



## David J. Dempsey

April 10, 1945 - April 9, 2026

David J Dempsey age 80 of Dixon died April 9, 2026 at OSF St. Katharine Medical Center in Dixon. He was born April 10, 1945 in Dixon the son of Francis and Delores (Reuter) Dempsey. David had been a union carpenter, owned and operated Dempsey Construction, and Dixon Glass and Sycamore/Dekalb Glass Company with his daughter and son in law Dina and Eric and his son David. David was a member of the Lee County Board from 1980 to 1988. He was a Republican Precinct Committee Person and attended Ronald Reagan's 1980 inauguration. David coached youth sports. His Dixon Park District Summer Girls softball team won their age group league and tournament championships for 6 consecutive years and his Dixon Junior Tackle 7th and 8th grade football team had a 21 and 1 record.

He was a member of St Patrick Catholic Church and was active in the church choir and Loaves and Fishes program, served on the parish council for 4 years and was president of the St Mary Home and School Assoc. for 8 years. David was also a member of the Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690, the Fr. Boland Assemble of the 4th Degree and had been State Youth Director for the Knights of Columbus.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Marvin.

David is survived by Susan Meany and his children Dina (Eric) Bushman of Dixon, Danette (John) Kelly of Barrington, DeShonne Dempsey Faught of Loves Park, David P. (Stephanie) Dempsey of Sycamore, 9 grandchildren, Ariel (Tino) Torres, Zachary Rice, Evan Bushman, Brynn Kelly, Megan Kelly,

Connor Faught, Ella Faught, Aidan Faught, Sophia Faught, one great grandson, Tatum Torres, the mother of his children Sandy LaMendola, one brother Larry (Lou) Dempsey of Benton, KY and one sister Diane (Gary) Schnake of Dixon.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday April 15, 2026 at 10:30 AM at St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be Tuesday April 14, 2026 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM with the Rosary at 7:00 PM at the Holloway Center at St Patricks in Dixon. Memorials to Newman Catholic High School and St Jude Children's Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **14.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holloway Center  
612 Highland Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

## Service

APR **15.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon  
612 S. Highland Ave.  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 284-7719  
[office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net)  
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

# Tribute Wall

FC

“ Susan, David and the daughters, I am so very sorry for the loss of David. I was glad I got to see him at Coach Terry Messers celebration of life. Tony and I will be at the funeral, just know we are praying for your family and love you. Fran Carlson.

Francette Carlson - April 15 at 08:41 AM

FF

“ From fresco on first family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David J. Dempsey.



From fresco on first family - April 14 at 09:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David J. Dempsey.



April 13 at 07:37 PM

TT

“ The CCC HR Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David J. Dempsey.



The CCC HR Team - April 13 at 12:01 PM

FF

“ *Faught and Mitsakopolos families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David J. Dempsey.*



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**Faught and Mitsakopolos families** - April 13 at 09:08 AM



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

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April 13 at 07:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David J. Dempsey.*



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April 13 at 07:29 AM

MB

“ *David was one of a kind, I remember his laughter and good will, always trying to connect people with others, he will certainly be missed. We lived too far away to connect often but I always enjoyed the times when we did-last time at the Forest Inn!*

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**Melissa Brechon** - April 12 at 02:12 PM

SW

“ He will be so missed. He did so much for so many. He truly had such giving wonderful heart. May he rest in peace.



Susan Waszak - April 11 at 07:01 PM

MR

“ Melanie, Carolee and Robin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David J. Dempsey.



Melanie, Carolee and Robin - April 11 at 06:41 PM

MF

“ Michelle Miller and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of David J. Dempsey.



Michelle Miller and family - April 11 at 03:24 PM

MF

“ Michelle Miller and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Dempsey.

Michelle Miller and family - April 11 at 03:24 PM

SK

“ So sorry for your loss! We have had Dave and Susan as friends for many years! Dave was very supportive with his community, family and friends! He will be missed!  
Sharon and Glenn Kersten



Sharon Kersten - April 11 at 01:04 PM



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

April 10 at 07:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David J. Dempsey.



April 10 at 07:27 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David J. Dempsey.



April 10 at 04:17 PM

RA

“ *Ralph lit a candle in memory of David Dempsey*



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**Ralph** - April 10 at 09:31 AM

TF

“ *the Hellyer Family lit a candle in memory of David Dempsey*



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**the Hellyer Family** - April 09 at 08:36 PM

LP

“ *Love, the Pastores purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David J. Dempsey.*



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**Love, the Pastores** - April 09 at 08:32 PM

DS

“ My condolences to all of Dave’s family and many friends. I have known Dave since I was a little neighborhood girl to Sandy. He had the coolest hot rod cars. Sandy took us to Bryon to watch him race. His speed shop was known to all in the area. How can we forget Uncle Charlie’s. Dave gave so much back to his community. God Bless and Godspeed.



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**Devers Susan** - April 09 at 08:25 PM

CF

“ Chet and Sandy French purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David J. Dempsey.



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**Chet and Sandy French** - April 09 at 07:38 PM

HC

“ Hugh and Janey Coffey lit a candle in memory of David Dempsey



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**Hugh and Janey Coffey** - April 09 at 07:11 PM

JS

“ Dave was always so supportive of St. Mary Elementary and Jr. High, where his children and some of his grandchildren attended school. Dave still checked in to see if the school needed anything after they were all adults. During the building renovation, he was our window guy. During COVID, he made partitions and organized volunteers to install the air conditioners. The gifts of kindness continued. He certainly lived his faith, doing for others. Sincere condolences. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Jean and Steve Spohn



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**Jean Spohn** - April 09 at 06:49 PM

TB

“ Ran into Dave and Susan years ago at The Villages in Florida. I hadn't seen them in years. Dave had lost so much weight I didn't recognize him. We ended up playing golf and enjoying meals out with all of the Dixon folks.

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**Tom Burrs** - April 09 at 03:22 PM



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

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April 09 at 03:17 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of David J. Dempsey.



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April 09 at 03:17 PM

DF

“ *Dan and Dee Floto lit a candle in memory of David Dempsey*



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**Dan and Dee Floto** - April 09 at 01:46 PM