



David Duncan, 63, passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at a hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. David was born January 10, 1946, in Los Angeles, California. He spent the majority of his life in Mound City, where he graduated from high school in 1963. David graduated from McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas, in 1968.

On December 18, 1965, he married Wava DeWild in McPherson, Kansas. She survives of the home.

He was a member of the Nebraska National Guard Reserve for eight years.

David grew up in the nursing home business, watching his parents set examples of care and professionalism. Duncan Nursing Home sold in the early 1970s to Bethesda. David worked for Bethesda for a period of three years, living in Fort Morgan and Broomfield, Colo., before returning to Mound City in 1976 to purchase the nursing home facilities in Mound City and King City. David was owner of Tiffany Care Centers, Inc., operating nursing homes in Mound City, Rock Port, Oregon, Brookfield, Maryville, and Pilot Grove. He also owned and operated Tiffany In-Home Services with eight offices serving fifty-six counties throughout Missouri. Within the last year, Mr. Duncan started yet another business, TCC Rehab.

Among his many duties, David was also in his third term serving as Mayor of Mound City since 2004. During his tenure, the city was successful in such projects as repaving streets, working with the Library Board of Directors in a complete library renovation, and a renovation project for City Hall. He also served on the MoDot Transportation Advisory Committee.

David was serving his second term as President of the Missouri Health Care Association, receiving the 2009 Member of the Year Award. David was appointed by the Governor of Missouri to serve on the Missouri Board of Nursing Home Administrators, where he served for over 20 years, including being president of the board. He served on the Missouri Border Commission and was elected to serve as a delegate to the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City.

If you knew David, you knew the commitment and passion he had for his work, his employees, and his residents. The most important thing in his life was his faith and his family. Just the mention of grandchildren would put a smile on his face. He enjoyed golf, snow skiing, fishing, and was known as 'Dragster Duncan' in college.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Ruth (Driver) Duncan.

Additional survivors include two daughters: Kim Ireland and her husband, Donnie, of Mound City, and Kristine Gibson and her husband, Robert, of Yorkville, Illinois; grandson, Drew Ireland; four granddaughters, Sydney Ireland, and Emma, Abigail, and Audrey Gibson; sister, Jo Ann Loucks and her husband, Joe, of St. Joseph; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There are certain people in our lives who just make the world a better place. They give us hope and raise our spirits by being the kind of people they are. Some people stand up and champion a cause, or provide the spark, or defy the odds or do the right thing simply because it's right. They don't really care about fame or acclaim; they just think about being good friends, good neighbors, and good people. We don't say it often enough, but we are grateful to have these people in our midst.

Thank you David, for being you! We will all continue to follow your lead.