



David Jonathan Meagher

December 26, 1955 - March 15, 2026

David Jonathan Meagher, 70, of Ardmore, TN, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 15, 2026, following complications of heart disease.

Born on December 26, 1955, in Chattanooga, TN, David was the son of the late Charles Meagher and Frances “June” Coffman Meagher.

David graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in political science and was a proud veteran of both the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army. He had a long career as a professional gunsmith, first on Redstone Arsenal and then as a military contractor traveling to Army bases around the country and world.

A devoted parishioner of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, David drew inspiration from his devotion to St. Michael. He took a keen interest in Naval history, researching and reconstructing Civil War ship plans, which were published in historical books and magazines and even used to recreate a historical ship for a feature film. In addition to his lifelong love of history, David enjoyed the outdoors and wildlife, cared devotedly for many cherished animals, and was passionate about many hobbies, including marksmanship, model-building, and creative writing. Known for his joyful sense of humor, he could bring laughter to anyone around him.

David is survived by his daughter, Hayley (Nicholas) Whiteley of Winter Garden, FL; grandson, Hollis Whiteley; sisters Vicki Meagher of Albuquerque, NM, and Chareese Basila of Pulaski, TN; and many loving family and friends. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 20, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pulaski, TN. A Mass of Christian Burial will then be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. George Panthananickal, CMI presiding. Burial will follow at Simpson Cemetery in Giles Co., TN.

Cemetery Details

Simpson Cemetery

6633 Prospect Road
Prospect TN, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
100 Chapel Road
Pulaski, TN 38478

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ To the Meagher Family. I could not make it to the Service for David due to My Dialysis Schedule on Friday in Nashville. I will miss my Good Friend.

Paul Sherrell - March 21 at 02:57 PM

CB

Thank you so much Paul. This is one of David's sisters ..Chareese

chareese basila - March 22 at 04:56 PM

RT

“ I remember vividly how much of a firearms expert David was! After a high school book report I gave on firearm history, David asked questions I could not answer! He sure knew them though. We had a good talk at last year's reunion! Rest in peace ol friend. Our deepest condolences to the family! Randy and Kay Townsend. Powell, WY.

Randy Townsend - March 17 at 04:18 PM

RT

My mistake. Reunion was 2 years ago. Randy Townsend

Randy Townsend - March 17 at 04:33 PM

CB

Thank you Randy. David is my brother.

chareese basila - March 18 at 05:28 PM

MK

Vickie, Chareese and the Meagher family: David & I ran into each other at Ardmore Post Office, when he heard Carol Tate call my name, he repeated my nickname...we were @ Prospect High @ same time. We talked for an hour, reminiscing about those days. It was such a joy to see him. You all have my deepest condolences for your loss.

Marcia Benson Coleman aka Kitty - March 22 at 09:36 PM



Thank you Marcia. Very sweet

chareese basila - March 31 at 05:03 PM