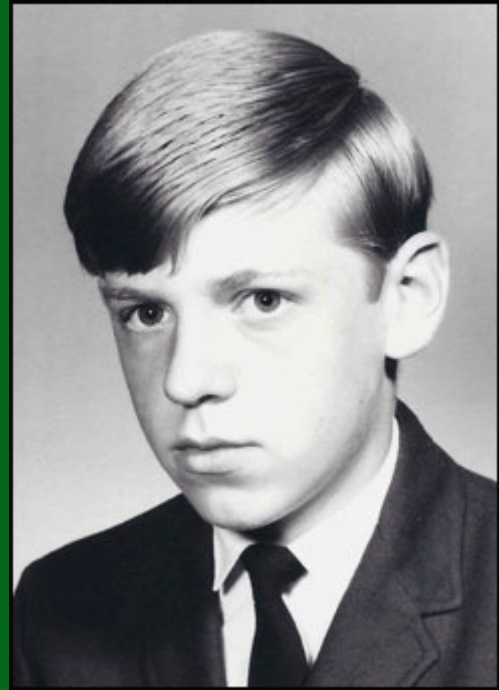


Dave Edwards

After 28 years of service Dave retired from the Department of Natural Resources on January 19, 2008.

Dave grew up in Columbus, Wisconsin. The U.S. Highway 151 bypass around Columbus intersects the area where Dave enjoyed exploring, fishing, sledding, and small game hunting.

Following high school graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was assigned to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas as an Air Operations Specialist.



Dave Circa, 1968

It was there where Dave developed his love for the desert environment. After his time with the Air Force, Dave attended the University of Illinois Springfield

graduating in 1979 with a B.A. in the Environment and People program.

In 1979, he began his career with WDNR stationed in Milwaukee and ultimately serving as a Waste Management Specialist, stationed in Horicon, for 20 years. From 2002 through 2008, Dave served as an Environmental Enforcement Coordinator in the Bureau of Law Enforcement. He was instrumental in developing the Enforcement Techniques training course and in providing training in the fields of evidence photography and environmental sampling.

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Monarch Range plant, 1995

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In 2001, Dave formally developed a photography business specializing in weddings and portraits. He is now transitioning from photographing people to his passion, landscape photography. Dave has a major exhibit scheduled this Spring at the Schauer Center in Hartford, Wisconsin. He leads photography field trips for the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin and enjoys judging photography contests.

Visit Dave's website at daveimages.com



Devil's Lake Park, Baraboo, WI
2008



Mount Rainier, Washington
2012

Dave keeps busy in retirement. He is involved with the Beaver Dam Area Arts Association, Friends of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, and is a founding member of The Lightcatchers photography club in Beaver Dam. He enjoys hiking,



particularly in the Grand Canyon National Park. Other hobbies include biking, golf, general fitness, travel, Indycar racing, reading, and playing with the grandchildren. Dave also regularly helps serve meals at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

Dave especially looks forward to biking, bowling, and the camaraderie with the prestigious *Madison Bike and Bowl Team*, the Midwest's premier biking and bowling team.



Dave and Diane, Costa Rica
2005

In 1994, Dave and Diane were married, blending their two families. Together they have 6 adult children and 12 grandchildren. Birthday parties are frequent events at Dave and Diane's home. Diane is a computer consultant who will join the ranks of the retired in a couple more years. Travel is at the top of their list when Diane retires.



Diane and Dave, Stanton Island Ferry, New York
2011