



David Keays

David G. Keays, 61, of Menomonie went home to be with his Lord on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, after a courageous battle with cancer.

David Gregory Keays was born May 21, 1947, in Minneapolis to Albin "Ben" and Shirley (Starbuck) Keays. Dave grew up in Elk River, Minn., graduated from Elk River High School in 1965, and served in the U.S. Army for two years. He then drove for UPS for a number of years before attending Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove Heights, Minn. He then transferred to UW-Stout in Menomonie and was subsequently hired by Chippewa Valley Technical College in 1977 to develop their truck driving program. After teaching for 30 years at CVTC, Dave retired in the fall of 2007. He was well-respected in the trucking industry, and was called upon to be an expert witness for cases involving tractor-trailer accidents. In 1974, Dave met Joanne Satnik, who soon became his college sweetheart. They were married on Oct. 1, 1977, in West St. Paul, Minn.

Dave's passions in life were God, family, racing and his work. He was an active member of Menomonie Alliance Church and was a board member of the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools. He was also a member of various racing clubs, most recently the SCCA.

Dave is survived by his loving wife, Joanne of Menomonie; his children, Melissa (Todd) Herrick of Coon Rapids, Minn., Jeff Keays of Milwaukee, Amanda Keays (fiance, Dave Stewart) of Streamwood, Ill., and Brenda O'Bryon (fiance, Ben Vasey) of Menomonie; three grandchildren, Elijah and Noah Herrick and Gregory O'Bryon; a brother, Gary (Bonnie) Keays of Elk River, Minn.; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 2008, at Menomonie Alliance Church, with Pastor Jack Stimmel officiating. There will visitation at the church from 2 p.m. until the service at 4 p.m.

Olson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Menomonie is handling arrangements.

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