



## Michael (Dave) Rich

July 10, 1947 - April 25, 2022

Michael David “Dave” Rich, age 74 of Windsor, Colorado went home to be with His Lord and Savior on April 25, 2022.

Dave was born July 10, 1947, in Savannah, Tennessee, the eldest of four children born to Emory and Mary Catherine Rich. He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received his BS in Food Science. Between his Junior and Senior years, he met Julie Johnson while working a summer job/internship at General Foods in Kankakee, Illinois. Dave and Julie were married October 4, 1969, in Kankakee and began their life together.

Dave worked in the Quality Control Department at General Foods in Kankakee, IL and Lafayette, IN. General Foods later became Kraft Foods. In 1990 he transferred to Corporate Quality in the Chicago area as a Quality Manager where he finished out his career. He retired in 2006 after 37 years with the same company. Among a variety of others, some of the notable foods he made sure were safe to consume were, Gaines Pet Food, Stove Top Stuffing, Jell-O Pudding Pops, Kraft Cheeses, and many Nabisco products.

Church and family were always first in Dave’s life. Over the years, he served as a Deacon, an Elder, an Usher, and helped start a church in Lafayette, IN. After moving to CO, he attended Faith Church in Fort Collins. In addition, he enjoyed golf, working in his yard/gardening, and following his favorite sports

teams.

Dave is survived by Julie, the love of his life for over 52 years; two sons and their families, Matthew and Jodie Rich and their children Micah and Lilly of Peoria, AZ and Andrew and Carrie Rich and their children, Emma and Kayla of Broomfield, CO. He is also survived by his three siblings, Carol (and Danny) Harris of Savannah, TN, Lonnie (and Lou) Rich of Pensacola, FL and Jana Rich of Murfreesboro, TN; a nephew, Wesley (and Mitzi) Harris of Savannah, TN; and numerous other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Samaritan's Purse, Feed My Starving Children, and/or Answers in Genesis.

A memorial service will be held on June 13th, 2022 at 11:00am, at Faith Church, 3920 South Shields Ave., Fort Collins, CO.

Memorial contributions in memory of Dave can be made to the following organizations:

Samaritan's Purse  
P.O. Box 3000  
Boone, NC 28607-3000  
[samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org)

Feed My Starving Children  
401 93rd Ave NW  
Minneapolis, MN 55433  
[Fmsc.org](http://Fmsc.org)

Answers In Genesis  
P.O. Box 510

Hebron, KY 41048-0510  
AnswersinGenesis.org

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (MT)

Faith Church  
3920 S Shields Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael (Dave) Rich*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dave was always ready and willing to go golfing. The few exceptions were care group meeting and bible studies with his group. The night before his surgery I texted him praying that all goes well for you and a quick good recovery. His reply was can't wait to get back on the course and back at church. Now a short golf story. A couple of summers back when golfing with another gentlemen the gentlemen made mention of a tree branch he needed trimmed but was unable to do it safely. Dave said he would help help him. Later that day Dave shows up with his saw and boom it is done. You have to realize that this was a 30 mile round trip for Dave. THAT WAS DAVE!!*

*John S.*

John R Schneider - June 06, 2022 at 01:07 AM



“ *Julie and family,  
We are so sorry to hear about Dave's death—but rejoice he is walking with our Lord—looking forward to seeing him when God calls us home. We have so many wonderful memories of Dave. Frank always appreciated serving with him on the boards in Lafayette. Know you are in our prayers as you begin life in a new normal!  
In Christ's love,  
Frank and Jane*

Frank and Jane Turpin - May 28, 2022 at 09:53 AM

MR

*Thanks for your words. Hope you are all doing well. Matt*

**Matt Rich** - June 21, 2022 at 01:00 AM

DC

“ We are so glad that God put Dave in our lives. His visible faith, kindness and humility guided and deepened our faith. He was a friend and colleague who demonstrated the virtues of faith and family above all. A life well lived! Rest In Peace Dave.  
Julie - please know that you and your family are in our prayers. You also have been a wonderful blessing to us.  
Dave & Lori Cook

**Dave Cook** - May 23, 2022 at 10:11 PM

DW

“ Dave was an awesome colleague, always willing to help you out. I enjoyed working with him.



**deborah woodward** - May 23, 2022 at 04:42 PM

JW

“ I always enjoyed working with Dave at Kraft. He knew operations and was a proponent of using "data" to make business decisions. My sympathies to his family for their loss.  
John Weisgerber

**John Weisgerber** - May 23, 2022 at 04:34 PM

TB

“ Dave was a Great Friend as well as a valued Business Associate for all of us who worked in the Manufacturing Plants. He helped us in The Springfield, Mo plant to develop a statistical program to detect.leaking packages of Natural Cheese that greatly helped us improved Customer Sanctification with our product.. We had many Great times together. May God Grant Him everlasting life. Tom Bredar, Kraft.

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**Tom Bredar** - May 23, 2022 at 01:34 PM

DW

“ Dave was a great colleague and someone you could always talk to with genuine interest and concern. Our deepest sympathies, Dave and Julie Wankowski Kraft

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**Dave Wankowski** - May 23, 2022 at 01:14 PM