



## David J. Mirena II

May 3, 1978 - February 6, 2022

MSgt. David Joseph Mirena II, age 43, of Chesterfield Twp., passed away peacefully, February 6, 2022, at home with his beloved family. He was born on May 3, 1978, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

David served 18 ½ years in the United States Air Force, serving in Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq, and South Korea. He was a loving son, husband and father. David was dedicated to his family and his Christian faith. He was known for his humor, love of family and hard work ethic. In his downtime, he loved fixing up classic cars and riding his Harley. David was known in the neighborhood by the sound of his saw, for his love of woodworking.

He is survived by his loving wife, Brandy, his beloved children; Logan, Madalyn, Carlie and Camryn Mirena, parents, Angelo “Rick” and Sherrill (Vogel) Mendola, brother, Anthony Mendola and sister-in-law, Carina Mendola.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Geraldine Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to wishes of the family.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home – New Haven.

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I love you and miss you everyday.



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**Sherrill Mendola** - February 28 at 06:17 PM

SM

“ *Instead of living without you,  
I'll bring the best of you with me.*

*I want to smile again without feeling guilty. I want to celebrate your life, without my heart breaking. If there's a good side of grief, I've yet to reach it. It's not getting any easier. Time isn't helping. Some days I feel as if the pain deepens. The roads ahead seem longer without you walking them beside me. It's like I'm resistant to joy. Push pushing back against my own happiness. I'm afraid that healing means forgetting, I'm not ready to leave. Let me sit here a little while longer. There are things I needed to tell you that I never got the chance to. Things you deserve to hear...I'm sorry. I'm sorry for not doing more. If it were possible to bear your pain, I would have. If it were possible to change places with you, I would have. Even when distant my world was better because you were in it. I was always proud of you. My love for you is constant, unconditional, eternal. There are pieces of you that I am discovering in me. Little gifts you unknowingly left behind. Even your absence is filled with moments worth revisiting. Maybe instead of learning to live without you, I'll bring the best of you with me. Maybe we're not meant to move on, we are meant to move with.*

*Mom*

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**Sherrill Mendola** - May 10, 2025 at 09:43 AM

JV

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of David. I have so many memories when he was younger. Taking him to on vacation with us to Geauga Lake and going on the water park slides. We had so much laughter and fun together. All the times I took him and the kids to the park as he ran around and always looking for rocks. He was such a sweet boy. Playing frisbee for hours upon hours, laughing and running around, playing with his large Tonka truck, riding it together and me falling off over and over agin, loved when he was reminiscing all of these special moments! FaceTiming with him and his mom. We talked about our love of carpentry and woodworking. Discussing our saws and all the things we made. I will cherish all those memories forever. Our sharing the childhood memories of so many different things we did together and remember everything so vividly, touched my heart! His laughs on the phone with me will remain with me, I replay that sound over and over again. Our passion for art and sharing my projects with him and him wanting to do the exact same ones with my help over FaceTime...priceless! I'm so blessed to have been so close with him and more blessed that he has kept that as a special and cherished memory, that means so much to me. I love you Dave and will miss you forever but you are forever in my heart.

Love Always,

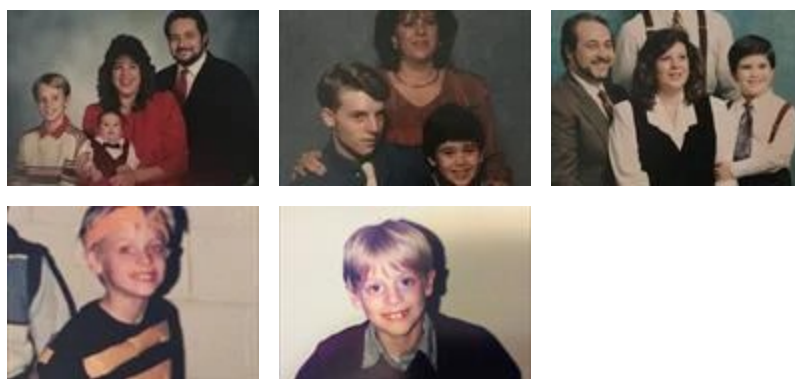
Aunt Jean

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**Jean Vogel** - February 27, 2022 at 10:42 AM

SM

“ I appreciate so many precious childhood memories of family together in our home. The room David grew up in, the tree he carved into, the family room his friends were always staying over our house playing video games together. Slow dancing in the kitchen with mom. Endlessly riding your bike and later becoming our neighborhood paperboy. The woods and creek that you would play in with your friends. All the laughter and togetherness we shared as a family over the years. I will forever love and miss you my dear son.



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Sherrill Mendola - February 26, 2022 at 08:13 AM

KM

“ Thank You both Brandy and Dave for inviting me up recently for a visit during the most difficult time and it was the most valuable time. I will forever hold these precious memories in my heart 💖. We laughed we cried and we had alot forever conversations. I asked Dave if I could take one more picture of us , like the one I had of us when he was a little boy, he said absolutely, however the camera got switched over to odd setting and to take the picture took entirely too long and he busted out for me to "quit drooling on him yuk!" Brandy I will be here if you or kids ever need me. Dave, I hope when you crossed over you remembered to say Hi for me. I will miss your random phone calls checking up on me. I love you and I will see again someday on the otherside. Until then, Love Aunt Kim



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**Kimberly McLaughlin** - February 22, 2022 at 01:10 PM

MS

“ You were an awesome friend, co-worker and brother Dave! I miss being in the S4 office at Laughlin and having you and brandy there to lean on as my support. Playing video games and making memories. Time goes by too fast and wish we could have more time. I love you Dave , and I know we will see you again.



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**Matthew Smith** - February 18, 2022 at 06:16 PM

BM

“ *My love, my soul mate,  
I am so proud of all of the accomplishments you have made with  
both your careers.  
Not only were you a hard working provider for our family, you were a  
fantastic daddy to our kids.*

*There is a piece of me missing. It still seems like the worst  
nightmare I can't wake up from.*

*Thank you for being a devoted husband and friend to me. You got  
me through so many hard times in life. Always having my back  
without question.*

*I love you forever. You will NEVER be forgotten and in our hearts  
forever*

*Your baby doll xoxo*

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**Brandy Mirena** - February 16, 2022 at 07:14 AM

RK

“ *I think of Dave as living in the hearts of those he touched...For  
nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so much. Sending love  
and prayers to the family. Ruth Kelly*

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**Ruth Kelly** - February 11, 2022 at 08:41 PM

“ *And Now We Say Goodbye*

*Great sadness fills our hearts today  
as pipes and drums, in slow march play.  
A comrade's fallen by the way,  
And now we say goodbye.*

*This hero to the very end  
Was more than just a casual friend,  
Who would a stranger's life defend,  
And now we say goodbye*

*But we shall cherish, all our days,  
The character this life portrayed  
With sacrifice so freely made,  
And now we say goodbye.*

*The hand salute, o'er Stars and Stripes,  
And distant skirl of highland pipes,  
Give last farewell with hero's rights,  
And now we say goodbye.*

*While here on Earth, you gave your best.  
Now in the Master's arms you rest.  
T'is by your memory we are blessed.  
And now we say goodbye.*

*Howard Garrison Yates  
@ July 2006*

JG

“ It was a great honor serving with David and my sincere condolences to the family in this time of loss. He was such a funny guy and hard working. Please share these photos with his family. Me and David was (salt and pepper) during training before our trip to Iraq. We we're young sergeants having fun in the mist of some serious chaos around us. He will never be forgotten. Much love

SMSgt(R) Johnny Gatlin



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**Johnny Gatlin** - February 09, 2022 at 12:03 PM

SM

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and sharing the story of your time spent with my son. I absolutely love the pictures and sincerely will cherish them.  
Sherrill

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**Sherrill Mendola** - February 18, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ David visited Fallingwater while I was Director of Volunteer Program. I was so proud of him and overjoyed that they thought to visit me. I arranged to take them on a private tour of the Fallingwater museum for which I acted as docent. I decided to show them the new ‘Bear Run Hiking Trail’ we recently created a new volunteer role for. In my excitement, I hadn’t paid attention to the time, the heat of the day and whether my ‘guests’ had anything to drink. Apparently, they were near dehydration and I hadn’t noticed. While standing on a cliff, I discovered something someone had lost and went to return it. While I was gone David turned to his mother and said, “Let’s escape now while we can!” Of course, they didn’t and we laughed over that during our lunch together. I will never forget his kindness, sense of humor, his sense of family and caring. A loss beyond words.

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**Deborah Ewald** - February 09, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ My only comfort at this time is knowing that David is in the loving arms of our lord and not in pain anymore. Be at peace my dear son. I love you forever.  
I love you for always.  
As long as I’m living,  
my baby you’ll be.

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**Sherrill Mendola** - February 09, 2022 at 06:50 AM

GM

I have a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes as I post this. I always felt a connection to this dear boy and I’m so very sad that he is gone. I wish life wasn’t so cruel. My sympathies to all, especially those kids.

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**Grace Miller** - February 09, 2022 at 02:26 PM

BM

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Brandy Mirena** - February 08, 2022 at 08:37 PM

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“ *Brandy Mirena lit a candle in memory of David J. Mirena II*



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**Brandy Mirena** - February 08, 2022 at 08:34 PM