



David W. Mergl

December 3, 1938 - August 23, 2025

David Winston Mergl, born December 3, 1938 to Joseph and Dorothy Mergl, passed away with his devoted wife of 30 years, Stephanie, by his side on August 23, 2025.

He graduated from Hobart High School in 1957 and spent his entire life in the Hobart community, which he loved dearly. David was an exceptionally talented artist who won many art contests in his youth and continued to draw/create his entire life. After working at Bethlehem Steel for 20 years, he used his art skills to support the safety departments at the mills and railroads of Northwest Indiana, providing safety drawings that were used to prevent accidents and protect others.

In addition to art, David pursued a passion for photography. For over 40 years, he was proud to photograph weddings across many generations and loved bringing his creative energy to a couple's big day. He was also very proud to photograph the 1987 Hobart Brickie State Champion football team, which his son, Jason, was a part of.

David had a lifelong love of old cars, especially his prized 1951 Mercury that he hand painted with flames and pinstripes. He never met a burger or a diet pop he didn't like and most likely had a Big Gulp in hand. David was a dog lover through and through and over the years, had several companions that brought him joy --- Chiggers, Charlie, Socks, Maggie, Diego, and his grand dog Bailey. Above all, David was most proud to be called "Grandpa" and loved showing up for their school events and accomplishments.

He will be missed by many.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Dorothy Mergl; son, Michael Alan Mergl; and brother, Roger Mergl.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Stephanie Mergl; children, Steven Mergl, Jason Mergl, and Lisa Easley (Doug), Melissa Green (Brian), Shannon Duncan (Matt); grandchildren, Hannah, Haley, Emerson, Lincoln, Avery, Olivia, Alex, Gabrielle, and Brian Jr.

Visitation will take place at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory 701 East 7th Street Hobart, Indiana 46342 on Friday, August 29, 2025 4-6 pm with a time of sharing 5 pm.

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Time of Sharing

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Rip Dave ✨☐☐🕊️
You Were a Wonderful Neighbor & Friend &
Will be Missed Dearly
Sending Heartfelt Condolences to Stephanie
& the Entire Family ☐
Love & Prayers from Barbera's*



Deb Barbera - August 29, 2025 at 08:57 PM

LB

“ *Love, The Beehive purchased the Full Of Love B
ouquet for the family of David W. Mergl.*



Love, The Beehive - August 28, 2025 at 08:22 PM

BI

“ *Barb and Jerry Irzyk purchased the Full Of Love
Bouquet for the family of David W. Mergl.*



Barb and Jerry Irzyk - August 28, 2025 at 12:43 PM

JY

“ Jim and Judy Mergl, Pam Mergl Yount purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David W. Mergl.



Jim and Judy Mergl, Pam Mergl Yount - August 27, 2025 at 08:29 AM

JY

“ Jim and Judy Mergl, Pam Mergl Yount planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David W. Mergl.

Jim and Judy Mergl, Pam Mergl Yount - August 27, 2025 at 08:29 AM

JA

“ So sorry for the loss of Dave. May his memory be eternal

Janet - August 27, 2025 at 12:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David W. Mergl.



August 26, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David W. Mergl.*



August 26, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ *TDIC and TDIC Insurance Solutions family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of David W. Mergl.*



TDIC and TDIC Insurance Solutions family - August 25, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David W. Mergl.*



August 25, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David W. Mergl.*

August 25, 2025 at 04:55 PM

PY

“ To Stephanie and the entire David Mergl family, we wish to express our condolences on the death of David on Saturday. Personally, I only saw David at family reunions, family weddings, and some of the funerals. To me he was always upbeat, funny, telling jokes, and helping people feel at ease. David did the photography for my first marriage, and he did such a lovely job. He refused to take payment and said it was his gift to us. I will always have fond memories of him. Pam Mergl Yount, daughter of James(David's cousin) and Judith Mergl.

Pamela Mergl Yount - August 25, 2025 at 04:28 PM