many lives were touched by his vision and determination. He held a very strong work ethic which was passed on to his children. Through it all, David was dedicated to his family, his church, his community, multiple businesses and organizations, and greatest of all, to the Kingdom of God.

Services for David will be at 3:00 PM Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Mabee Chapel SBU, with visitation starting at 1:30 PM. Burial to follow at Greenwood Cemetery, Bolivar, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Mabee Chapel
1600 University Ave
Bolivar, MO 65613
<http://www.sbuniv.edu>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Dale Cribbs*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *David Dale Cribbs*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Love and sympathy to the entire Cribbs family.*

Randy and Caroline - June 15, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to the family on the passing of David. What an example of a life well lived! My memories of David include the days when his two daughters played basketball at Evangel. He was at every game and actively supported their careers. He was always a gentleman and made anyone who met him feel at ease. He will be sorely missed!*
David and Carol Stair

David Stair - June 12, 2021 at 04:02 PM

PA

“ Betty,

I will always remember how sweet your family was, and the impact you and David had at our church. I am praying for you during this difficult time. I know that he is in Heaven looking down on you.

*Love,
Peggy Jones*

Parkview - June 12, 2021 at 04:01 PM

PA

“ Betty,

Thinking of you during this time. I am so sorry for your loss. David was such a kind man, and I am thankful to have known him.

*Love,
Grace Pursley*

Parkview - June 12, 2021 at 02:20 PM

MH

“ *My sweet Uncle David,*

Where do I even begin,

My 2nd earthly father who took me into his home when I felt lost and needed love!

You taught me so much I cannot begin to share it all, but most important was, Love pure love from you and Aunt Betty.

I got my love of Babies and doggies from you with the silly voices that came along with that when holding or playing with babies or dogs! Yes from you!!!

I also got my work ethic from you as well teaching me the payoff when working hard!

I will miss you so much and have always been grateful for the times you helped me when needed, through my life when being a single mom raising Jeremy on my own, & am so happy you were able to meet my husband Joe, the love of my Life to see me finally happy and the Lord being in my life again which I know you always prayed for.

I wish so much I could be there today to honor you, but know my heart is there for all the rest of my extended family today & will be praying for all from Florida!

With a grateful but very sad heart,

Marilyn Henry

Marilyn Henry - June 12, 2021 at 02:09 PM

MH

“ *Marilyn Henry lit a candle in memory of David Dale Cribbs*



Marilyn Henry - June 12, 2021 at 01:41 PM

PA

“ *Dear Betty and Family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
I will miss visiting with David.*

*Love,
Wanda Allen*

Parkvew - June 12, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.*



June 12, 2021 at 09:59 AM

JW

“ *So sorry for your loss. David was always kind and good to us. May God comfort as only he can.*

Jerry & Karen Wilson - June 12, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.*



June 12, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.*



June 12, 2021 at 08:28 AM



“ *Many thoughts and prayers for the family.
Johnnie & Shirley Branstetter
Sandy Branstetter
Joel & Lexi Foster*



Sandy Branstetter - June 12, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.*



June 12, 2021 at 07:41 AM

ME

“ So sorry to hear this news. David was kind, generous, hard working and an inspiration. Praying for Betty and the family!

Mike Ennis

Mike Ennis - June 12, 2021 at 07:17 AM

BW

“ William and I were very sorry to hear this news. He was a very kind humble person. Anytime he saw me he always asked, "How is your dad doing?" I had the opportunity to work with him on a few projects. He always took the time to listen to my point of view. Our community has lost a wonderful asset.

William & Becky Walker

Becky Walker - June 11, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.



June 11, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.



June 11, 2021 at 07:36 PM

MV

“ David was such a blessing to me during a very hard time in my life. He gave me a job working with Janice in 1992, and that's where God led me to my husband! I've always been so thankful for David's heart!

Meleah Vandiver - June 11, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.



June 11, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JH

“ Betty and entire Cribbs Family,

Always enjoyed visiting with David at ballgames, and whenever we saw each other. He always made time to come say hi, and visit regardless of where he was headed. This world was a better place with him in it, and he will be greatly missed. He was a great family man, and was always a great friend to me, and my entire family.

Thoughts and prayers to all of you during this difficult time.

Jeremy and Tiffany Hunt & Family

Jeremy Hunt - June 11, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.*



June 11, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.*



June 11, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.*



June 11, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.*



June 11, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. David did so many good things for Bolivar and will be greatly missed.

Judith Bigler Crites

Judith Bigler Crites - June 11, 2021 at 10:49 AM

TR

“ I loved being around David - He was kind, funny, smart, thoughtful, and authentic. One of my favorite memories of time with David was visiting with him over lunch during a Board meeting at Convoy. We had great conversation around cows, horses and rodeos which was WAY out of the comfort zone of several others at the table. He thoroughly enjoyed talking about ranching and shared many great stories. David is greatly beloved and respected. He will be greatly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you as you make the journey until you meet him again.

*Tammy Raby
Convoy of Hope*

Tammy Raby - June 11, 2021 at 10:36 AM

MG

“ David touched the lives of so many people in our community in a positive way. I will always appreciate the relationship he had with my husband - he was a father figure, a friend, a mentor, and a supporter. He influenced the life of our family and we will forever be grateful. Sympathies to the entire Cribbs family.

Mary Gregory - June 11, 2021 at 10:22 AM

VR

“ Vicky Routh lit a candle in memory of David Dale Cribbs



Vicky Routh - June 11, 2021 at 09:41 AM

CR

“ Carol Roush lit a candle in memory of David Dale Cribbs



Carol Roush - June 11, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.



June 11, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.



June 11, 2021 at 08:49 AM

BK

“ *Betty and family,*

John and I dearly loved both you and David. He will be missed. A Godly man who lived life well. You can see my tribute to him at beckykolb.com

Blessings. Our prayers are with you all. We are comforted to know he is with Jesus and we will see him again.

Becky and John Kolb

becky kolb - June 11, 2021 at 07:56 AM

JA

“ *JANETTE (CRIBBS) ANTHONY lit a candle in memory of David Dale Cribbs*



JANETTE (CRIBBS) ANTHONY - June 10, 2021 at 10:30 PM

LI

“ *Betty and family ,you are in my thoughts and prayers. The Cribbs family have always meant a lot to me and our family. David was always so friendly and that big Cribby smile was always there. He was a very strong business man for Bolivar and loyal to this town and its peoples. He will truly be missed leaving a “legacy “ of devotion to family and his community will always be remembered! In friendship, Leah Adams Irvin*

Leah Irvin - June 10, 2021 at 10:02 PM

AB

“ I opened a resale shop several years back up on the square through his bcdc.office .he was always kind to me .both he and his wife .then I started going to auctions and always found it very amusing how h
If was there to bid on something he would try to wear dark sunglasses so people wouldn't know it was him .funny thing was a few of us always knew it was him .

Ann Brauch - June 10, 2021 at 08:55 PM

BH

“ He will be missed !



Bill&Brenda hatfield - June 10, 2021 at 08:18 PM



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June 10, 2021 at 06:49 PM

DJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family, sorry for your loss



debbie(butler) jackson - June 10, 2021 at 05:20 PM

MW

“ We are saddened for the loss of David but his thoughts, hopes and dreams live on. Praying for your entire family.

Mike and Krista Wilson - June 10, 2021 at 05:12 PM

CD

“ David was always kind and greeted me when I would see him at church or around town. He will be sorely missed. Betty, Sandy and family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time and there after.

Cindy Davidson

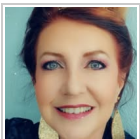
Cindy Davidson - June 10, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Dale Cribbs.



June 10, 2021 at 04:33 PM



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Debbi McGinnis - June 10, 2021 at 03:44 PM

MH

Love this!

Marilyn Henry - June 12, 2021 at 01:43 PM

RB

“ *David was a good man, a friend and supporter. He loved people, always had a smile and was always ready to help. We shall miss him! Our prayers are with the family.*

Rick and Debbie Barnhouse - June 10, 2021 at 02:56 PM

WC

“ *Always enjoyed visiting with David at coffee shop, He will be greatly missed by the community.*

wayne covert - June 10, 2021 at 01:41 PM

PM

“ *Mike and Sandy I'm so sorry about your Dad. David was a great man and I always admired him. I admired the family man that he was and the evidence of that was in his kids. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. You will all be in my prayers.*

Paula Melton - June 10, 2021 at 01:03 PM

RH

“ *Rick Hale lit a candle in memory of David Dale Cribbs*



Rick Hale - June 10, 2021 at 11:57 AM