



David Charles Iwanicki

September 24, 1948 - February 18, 2009

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Left us to go back with our heavenly father after a 14 year battle with cancer. He was born in Detroit on September 24, 1948 and passed away in his home on February 18, 2009.

Dave loved his life, land and family. He was always there to lend a helping hand. He valued his work ethic and loved to play golf and hunt. But nothing matched his legacy, Anna, his first grandchild.

Dave is survived by his wife, Mary (Suhy) of 39 years. He has one son, Mark, his daughter-in-law, Kerri and their daughter Anna, his only grandchild (so far). He is survived by his parents, Edmund and Mary (Glowniak), brothers Larry (Andrea) and Fred (Paula), 5 brothers-in-law, 7 sisters-in-law and his father-in-law and mother-in-law Edward and Catherine Suhy. He also has many nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

Dave served his country in the United States Air Force for 4 years, serving one year in Thailand and had a long career as an electrician with Ford Motor Company in Sterling Heights. In the last few years his biggest joy was taking care of the light of his life, Anna. He felt that one positive thing with his cancer was that he had a chance to watch his granddaughter grow with each day and week. She is what kept him motivated over the last couple years.

His family honors the memory of David and invites you to visit and share Saturday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral

Directors, Richmond, with a rosary devotion at 7:00 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Parish,(All Saints) Memphis, with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Fr. Joe Horn, Fr. Dennis Nowicki, and Fr. Joseph Plawecki will officiate.

Burial with military honors will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Richmond.

Memorials are suggested to Masses at Holy Family or St. Augustine Catholic Church, Miles Christi, P.O. Box 701200, Plymouth, MI 48170 or to the family.

For information and Guest Book

kaatzfunerals.com

Previous Events

Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Parish, Memphis
79780 Main Street
Memphis, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary & Family,
You and your family are in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. I don't know if you remember, but Dave worked for my Dad, Frank, at Royce Electric, many years ago. My Dad was always very fond of him.*###imported-begin###Karen Hewelt###imported-end##

February 26, 2009 at 06:46 PM



“ *Mark and family, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*###imported-begin###Jennifer Kaszynski Andersen###imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 02:29 PM



“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you Mark, Kerri & Anna. Love the Jones Family.*###imported-begin###Cynthia Jones###imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 12:17 PM



“ Dave was a truly amazing and inspiring man. He loved life. I will never forget the day he and his good friend, Larry Wolak (my father in law) were stuck babysitting my son while I headed off for classes. My son, Christian, was less than a year old. I thought to myself.. "Oh, these poor men! They don't know what they are doing!" Then I thought... "Poor Christian! I hope he doesn't need a diaper change!" Well, needless to say, I pulled back in the driveway hours later with both of them (yes...even Dave stayed the whole time...I think he was worried to leave Larry with a baby!) rocking him to sleep in the driveway! I think Dave was holding his golf club in his hand. I am not sure if it was a type of security for him at that point! But, the look of relief from both of their faces when they saw my car pull in was priceless! I could also tell the look of pride when they looked at each other as if to say, "High five buddy! We did it!" At that moment I was overwhelmed with emotions. I knew they would both probably rather be golfing instead of babysitting! I knew what an amazing friend and man Dave was at that very moment! He didn't care that he probably had a million things to do or would rather be home watching working on his land. He seemed to really enjoy watching Christian. He loved life and would do anything for anybody! We love you Dave. May you enjoy watching your own granddaughter, Anna, grow up. We know she will have the best guardian angel any one could ask for. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Denise and Ray Pechman##imported-end##

February 22, 2009 at 08:34 AM



“ Dave and I were work partners for more than ten years. During that time he showed great devotion to family and a set of work ethics matched by none. I feel blessed for the time I was able to share with Dave. I will miss you Partner. Johnny##imported-begin##John Zbercot##imported-end##

February 21, 2009 at 02:25 PM



“ Daves friendship is a treasure i will surely miss--from the talks we would have on the way to the golf course, where we would talk about family, our buddy Rush's latest comments on the radio (i know that raised a few eyebrows) I used him as a sounding board for many issues i faced and valued his input--I do not know how many things we resolved during our short talks, but they were always fun and showed our different life experiences.
Working with Dave was always a pleasure, and with everyone he knew, his first thoughts were always of their family and welfare Dave was an inspiration as well as a great friend--the type of friend that I would wish everyone could have, and I could be.###imported-begin##Jim Wojno##imported-end##

February 21, 2009 at 09:03 AM



“ To the Iwanicki Family (we are friends of Fred & Paula)...Gary and I just noticed the obituary in the newspaper. We are very sorry for your loss. We never met David but he sure sounds like a person we'd all be better for knowing. Our deepest sympathy to you. May God be your strength in this difficult time!###imported-begin##Marilyn Wittstock##imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 08:43 PM



“ My deepest heartfelt sympathies go out to Dave’s family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working at Ford Motor Company with Dave for several years. He was a class act and well respected by his fellow electricians. He will be remembered fondly and sadly missed. Again, I am so very sorry for your loss.

Brooke (Kitze) Pitt###imported-begin##Brooke (Kitze)
Pitt###imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 03:47 PM



“ What a great inspiration to all. A friend that will be remembered by many. I personally will miss him on the golf course, with his sense of humor. I hope to see him along with others in the hereafter. He is truly missed.e3hh###imported-begin##Gary Spinek###imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 01:48 PM



“ Dave was a great friend and will be forever remembered as such. We had a lot of good times while working at Ford Motor Co. and I can say in all the thirty years I worked there I never heard a bad word spoken about him. We always had a good time when he and Larry Wolak and Mike Wolfe bowled together. You could always count on Dave to make you smile no matter what the mood. Even when he was getting sick he would still come up to the bowling alley and visit with us.

It is great news that he was able to see his grand-daughter and experience the same love and affection that we do with our grand babies.

Our love and sympathy go out to Mary and the rest of the family.

Don Wylie (Ford Millwright)###imported-begin##Don and Lori Wylie###imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 11:54 AM



“ Please accept my condolences and deepest symapthy for your loss. I knew Dave as an employee of Ford Motor Co. What an exceptional man of character and knowledge! No job was too simple or too challenging for Dave. Many things could be said of his ability, he knew his job and did it well. His work ethic and character were impeccable. Daves' battle with cancer is a testament to his strong willingness to live and his love for life and his family. It was an honor and pleasure to know Dave.

May Daves' soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Dan Jendza (retired Ford Engineer)###imported-begin##Dan Jendza###imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 08:57 AM



“ We will miss you Dave...somehow I think that my Dad met you in heaven and said that he needed help with a project that he was working on in the wood shop and they are having a good old time catching up and maybe even talking a little politics. Our family will take Mary into our arms here and keep her close in our hearts. It has been a year of loss for both of us but we have to realize that neither one of them are having to deal with their disease. They are finally free of the pain and dibilitation and in God's arms. Anna also has one heck of a guardian angel looking over her.##imported-begin##Lisa Fairbourn##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 10:42 PM