

David Fowler

April 22, 1935 - July 28, 2013

David L. Fowler, longtime local real estate broker of Willcox, passed away Sunday July 28, 2013.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Marilyn Fowler; daughter Karen Ferrara (Bruce Springer) of Sierra Vista; son Lance Fowler (Kelly) of Tucson; sisters Joan Hay of Peoria, AZ, and A. E. Moses of Tyler, Texas; grandchildren Kenzie Fowler (University of Arizona); Mattie Fowler (University of Nebraska) and Nicholas Ferrara (California State Fullerton); brother-in-law Mel Parish (Sunny) of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Numerous cousins, nieces and nephews also survive him.

David was born April 22, 1935, in Winfield, Kansas (adopted at birth by Paul and Arlene Fowler). He graduated in 1953 from Ralls High School in Texas and attended the University of Redlands and Texas Tech University. Serving his country with the US Army, he was stationed in Korea. Upon discharge, he returned to Ralls and worked in the Phillips 66 business with his father and uncles.

David married Marilyn Parish July 19, 1958 in Ralls -- where they resided until 1966 when they moved to Willcox. He farmed in the area for several years, then became a licensed Real Estate Broker. He and Marilyn formed Fowler Farm & Ranch Realty in 1976 until their retirement in 2012.

David was very active in the community as a member of the Willcox United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Sabbar Temple Shrine, the Southeast Shrine Club, the Willcox Elks Lodge and Power of the Past.

His many interests included golf, aviation, hunting and archery. He was an avid sports fan and most enjoyed hiking in the nearby mountains with his grandson and following his granddaughters' softball teams. In earlier years, he coached Little League Baseball, girls softball, Little Dribblers and bowled in mixed doubles leagues. David loved family get-togethers and restoring old tractors. He will be greatly missed and forever loved.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Willcox United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in David's name be made to the Shriner's Children Hospital, c/o Southeast Shrine Club, P.O. Box 544, Willcox, AZ, 85644 or the Northern Cochise Community Hospital Foundation, 901 W. Rex Allen Drive, Willcox, AZ 85643.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Crematory

105 S. Arizona Ave.
Willcox, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Memorial

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Willcox United Methodist Church
124 S. Curtis
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



“ *David Fowler*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *I work for Lance Fowler and was on personal time off when I received the sad news of the loss of his father Dave Fowler. My condolences to the family for the loss of a great man (as I have read in the shared memories on this site). I remember Lance speaking of all the tractors and how much joy they brought to him & his Dad.*

Connie Holbrook-Lebiecki - August 22, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to family and friends on the loss of such a good man.
Denise & Fred Newton*

Denise Lundin Newton - August 02, 2013 at 04:59 PM



“ *Pete And Patsy McCanne lit a candle in memory of David Fowler*



Pete and Patsy McCanne - August 02, 2013 at 01:33 PM



“ *Bless all of Family David is special . Marilyn call any time day or night Love Bill and Beth*

BB Tucker - August 01, 2013 at 11:33 PM

DE

“ David and Marilyn found and brokered the land that my husband, Bob, built our farm on, in 1999. David became my husband's best friend and I know he greatly mourned Bob's passing, in 2005. If there is justice and a heaven where friends meet, I know Bob was in a very long line of friends just waiting to share a smile, joke, or handshake with David when he appeared in their midst. Oh the discussions and laughter they shared and, I hope, will continue to share! A very special light has gone out of this world with David's passing, but what a wonderful life he and Marilyn had together, how much good was done for others, and what a great family they created. It was such an honor to be around the Fowlers, and I know Marilyn will bravely get through this with the help of her many friends and family, because she is a strong woman and loved by so many! Diana Edeline

Diana Edeline - August 01, 2013 at 05:23 PM

LA

“ 1 file added to the album David's fun side...



Lance - August 01, 2013 at 11:59 AM

LS

“ Lucille Seney lit a candle in memory of David Fowler



lucille seney - July 31, 2013 at 07:58 PM

JJ

“ Dave was a very special person in my life, dating back to a friendship that had its start in the 1950s at Texas Tech in Lubbock. He and that super wife of his, Marilyn (who he referred to lovingly as "The Redhead") hailed from Ralls, which is 30 miles east of my hometown of Lubbock. Following graduation from Tech, we were in the same Army basic training outfit at Fort Ord in California. And over the years we kept in touch with Dave and Marilyn after they settled in Willcox (followed many years later by my wife Pat and my move to Prescott), and we kept in touch via Christmas card exchanges and occasional visits including a warm and wonderful celebration a few years ago in Willcox when they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. To Marilyn, we extend our deepest sympathy at Dave's passing. Meanwhile, rejoice in the good times, Marilyn, that you and your family shared with that exceptional husband of yours. He was, in a word, tops!

Jerry W. Jackson - July 31, 2013 at 05:49 PM

VG

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DAVIDS PASSING, HE WAS TRULY A GREAT FRIEND, AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY.
JERRY & JOANN ATCHISON & FAMILY



VICKI GARZA - July 31, 2013 at 05:03 PM

SB

“*Dave was one of the finest men I had the pleasure of knowing growing up. The last time I spoke to him several years ago I ran into him at the Elk's club. We sat and talked for at least a half hour. I was amazed at all the stories he remembered from my high school years, and was moved and impressed that he showed so much interest in what I had done with my life since then. When you spoke to Dave you knew he wasn't just being polite, he was truly interested. My thoughts and prayers go out to Marilyn, Karen and Lance.*

Scott Bethel - July 31, 2013 at 03:10 PM

LG

“*Our sincerest condolences to the Fowler family. All of our thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. We never had the opportunity to meet this wonderful man, but we know Lance his son and he confirms all the beautiful values Mr. Fowler instilled in his family. May all of the peace of our Lord be with you always Mrs. Fowler. Lou & Brenda Gil.*

Lou & Brenda Gil - July 31, 2013 at 02:02 PM

MB

“*No person is ever truly alone. Those who live no more, whom we loved, echo still within our thoughts. Please know that you are not alone that we all hold you dear. Karen, the memories will always be near. Sorry to hear about your dad. It's never easy. Our prayers are with you and your family. Jim and Monalisa Burns*

Monalisa Burns - July 31, 2013 at 01:21 PM

NC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Marilyn and the family. Good memories! Raised our kids together, neighbors on the farm and so many more!! Nick & Lynn & "all the Cleckler's"!



Nick and Lynn Cleckler - July 31, 2013 at 11:43 AM

MY

“ Our Sympathy to the Fowler Family at the loss of David. He was a wonderful man and a wonderful neighbor when they farmed in the Kansas Settlement. He will be missed by many. Roy, Millie, Lee and Jeff Young



Millie Young - July 31, 2013 at 11:37 AM

PI

“ I am so saddened to learn of David's death. I pray that you are blessed with the Peace which comes from our Lord.

Pat Inman - July 30, 2013 at 09:30 PM

MK

“ My heartfelt & deepest sympathy to the Fowler family. Mourning a loss as great as this is not easy. "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." God bless you all.
Marcella Morales Kelley



Marcella Morales Kelley - July 30, 2013 at 07:26 PM

JM

“ *Jeris Moss lit a candle in memory of David Fowler*



Jeris Moss - July 30, 2013 at 07:08 PM

JM

As I looked at "facebook" today, I saw the notice about Mr Fowler....my heart stopped for just a minute...I instantly went to my most memorable high school years....Dave and Marilyn Fowler..."what a great couple, and what a great family"!! Like many girls in high school, I had a major crush on Lance...all I could think was, " what a hunk"... Then I met Mr Fowler, (Dave) and I realized, "a hunk is father to another hunk"!!! Wow!! What a nice and true amazing man!! Mr Fowler, you were one of a kind and my heart is heavy tonight for Mrs Fowler, Lance and Karen...Hugs to everyone....Dave may you rest in peace forever!!! Love Always Jeris Moss

Jeris Moss - July 30, 2013 at 07:18 PM

ED

“ *Esther Dixon lit a candle in memory of David Fowler*



Esther Dixon - July 30, 2013 at 11:41 AM

MC

“ *Max And Anne Coleman lit a candle in memory of David Fowler*



max and anne coleman - July 29, 2013 at 04:57 PM

TB

“ *Terri A Buckner lit a candle in memory of David Fowler*



Terri A Buckner - July 29, 2013 at 03:29 PM

TB

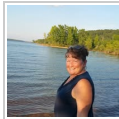
My condolences and prayers to you Mrs. Fowler, Karen and Lance. I have many memories with all of you that will never be forgotten! Love you all much! Terri

Terri A Buckner - July 29, 2013 at 03:31 PM

MG

My prayers and deepest sympathy to the Fowler Family. God bless you all. ~Margaret (Gus's sister)

Margaret (Morales) Gomez - July 30, 2013 at 12:48 PM



Marilyn, I'm so sorry to read about Dave. You guys were two of the first people I met when I moved to Willcox. God bless you & your family & may David rest in the arms of our Lord.

Debbie Atwood - July 30, 2013 at 06:52 PM