



## David Perry

March 5, 1953 - September 17, 2025

David Perry, age 72, of Independence, Mo. passed away on Sept. 17th, 2025. He is survived by his sons, David Steven and Mark Alan Perry, his brother and sister in law Chris and Susan Whitehill, his sister Cynthia Prewitt, his sister in law Susan Perry, and several nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by his parents, Jeaneldon Whitehill and James Perry, his brothers James Michael and Gregory Lee Perry, and his sister Carolyn Jane Persall

David grew up in Independence, Missouri, then moved to California where he spent most of his adult life. He worked in the Los Angeles area at several car dealerships and had a true passion for selling automobiles. In his later years of life, he moved back to Independence, Missouri and retired.

David loved the beach, enjoyed fishing, and his biggest passion was music.

Please feel free to share a memory.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *My dear friend since 7th grade. I couldn't have been more lucky. Our lives were intertwined from Independence and Los Angeles to the phone in later years. Hope Dave finally found the treasure he was always looking for.*

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**Jeff Bollinger** - October 08, 2025 at 02:13 PM

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“ *CYNTHIA PREWITT lit a candle in memory of David Perry*



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**CYNTHIA PREWITT** - October 06, 2025 at 04:09 AM

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**CYNTHIA PREWITT** - October 04, 2025 at 11:09 PM

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“ I grew up two houses from Dave and his family. He was definitely one of a kind. Not sure he ever met a stranger. I visited a couple of weeks after he moved into Heritage House, and it appeared he already knew everyone in the building. I knew him for 60 years, so there are a lot of memories and stories, some I can even make public. Mark Butcher, Rick Holden, Dave and I rode together to the 1st day of school at Truman High. I think it was our junior year. I saw Rick in the hall later and told him I hadn't seen Dave or Mark. He told me they had decided to leave and drive to LA. I guess Dave liked it because he didn't come back for decades. When he fell on hard times a few years ago, I admired that he never got down or gave up. He was always working to improve his situation. He had a stone he found that he was sure was a meteorite and had some value. He wanted to get a small piece off of it to get analyzed because he didn't trust leaving the whole stone. We spent the entire evening in my garage with hammers, chisels, drills and grinders trying to get even a small piece. All we got was some dust and that was probably just from the grinding wheels. My wife still laughs about that evening. Every time I called, he would remember what we talked about on the last call, even if it had been several months. Most of the time that was something I didn't even remember. Love you brother and going to miss you, but I will remember you every time I hear a Beatles song.

*Bill Cooper*

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**Bill Cooper** - October 04, 2025 at 02:35 PM

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**CYNTHIA PREWITT** - October 04, 2025 at 07:17 AM