



## David Royal Wells

June 15, 1934 - June 20, 2022

David Royal Wells was born on June 15, 1934 in Dent County, Missouri to Goldie Lee and Leah Scott (Quinley) Wells. The family moved to Colorado to find work during the depression era. David graduated from high school in Denver, Colorado before moving back to Salem and making Salem his hometown.

David was united in marriage on July 25, 1955 to the love of his life, Frances Mae Parsons. He was a sweet gentleman and loving husband to Frances for just shy of sixty-seven years. David and Frances were blessed with two sons, Bob and Steve.

David enlisted into the United States Army National Guard September 19, 1955 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge October 31, 1962.

David had a strong work ethic and worked hard to provide for his family. He was an electrician by trade and owned and operated Wells Electric and Turtle Technical Services (TTS). David no doubt was a kind man who served his community with deep humility.

David loved to work with his hands, he enjoyed restoring old cars and inventing things. David always succeeded in whatever you put in front of him.

He was a steadfast family man and successful entrepreneur.

Throughout his life, family, faith, and helping others was most important to him. David cherished his grandchildren and treasured the time spent with them and making memories with his great-grandchildren.

David departed this life on June 20, 2022, in Salem, Missouri at the age of eighty-eight years. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving wife Frances Wells of Salem, MO; sons: Bob Wells and wife Babette of Salem, MO and Steve Wells and wife Edie of Salem, MO; grandchildren: Jennifer Bass and husband Jason of Salem, MO, Jessica Sullivan and husband Michael of Salem, MO, Paul Wells and wife Terra of Licking, MO, James Wells and wife Megan of Salem, MO; great-grandchildren: Addi, Ella, Jasper, Hallie, Lyman, Harper, Silas, Colton, Elsie, Matthew, Judson, and William; brother: Charles Wells and wife Tammy; sister: Dorothy Bock; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, parents: Goldie and Leah Wells; and brothers: Donald, Dale, and James Wells.

David touch the lives of many with his love, generosity, contagious smile, and passion for life. His memory will live on in those who loved him most.

Funeral Services for David Royal Wells were held Friday, June 24, 2022 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Noah Schlag officiating. Song selections played were "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace". Serving as Pallbearers were Jason Bass, Michael Sullivan, Paul Wells, and James Wells. Burial was in the Miner Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of David Wells to the Miner Cemetery and left at Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online condolences may be entered at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Miner Cemetery**

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Jerry and I were so sorry to hear about David's passing. Your dad was very instrumental in helping us negotiate the engineering intricacies when we totally remodeled the farmhouse in Salem that belonged to Jerry's grandparents, Ken & Minnie Sellers. He and your mom came to Naples one year for a bit of fun sometime after the completion. The only photo I could find is one taken on the back porch of the house one summer when our family was out visiting and we had a barbecue. This is my brother Rod sitting with him. I know you will miss him greatly, he certainly was a terrific guy. Sending our condolences, Linda & Jerry Brown



Linda LaRue Brown - June 28, 2022 at 04:17 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - June 23, 2022 at 06:03 PM

DS

“ *Dave and Francis were the first people to greet our family when we moved to Salem in the late 1960's. He and my father worked together at MOLOC, and my father felt Dave was the most intelligent man he had ever met, and we were proud to have he and Francis as our family friends. Dad and Mom enjoyed all of the wonderful times with Dave and Francis, as well as my brothers and sister, and my wife and I. I feel truly blessed to have had a chance to meet and know him, as well as the entire Wells family. God bless all of you.*

Donald L Smith - June 22, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Royal Wells.*



June 22, 2022 at 05:17 PM

MA

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for the family and friends.  
~ Mary and Jd Bowling

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**Mary** - June 22, 2022 at 11:24 AM

JM

“ John & I were recently in Salem & we had a long visit with David & Frances . We are so thankful that we were able to see them. David was so dear to me & we will miss him very much. I have a lot memories & good times of David & Frances. So sorry Bob & Steve, Love John & Wanda

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**John McVeigh** - June 21, 2022 at 04:56 PM

JR

“ I would like to say Mr. Wells was a very sweet man, spent many hours talking about him and Miss Frances love story. He will be greatly missed by all of us. I'm proud that i had the pleasure to care for him.

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**JOSEY RAMSEY** - June 21, 2022 at 04:16 PM