



## David "Dave" Ridlen Sr.

August 4, 1950 - November 4, 2015

David Ridlen Sr.

David Merle Ridlen was born August 4, 1950, in Imperial, Nebraska, to Paul M. and Delores (Hill) Ridlen. Dave grew up in Chase County and attended grade school in Champion. He graduated from Chase County High School with the class of 1969.

On November 17, 1972, Dave was united in marriage to Pamela Sue Holien in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In the spring of 1973 the couple moved to Imperial, Nebraska, and then on to Enders in 1988 where they owned and operated the "Lakers' Delight" store. Dave worked in the sales department at John Deere, Langenfeld Motors, Harchelroad Motors and Imperial Country Ford. Dave was currently employed at the Imperial Auction Market and he served as a state brand inspector.

Dave was a 30-year member of the Imperial EMS and Fire Department; he also served on the Chase County Hospital Board. Dave was a member of the Community Players for several years; and he was a youth minister at the Hayes Center Bethel Baptist Church, also serving as a board member there. Dave loved his Lord and Savior.

Dave enjoyed all sports, especially fishing, hunting, car racing, bowling, and rodeo. He also enjoyed working on the Imperial EMS haunted house for many years.

Most of all, Dave loved his family (including all babies). He helped anybody, anytime, and anywhere. Dave never met a person he couldn't talk with and he had a big smile for everyone he saw. Dave was well-known for his cowboy hat and his big smile.

Dave passed away Wednesday, November 4, 2015. He was 65 years of age.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, infant son Dusty and daughter Debra.

Survivors include:

Wife: Pam of Enders, Nebraska.

Mother-in-law: Hertha Holien of Enders, Nebraska.

Son: Davey Ridlen and fiancé Amanda of Enders, Nebraska.

Son-in-law: Troy Palser of Chadron, Nebraska.

Grandson: Gage Palser of Chadron, Nebraska.

Brother: Dennis Ridlen of Gillette, Wyoming.

Sister: Janice Stone of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Brother-in-law: Larry Holien and wife Cyndee of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sister-in-law: Pat Hammel of Imperial, Nebraska.

Niece: Stacy Reasoner of Imperial, Nebraska.

Special Aunt & Uncle: Verlon and Lucille Dinnel of Enders, Nebraska.

Many cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Funeral Services will be 11:30 A.M. (Mountain Time) Monday morning, November 9, 2015 at the Imperial Bible Church with Pastor Robby Clay officiating. Cremation will follow services and a private family graveside will occur at a later date.

Visitation will take place prior to services at the Imperial Bible Church.

A memorial has been established in Dave's memory.

Online condolences may be left at [liewerfuneralhome.com](http://liewerfuneralhome.com)

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# Events

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NOV	Service	11:30AM
9	<div>Imperial Bible Church</div> <div>800 West 11th Street, Imperial, NE, US</div>	

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Liewer Funeral Homes** - November 09, 2015 at 03:59 PM



“ My love for you Pam....

**Sharon** - November 09, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ What a great man and friend to many and father, husband and Grampa he was..I am so very sad for his loss and I know there is nothing to be said to make anything better. The entire community will be effected and what an honor in your heart to know how many lives he has touched. God help you through these sad and unbelievable times.....Gone way too soon with so much to offer this world. Praying to you for comfort in your heart to know what a special guy he was. HUGS to you Pam.

**Maribeth Mullanix** - November 17, 2015 at 01:11 AM



“ Please accept our condolences on the loss of our friend Dave and prayers for your comfort and healing during this time of mourning.



**Jay Willhoft** - November 16, 2015 at 08:03 AM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss Pam & Dave. It's also a loss for so many of others as well, including the entire Chase County community, past, present & future. Dave touched everyone's hearts & souls, leaving a bit of himself with each of us. Whether it's a joke, a laugh, a tear, a helping hand or a friend when we needed one, Dave was always there to fill any of those roles, asking for nothing in return. We have truly lost one of the best & he will be missed.

**Kandi Bremer** - November 15, 2015 at 08:06 AM

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“ Dave was a fine man who treated me and my whole family as though we were his family. He was just so happy go lucky-smiling and always there for whoever needed him. Big Dave was special, a fine husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will never be forgotten---thank you Dave, Pam, little Debbie, little Davey for all the GOOD Memories. A Super Great Man, and a Great Family----GOD BLESS EVERYONE Tom, Vicki, Joell, and Jesse Fish.

Tom Fish - November 14, 2015 at 09:14 PM

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“ Cody Denbo lit a candle in memory of David "Dave" Ridlen Sr.



cody denbo - November 13, 2015 at 07:14 PM

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“ Sorry for your lost Pam and Dave. His smile will never be forgotten by anyone that he saw. I will miss him as well because he was so funny with his jokes and some called him an old fart. All my prayers go to you and the rest of the Pam and Dave. I am real sorry for your lost.

cody denbo - November 13, 2015 at 07:13 PM

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“ I had the distinct pleasure of meeting David, and visiting with him on several occasions....He could sure make a fellow feel at ease, and have great conversations....The Ridlen Family, in my opinion, are some of the greatest, and down to earth people I have ever known...Rest in Peace, David.....Bill Marvin Grand Forks, N.D. Friend of Janice, Roxie, and the Dean gang...God Bless you & the family

Bill Marvin - November 13, 2015 at 02:12 PM

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“ So sorry about Dave. He will be missed by so many of us. Always had a smile for everyone and a funny tale to tell. Prayers to all of his family. I'm sure he and Deb had a great reunion.

Vicki Baker

**Vicki Baker** - November 11, 2015 at 03:21 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear about the loss of Dave! He was a wonderful man always stopping to talk to you. I remember him at sporting events and things that Davey and Debbie were in there to support them and cheer them on. He will be missed by so many. His family is in my thoughts and prayers.

**Daphne Kreis-Tidyman** - November 10, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ Our love and prayers to all of you.

Joe and Bev Anderson

**Bev Anderson** - November 09, 2015 at 06:05 PM

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“ May God wrap His loving arms around all of you! My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ridlen family on this very sad day. Hugs to all! I will definitely miss that smile and a random hello message from David. He was a very special man who will be greatly missed!

**Julie Burenheide** - November 09, 2015 at 12:54 PM

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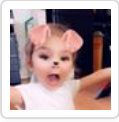


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**Liewer Funeral Homes** - November 08, 2015 at 06:29 PM

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“ His smile will be missed by many. His way of cheering people up always brought a smile to every one that was around him. He will be missed. God wrap your arms around the family an friends in this time of grief.



**Kimberly Baker** - November 07, 2015 at 04:02 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your lose. Dave was a wonderful man and he is going to be missed so much and leaves an empty spot in my heart and everyone who knew him.

In sorrow,  
Donna Beck

**Donna Beck** - November 06, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ Words can never express what a great guy we lost and now God has a beautiful angel  
..GOD BLESS Sharon Lange

**Sharon** - November 06, 2015 at 06:26 PM

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“ So sorry, Pam. I'll never forget his big smile. May God wrap you in his loving arms at this sad time. Donna and Butch Burge

**Donna Burge** - November 06, 2015 at 12:14 PM