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**Born:** Nov. 25, 1952

**Died:** Dec. 21, 2014

**Services:** No Visitation  
to be Announced at a later date

David M. Croyle, Jr, 62, of 2615 Old West Creek Rd., Emporium, PA died Sunday (December 21, 2014) morning while walking near his home.

He was born November 25, 1952 in St. Marys, PA a son of the late David M. and Gloria Morrison Croyle. He was married to Cathy Necci Croyle, of Milton, who survives  
Dave was a mountain man at heart, who enjoyed both hunting, fishing and living the simple life. He was a skilled antique collector who enjoyed; restoring, buying and selling antiques. He could spot a treasure a mile away from a yard sale. A 1970 graduate of Williamsport High School, David signed a 1971 Minor League contract with the Chicago Cubs at just 17 years of age. Surviving  
In addition to Cathy Necci Croyle of Milton  
Daughter: Ashley Croyle, Lancaster, PA  
Step-daughter: Megan McHugh, Walnutport, PA  
2 Granddaughters: Audrey Bracken & Aryana Wano  
2 Step-Grandchildren: Bianca & Carter McHugh  
Sister: Karen Wood, Mesa, AZ  
Sister: Debbie (Mike) Verdini, Yardley, PA  
Several nieces and nephews  
Good Friends Jim Kane & Alayne Cherry and Hunter Prosper  
Preceded in Death By  
Parents: David M. and Gloria Morrison Croyle  
There will be No Visitation. A Memorial Service to be announced at a later date.  
Burial will be in the Newton Cemetery, Emporium, PA  
Memorial Contributions may be made to the VFW Post 6221, 427 East 3rd Street, Emporium, PA 15834  
BARNETT FUNERAL HOME, Inc. entrusted with arrangements.

Wed, 01/07/2015 - 21:04 — Kim Rogers

It says a lot about Dave that so many people have wonderful words to say about him. Kind, friendly, funny, soft spoken all apply to the man I knew. He was someone I always enjoyed being around. I'm sorry for your loss, Ashley, Audrey, Aryana, and Cathy, as well as Dave's siblings.

Fri, 01/02/2015 - 03:11 — Anonymous

So Sorry for Your Loss. He was One of the Kindest, and Gentlest Men We Knew. Always has a smile and a helping hand regardless of what it was. So Glad we got to know You Dave. You Will Be Missed! jet8

Thu, 01/01/2015 - 17:14 — Anonymous

Cathy and Ashley- I just saw a woman in Emp., Pa. that was a very close friend of David's. Someone was in Sheetz talking about everything that has happened in that town since David's passing. What a small town for such misfortune. Everyone knows each other. She was talking with one of David's friends, Lucas?, i believe. She said she was very happy to meet David's wife, and that she has known Ashley for years. She thinks very highly of you and obviously loved David, as she spoke of how she would miss him. I did not know that your Father in law passed, my condolences for that as well. She said that she adored him too and that David was the one who took care of his Father. What a kind man. Whoever the woman was, she left in tears. My heart broke for her, she very obviously thought highly of David. From all of us, our deepest sympathy.

Thu, 01/01/2015 - 16:48 — Anonymous

Cathy and Ashley- I am heartbroken. I have no words to describe how i feel about your loss. what a guy he was, always a story, always a smile. I haven't seen him in quite awhile, but he is the kind of guy that you never forget. I will pray for both of you.

Thu, 01/01/2015 - 16:45 — Anonymous

Cathy, Oh my God i am so very sorry to hear about Dave. I just read it in the paper. Such a wonderful guy, what a horrible tragedy. I send all my thoughts and prayers to you and Ashley @ this very sad time.

Thu, 01/01/2015 - 16:41 — Anonymous

Cathy - I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of David. He was such a great guy! I used to go to Hazen and see all of his antiques. What a funny sight to see, David such a big muscular man, selling such dainty things! Please tell Ashley she has my condolences as well. What more can I say to you other than if you need me, get to me. I will pray for you and Ash. Sincerely, Kam

Thu, 01/01/2015 - 00:36 — Anonymous

davey~ ashley is right... i sat in your chair this year! i didn't make lasagna, you weren't here to help me...first year w out you on christmas n new years. i hate it. for you and for ash, i will get better. i will miss you forever... kissed your pic on my phone, you got the first one!!! good night sweet you.. rest now, please. happy happy new year! finally you are at peace w yourself. we want that for you. you "solely" took care of pappy, peege was there at times. you are an admirable man...i bet when you got there the whole place lit up, and those blue blue eyes of pappy's were dancing in smiles. he adored u, now he has you. smile...you wear it well. no more. i cannot keep looking @ this. your face is embedded in my brain. looking @ this makes me sad. i know what you wanted for me, so ... you have it. all my love to you ~ we'll be together again one day.

Wed, 12/31/2014 - 23:53 — Anonymous

Happiness grows out of good times and laughter and lives in your heart as a smile ever after. We will remember Dave as a very special guy that was our flea market buddy at Hazen for the last 6 years. Since we heard he had passed we are deeply saddened. He will be remembered with many smiles. They say God gave us memory so we might have roses in December. We will keep the memories of Dave. They are all happy. Will miss ya buddy! Laura and Dave

Wed, 12/31/2014 - 17:58 — John Howlett

Almost 50 years has past since I have seen Dave. Played baseball with him as young kids growing up on the East End and Brandon Little League in Williamsport. I also remember him as being one of the fastest runners on the planet. Got me out of hot water on the track one time when we ran track at WHS. The best baseball player to come out of Williamsport. My brother Jim passed away many years ago. They were childhood friends as well. Another piece of the East End gang has gone, but will never be forgotten. Sad to hear of his passing. I remember sister Debbie as well. God bless the entire Croyle family.

Wed, 12/31/2014 - 16:42 — Anonymous

Joe and I will always remember Dave and feel very fortunate to have him as a wonderful neighbor. We are deeply grieved and bewildered with his unexpected death. Dave had such an easy, gracious way about him and he made everybody feel they were special to him. Prayers and Sympathy to Dave family and friends. Joseph & Vivian Rosette.

Wed, 12/31/2014 - 14:21 — Ashley Croyle

Of everyone on earth you got the best present of all this Christmas. Joining Grammy and Pappy in heaven. I can not wait to join all of you and laugh until our bellies hurt. When I was a little girl and it would thunder you would tell me it was God moving furniture around. Now when it thunders I will think of you and your love for redoing antique furniture and I will think it is you moving it around now. Your life got taken away too soon. Love Always, your babycakes!!

Wed, 12/31/2014 - 13:25 — Alayne

Davey ~ I don't know "how" to lose my very best friend. I think I never want to learn. Love to you ~ Alayne P.S. ... yes, we are taking care of your beautiful daughter, Ashley and Audrey Rose, your granddaughter. They are as beautiful as you! Save me a place, beside you..so we can teach others how to laugh and live! Hunter? how do I help him thru this when HE was with Jim picking ME up when the State Police came to my door? I guess all I have left to say is Loving you was very easy for Myself, Jim, Hunter and all of my family. You have touched our lives, as you told us we did yours... Always in my heart. ~ Alayne

Wed, 12/31/2014 - 13:20 — Phil and Kim Jones

I didn't get to know Dave until recently and I could tell right away he was a kind, gentle and thoughtful person. He surely will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Wed, 12/31/2014 - 11:42 — Barbara Conrad Fry

Cathy...I read this obit in Sunburys Daily Item today and saw your name..I'm not even sure you are the Cathy Necci I knew so long ago..your father had married my aunt Pearl..if I have the wrong Cathy please excuse me , but am still so sorry for your loss..he sounded like a great guy.

Wed, 12/31/2014 - 10:36 — Bev Stewart

I'm so sorry for your loss as Family and also to his many friends He was a special person

Wed, 12/31/2014 - 10:07 — Anonymous

Hey buddy, never had a friend like you. Best guy I ever met. Your seat in our house is now empty, but just thinking of the fun we had and how much we laughed all the time gives me peace of mind that you loved what you did, in your short time on earth. - Jim

Tue, 12/30/2014 - 11:22 — Roy and Sharon Elliott

Sorry for your loss. Dave was a awesome man he will be missed.

Mon, 12/29/2014 - 20:20 — Anonymous

David. You showed me the joy of too much tenderness, I will love you forever plus 1 day and miss you the same. Rest in peace, baby.

Mon, 12/29/2014 - 08:59 — Penny Thomas

Condolences to Dave's family. I was a casual acquaintance of Dave's. Knew him from the flea market in Potter County & also at Hazen. Always so kind, pleasant, soft spoken. A wealth of knowledge about antiques & collectibles. I haven't seen him in a few years & was so saddened to see this obituary. Rest in peace my friend.....bet you're at the big yard sale above!

Sun, 12/28/2014 - 20:15 — Jerry and Karen Hubler

We are sad at the passing of a terrific guy. We came to know Dave through our son. One year for the 100 mile yard sale, our son Terry asked if a friend of his could sit up his sale in our yard, and his name is Dave. A few days later, a gentleman stopped and knocked on our door and introduced himself as Dave, a friend of our son Terry. He wanted to make sure it was okay for him to set up in our yard for the 100 mile yard sale. We assured him it was fine, and we would be glad to have him. It became a yearly tradition for him to set up. He always wanted to pay for a spot because it was such a good spot. We never wanted a thing, just enjoyed having him there. Not to mention, we got first chance at all of his wonderful goodies he had every year. We always had coffee ready for him and a dryer sheet to keep the bugs away. Dave will be missed by so many people. We never knew anything about him other than he was a terrific guy and that was good enough for us. Rest in Peace dear friend. Your spirit will live on. No doubt in our minds you are collecting TREASURES in Heaven.. Your friends Jerry and Karen Hubler...

Sun, 12/28/2014 - 17:48 — Bill and Kim Kamats

Such an amazing person! Always very friendly! Such a great loss!

Sun, 12/28/2014 - 13:21 — T

With great sorrow and a bit of anger I bid my friend farewell. He was one of the most caring men I have ever known with such a contagious laugh. I will miss scratching the beard and the wonderful hugs, but will forever take with me the memories and stories (man did he have some stories). I will try to not dwell on how you went but better yet how you lived. Rest easy and watch down on us from your cloud. With love your forever friend. Condolences to all who loved him.

Sat, 12/27/2014 - 09:43 — Teresa and Jeff Diegelman

Dave was a caring and wonderful man he will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers to the family and friends.

Fri, 12/26/2014 - 11:30 — Anonymous

He lived a simple life but was always so pleasant and polite now let him Go Rest High on That Mountain as my favorite song goes I will miss you.

Fri, 12/26/2014 - 08:03 — Lisa Neyman

So sorry for your loss. Thought and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Fri, 12/26/2014 - 01:07 — David L Roan

Uncle ,miss you, love you always,see you on the other side.Peege.

Thu, 12/25/2014 - 15:59 — John and Eileen Bower

Dave will be missed he was such a sweet man. Sorry for your loss.

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