



## David Alan "Dave" Pike

June 23, 1946 - August 31, 2022

David Alan "Dave" Pike, 76, of Anderson, passed away on August 31, 2022, in Anderson. He was born on June 23, 1946, the son of Loren "Bud" and Norma Jean "Jeanne" Pike.

David was a 1964 graduate of Highland High School. He then attended Ball State University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1968 and his Master of Arts in Education in 1972.

David retired from Anderson Community Schools after 43 years of teaching elementary and middle school. For many years he taught adult education, GT, and ELL. Following his retirement, David worked at Belgian Horse Winery.

He loved nature, hiking, kayaking, and jogging, and enjoyed working with plants and flowers. David and his wife also were world travelers.

David and his wife worked with the youth at South Meridian Church of God for many years and later attended Madison Park Church of God.

He was preceded in death by his father.

David is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joyce (Franklin) Pike; his children, Derek Pike (Kendra), Leesburg, IN, and Kortney Zagorski (Jason), Lewisville, NC; his grandchildren, Adrianna, Eli, Hayden, and Ethan; his mother, Jeanne Pike; his brother, Rick Pike (Dianne); his sister, Dawn Truex (Toby); his brother-in-law, Mike Franklin (Susie); and several nieces and nephews.

It was David's wish not to have a funeral, but to have a celebration of his life, which will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 414238, Boston, MA 02241-4238.

A tribute to David's life may be viewed online at [www.LooseCares.com](http://www.LooseCares.com), where condolences may be shared with his family.

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ I learned of Dave's passing just a few days ago. We met in during the 1970-71 school year when we team-taught 6th grade at Brentwood Elementary School in Anderson (IN). I can't honestly say that I got to know him well (I never, for example, met his wife Joyce), but he was always a source of advice and encouragement, especially once it became apparent that I would always be a spectacularly unsuccessful teacher. In retrospect it seems ironic that that single school year lies at the juncture of one of the worst decisions I've ever made (to apply for the job at Brentwood in the first place) and one of the best (to not have children). Rest in peace, Dave, and thanks again for tolerating my classroom ineptitude as long as you did.

Michael Seldomridge  
Middleton WI

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Michael Seldomridge - October 09, 2022 at 04:01 PM

JB

“ Kortney, Jaime's parents remember your dad and wish for you God's comfort and peace. It would be nice to see you. We live in Rock Hill, SC.  
James and Judy Bradley

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James W Bradley - September 12, 2022 at 04:12 PM

EC

“ Remembering all the good times at South Meridian in the early 80's when Dave and Joyce were great youth leaders--opening up their home multiple times and always making us teens feel welcomed and special.

So grateful for the chances to reconnect during these past 16 years through our AU work and attending events together. Dave will be missed.

Sending love to you and your family, Joyce...and asking God to bless you all with many happy memories of good times spent with your loved one.

Elyse (Russell) Cromer

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Elyse Cromer - September 07, 2022 at 12:38 PM

BD

“ Thinking of you Miss Joyce. Keeping you and yours in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Sending hugs your way!

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Beth Doub - September 07, 2022 at 09:52 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. My late husband, Dale Myers, did his Student Teaching with him from AU, back in 1975- at Brentwood. Dale went on to teach for 23 years, before passing from cancer. He was always so thankful for the great start with David. We saw David several times later at International Youth events, as we were youth leaders too.

Connie Graham

Connie Graham - September 05, 2022 at 05:26 PM

PB

“ David's great smile and warm personality never wavered from first grade at Leach School through his long teaching career and retirement years. My condolences to his family.

Paula (Starr) Bivens - September 05, 2022 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ I went to same elementary and high school with David. He was a wonderful person to know!! Always pleasant with a smile straight from God!!  
I will be praying for Joyce and family. May you feel at peace with Gods love!!  
Your friends,  
John and Judy Best  
Judy

Judy Best - September 05, 2022 at 02:12 PM

VR

“ I have known David for many years. He was a wonderful teaching colleague and friend. He bravely lived his life after his struggle with the multiple myeloma diagnosis. I admire that tenacity to live life on his terms. David is now in Heaven with the holy father where he will sore with all of the other angels! RIP in peace David. You were a stellar human being. To Joyce and your family, I send many prayers!

Vickie Riggins - September 05, 2022 at 12:13 PM

DM

“ David was such a nice person. He made the world a better place wherever he was. Fond memories. Prayers for Joyce, family and friends.

Donna Madewell - September 05, 2022 at 12:08 PM

KS

“ Hi Joyce,  
So sorry to read of David's passing in the paper this morning. Always loved his great smile and positive attitude. Praying for you and your family.  
Love you,  
Karen Stickradt

Karen Stickradt - September 05, 2022 at 11:36 AM

DS

“ Such a wonderful person who will be dearly missed.

DJ Suchocki - September 05, 2022 at 09:21 AM

NG

“ It was always a pleasure to run into David and Joyce. They always had a lot of fun adventures to share.  
David and his smile will certainly be missed.  
Praying for Joyce and the family. 🙏❤️

Nancy Garrett - September 05, 2022 at 09:14 AM

SG

“ I remember all the good time we had at south Meridian. Dave was a great youth leader with Joyce by his side. My boys have wonderful memories of Dave @ Joyce. I love you Joyce and I'm here for you anytime. Dave will always be with us looking down on us. Dave was a good person and will missed by all who knew him. 🦋🦋❤️❤️

Sondra Green - September 05, 2022 at 08:19 AM

NK

“ I am so sorry to learn that David has passed. I taught with him at Eastside and remember him as a very upbeat, positive guy always with a smile. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Nina Kline - September 05, 2022 at 08:11 AM

EZ

“ I am the father in law to Kortney. David was always smiling when I saw him. Always joyful and pleasant. Never upset or angry. A great person to be around. He seemed to always be doing something usually helping others on their journey through life. He will be missed by many. May God bless David and all his loved ones. Amen.

Eugene Zagorski - September 05, 2022 at 08:05 AM

BH

“ Dave was my cabin counselor at Camp Challenge in Bedford, IN back in the summer of '87. Dave was instrumental in my faith walk and was a huge encouragement to me that week. I will always remember Dave and am so thankful for his willingness to serve as a counselor to high school boys at camp. I'm praying for Dave's family. May God's grace and peace be with you all. - Brian Hoover (hoovmail@gmail.com)

**Brian Hoover** - September 04, 2022 at 11:21 PM

RM

“ I went through grade school with Dave at Leach school. I remember him as a kind compassionate person. The earth is a better place because he was here!

**Richard McCord** - September 04, 2022 at 08:29 PM

GC

“ Joyce. We just heard about David. We are so very sorry for your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences

*Gloria & Mike Carson*

**gloria Carson** - September 03, 2022 at 09:12 PM

JW

“ Heartbroken to hear the news of Dave's passing today. He touched so many lives during his earthly life, and I know will be deeply missed.

**Julie Ward** - September 03, 2022 at 07:14 AM