



Dave Glen Cantwell

November 3, 1957 - May 30, 2025

We are very saddened to report that Dave Glen Cantwell suddenly left this world on May 30th, 2025, surely enjoying one of his many pastimes on a new motorcycle on one of the nicest days we have had in a while.

Dave was born on November 3rd, 1957, in Butte, America to William and Ardella Cantwell. He is the family's youngest member, joining his siblings to complete the family. Dave grew up in Butte, attending local schools and graduating from Butte High School in 1976. He attended Montana Tech before joining the Air Force that same year. After basic training, Dave was stationed at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona. While stationed in Arizona, he was listed as a Missile Systems Analyst Specialist for the MX Missile Silos. He has many stories of his adventures, usually working a 24-hour on 48 hr off shift, needing to be ready to hit that switch if ever called on. Over the years, he has brought many people down to the base to check out the Silos, now as a museum. He would share with the Tour guides all of his memories when he was there babysitting the missiles. One tour guide suggested that he get a job doing the tours since he had a wealth of knowledge.

Dave's young professional career included multiple local butte establishments like KXLF TV, and so began his multifaceted career history. Also, a stint in coaching grade school football at Webster Garfield for 5th and 6th graders. Upon his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he continued to showcase his entrepreneur/jack of all trades business moves. Dave began purchasing Butte properties, which started his long-term career as a landlord to many

properties in Butte over the years. He worked for CJ's for many years, selling records, tapes and sunglasses around the State of Montana. Dave and Craig were also business partners in the real estate business as well as brother Bill, with Cantwell Properties. In 1989, after a fire damaged the Scandia, Dave and Jeri bought the Scandia from his in-laws, Frank and Carol Eddy. He used his carpentry skills to make the repairs needed to bring it back to life and run a strong business ever since. He got to add the title of restaurant owner, night club owner for the TEch parties and even offering a place for a butte theater group to utilize the Hall. He had a wide range of hats he would wear, some overlapping. Bar owner, handyman, landlord. He enjoyed his work at Bert Mooney Airport. He was always on the go. In all of his adventures, business and pleasure, he made many lifelong friendships along the way.

Dave married Jeri in Superior, MT November 7th 1988, They raised three children, Angelia, Charlie, and Jennifer, on Main St, right next door to his childhood home. Over the years, more adventures with the family, including many road trips covering most of the states west of Oklahoma. He enjoyed time spent out at the cabin and was really starting to warm up to the idea of snowbirding down in Yuma with Jeri.

Throughout his life, Dave acquired so much knowledge on so many topics. He was always willing to help out and share his talent. His partner in crime and right-hand gal is his sister, Georgia. She was getting all the teachings to be a mighty fine handywoman herself, many times joining Dave on his jobs. They were a powerful duo.

Dave enjoyed many hobbies as well. He liked finding great deals on vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, snowmachines, and an occasional boat. He made many bike trips all over Montana and a few trips down around Arizona and Nevada, usually with a great group of friends and family affectionately called the Scandia Biker gang, or Apple Dumplin' gang.

His bright smile, infectious laugh, killer dance moves, and all the stories and jokes will be missed. A very good friend to all

Dave is preceded in death by his son Charlie Cantwell, parents William H and

Ardella M Cantwell, and father-in-law Frank Eddy.

Dave is survived by his wife of 37 years, Jeri. Daughters Angelia (Randy) Mathias, Jennifer (Pat) Crossman, and Carrie Cantwell. Grandkids Mickenzie (Chase), Stephan, Evan Smokin' Joe, Aurora (Jasper) Aayliah, Athena, Genevieve, Natalie, and LJ Great Grandchildren Raylee, Rowan, Easton, Gracelynn, and Mayleigh.

Siblings Sue(AI) Rickard, Linda(Skip) Murphy, Georgia Sheridan, Bill(Collette) Cantwell. Mother-in-law Carol Eddy, sister in laws Loretta, Carol(Clyde), Donna (Rick), and Lisa(George). Many nieces and nephews as well. He is also survived by his faithful boys club at the bar. IYKYK!

We are going to miss you! Please join the family in celebrating the life of Dave on Tuesday, June 10th at 2 pm at the Butte Elks Lodge, remembering all the fond memories each of us has about Dave. A private family interment is planned for a later date.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 10. 2:00 PM (MT)

Butte Elks Lodge
206 W.Galena
Butte, Montana, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

KC

“ I sat next to Dave in a morning study hall at Butte High. Dave was a family friend with the teacher who would let Dave leave the study hall to go home, across the street, for breakfast. Within the week he was bringing me to the house. His mom would make us breakfast then send us back across the street. I became another member of the Cantwell family. Butte won't be the same without Dave. It's funny to think that I worked for Keith at the Pharmacy, Craig at CJs, and Frank & Carol at the Scandia. Bought a car and trailer house from brother Bill and spent countless hours at the house on Main Street, all because of Dave. Rest in Peace old friend!

Ken Christie - July 06, 2025 at 11:00 PM



“ Last summer, I was visiting Butte for the first time to attend a wedding and work on a photography project. I happened upon Scandia Bar and Dave welcomed me with open arms.

Jacob Titus - June 13, 2025 at 11:36 PM

RR

“ Well what can I say that isn't already known about this Genuine, Hard Working, Loving, Generous Teddy Bear of a man. I've known Dave throughout my whole life, attending day care with that curly haired kid named Chuck. From there to the daily culinary treasures found in the window during Butte High Lunch. God what I've give for one of them burritos... And on to the many, many, many dances I attended upstairs, and Dave letting me teach hip-hop up there for a spell. On to becoming part of one of the biggest, most loving families I've known.. The Dart family, Dave's super extended family of misfits and renegades. He always showed his teams how much they meant to him. Always providing good grub and we all know about Dave's Lil candy hussle, sending us home with arm loads of treats. He also was a great mentor giving youngsters the opportunity to work for their own money. Lol But the absolute Highlight recently was watching Dave and Doc Swanson get down on the dance floor, the song was...."Something in a box? You can figure it out.. YOU WILL BE MISSED DAVE. FULL THROTTLE.

ROYBOY

Roy Riddle - June 10, 2025 at 04:29 PM

BB

“ Brian Bass purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dave Glen Cantwell.



Brian Bass - June 10, 2025 at 12:13 PM

BB

“ I'll never forget his unconditional generosity and friendship, his wonderful laugh, his sense of morals and ethics, and his deep appreciation of family and friends.

Brian Bass - June 10, 2025 at 12:03 PM

BW

“ Thanks Dave for playing basketball in the alley and hanging out in the old garage! Going to see Keith at the pharmacy 😊😊
Great memories! Bill Windham

Bill Windham - June 09, 2025 at 11:39 PM

AW

“ Ann W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dave Glen Cantwell.

Ann W. - June 09, 2025 at 11:33 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Dave Glen Cantwell.



June 09, 2025 at 05:05 PM

TF

“ *The Dennehey Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dave Glen Cantwell.*



The Dennehey Family - June 09, 2025 at 03:31 PM

BF

“ *Becky, Bill And Family lit a candle in memory of Dave Glen Cantwell*



Becky, Bill and family - June 06, 2025 at 02:27 PM

BF

So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Jeri and family you are in our prayers 🙏

Becky, Bill and family - June 06, 2025 at 02:28 PM

PP

“ *RIP Dave! I enjoyed working with you at the airport! Your wisdom and humor helped me get through the 4am work day. Sending Love, Hugs and prayers to Carrie and Family*

pam pennell - June 06, 2025 at 01:17 PM

KD

“ *Jeri and girls
I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Kay Derenburger - June 05, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *Janice Muniz lit a candle in memory of Dave Glen Cantwell*



Janice Muniz - June 05, 2025 at 03:19 PM



Rest in peace Dave. May his memories hold dear in your hearts.

Janice Clark Muinz

Janice Muniz - June 05, 2025 at 03:20 PM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I'm sure my Eddie Ted was there to greet you 💙RIP Big Guy
Charlene Messick Warren*

Charlene Warren - June 05, 2025 at 12:06 AM

Mary Clague

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Dave was a groomsman at our wedding in 1978.*

Mary Clague - June 04, 2025 at 06:34 PM

R.

“ *So sorry to hear about Dave. What a great guy, who knew how to do everything and knew everybody. God Bless his family. He will truly be missed. Rest in paradise Dave.*

R.C.Mclaughlin - June 04, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - June 04, 2025 at 02:17 PM