



David H. Spero

October 15, 1925 - September 24, 2022

David Herman Spero, a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II, Pacific Campaign, was born October 15, 1925, Brooklyn, N.Y. to Nettie (Rawsky) Spero and William Spero. After U.S. entry into WWII, David, following his father's example of enlisting in World War I with the 26th Engineers and fighting the Germans in France for two years, enlisted and was assigned LST (Landing Ship Tank) duty to ferry U.S. Marines, equipment and supplies on amphibious assaults against Japanese-occupied islands in the Pacific. These amphibious assaults were conducted under hostile Japanese fire. David also saw action at the Battles of Leyte, Coral Sea, and Philippines. David was present and watched General Douglas MacArthur wade ashore in the Philippines, making good his "I shall return" promise. David's four brothers, Mort, Arthur, Harold and Joel were also simultaneously serving in the military participating in the European campaign with: Joel having been wounded as a Flying Fortress gunner over occupied Europe; Mort having

been part of the African, Italian, and Normandy D-Day invasions; Harold serving as a paratrooper in Africa and Europe and Arthur serving Coast Guard duty defending against German submarines. All five brothers survived the war and David reenlisted in the Navy. After the Korean War, David was assigned duty at the Olathe Naval Air Station, outside Kansas City, where he met his future wife Delores Joan Hurley. They married on April 3, 1954 and had four children: Norman, Linda (Erny), Michael and Teresa (Heit). David settled in the Highland Crest section of Kansas City Kansas and went to work for the U.S. Postal Service in Argentine where he retired after working into his late seventies. David was past president of Branch 499, National Association of Letter Carriers and past Kansas State President of the letter carriers association. David was active in local Democratic politics as a Wyandotte County Silver-Haired Legislator and ward / precinct chair of his neighborhood. He had routinely been elected a delegate to Democratic National Conventions. David was generous with his time and coached numerous neighborhood youth baseball and football teams and raised money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Besides Joan, his spouse, and four children, there are thirteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. David will be interred at the VA National Cemetery at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Cemetery Details

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service with Military Honors

SEP **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David H. Spero*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Spero family. Dave Spero was one of a kind!! Our family lived across the street & a few houses down from Dave & Joan. We kids were best of friends with Norm, Linda, Mike & Terri.*

Of course Dave was our mailman. Getting our daily mail was not just ordinary. Dave would always say Hello & offer up a quick joke or funny comment. He was quite the comedian! And his NY accent...loved it!! Mike & I would occasionally run into Dave & Joan at one of our favorite eating establishments. He never lost his sense of humor!! Dave Spero most definitely left a positive mark on this world!! He will be dearly missed!! Sending hugs & love to Joan, Linda, Terri, Norm & Mike 🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸

Vivian Dexter - October 15, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *My condolences to Joan and the entire Spero family. I've know Dave for nearly 30 years and loved talking to both Dave and Joan on my visits to KC. I loved his sense of humor and appreciated his commitment to letter carriers and working families. During my time as NBA in Region 5, I always knew that I could count on Dave and Joan to do whatever was necessary to advance the cause of letter carriers legislatively in KC. I truly regret not being able to meet with him during the last few years of Covid lockdown. A true role model for NALC local leaders and he will be truly missed. May God Bless.*

Mike Birkett - September 29, 2022 at 11:13 AM

MJ

“ I remember as a kid Spero was our mailman. My dad also worked for the post office. I remember not knowing what time of day we would get out mail. He loved to stop and talk and drink iced tea.. he was definitely part of my childhood memories.

Mary johnston - September 29, 2022 at 08:19 AM

DB

“ Remembering the fun we all had at Mr.D's donut shop & the fact that you brought me back a Barry Manilow shopping bag from Las Vegas. With sincere sympathy, Diane Bowdish

Diane Elizabeth Bowdish - September 29, 2022 at 01:06 AM

VK

“ I have known Dave for over 50 years and I am proud to call him my friend. While a lot of people found him hard to get along with, I found him to be one of the most caring people I have ever met. I will never forget the time we had together. He gave so much of himself to make things better for the carriers in KCK , both active and in his retirement life

Vic King

victor king - September 28, 2022 at 06:16 PM

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“ Oh what an amazing man! He was a great leader and a wonderful friend! Prayers.

Cheryl Yeager (Owen) - September 28, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of David H. Spero.*



September 27, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David H. Spero.*



September 27, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David H. Spero.*



September 27, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ *As the Spero's letter carrier, He will be deeply missed. I enjoyed his witty banter every day. My condolences to the family. Lukas... Their mailman.*

Lukas The Mailman - September 27, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David H. Spero.*



September 27, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Dave was a very unique individual, always on the move. I carried mail with him and served as his Branch 499 Treasurer. Simply put Dave was
THE MAN !*

*Charles " Chuck " Pennewell
Postmaster KCK Retired.*

Charles Pennewell - September 27, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *I knew Mr. Spero for many years. He was a great American for his military service in World War Two. He was part of 'The Greatest Generation' that represented all of the men and women that sacrificed and some with their lives for the great cause against The Axis powers.
Also Mr. Spero had the greatest wit about him that was just so infectious. He was just so fun to be around before and after I got married. My wife and I truly enjoyed his company. He will be missed by many.
Randy and Marta Kelley*

Randy W Kelley - September 27, 2022 at 12:52 AM

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“ *From The Murray, Driskill and Wehners purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David H. Spero.*



From The Murray, Driskill and Wehners - September 26, 2022
at 09:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David H. Spero.*



September 26, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David H. Spero.*



September 26, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David H. Spero.*



September 26, 2022 at 05:28 PM