



David W. Elliott

July 22, 1958 - November 5, 2021

David W. Elliott, age 63, was suddenly called home to be with his Lord and Savior on November 5, 2021. He was a beloved husband, devoted dad, dear brother, and proud Pop Pop. Born on July 22, 1958 in Woburn, MA, Dave was the third of the four Elliott children whose parents were Bob and Mae Elliott. He was a long-time resident of Fraser, MI, but spent his childhood and young adult years living in many different places because of his father's service in the US Army - including Massachusetts, Texas, Colorado, and even Heidelberg, Germany for a time.

David grew up with a love of the outdoors which took him hiking and backpacking through many national parks. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Recreation from the University of Colorado, and later earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Wayne State University.

David's career included being a middle school teacher at Warren Consolidated School District for over 20 years. He taught science, social studies and language arts at Fuhrmann, Grissom, and Carleton Middle Schools. In his retirement years he was a Patient Sitter for Ascension Hospital where he spent many hours as a bright light comforting and talking with patients as they recovered and healed.

David married Kristine Stump Dietzel on November 26, 1999 in Fraser, MI.

The couple made their home in Fraser and were members of Warren Woods Baptist and then later the Royal Oak Church of Christ. His hobbies were vast and included golf, playing guitar, reading, caring for his immaculate yard, watching freighters, and walking his beloved dog, Hunter. He had a deep, personal faith and spent every day in prayer. Most of all, Dave loved to make people laugh and his most valued time was spent with his family.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Mae Elliott and his brother, Rob Elliott. He is survived by his wife Kristine; daughter and step-daughters Katie (Mike) Turner of Colorado Springs, CO, Stephanie King of Harrison Township, MI, Laura (Ken) Shum of Clarendon Hills, IL; sisters Susan Taylor of Oro Valley, AZ and Paula (Joel) Ladefoged of Monte Viste, CO; along with his grandson Sullivan Turner, step-granddaughters Madison and Olivia Shum, and many nieces and nephews.

A private family burial will be held on Monday, November 15, followed by a service open to all his friends and family at 1 pm at Royal Oak Church of Christ, 115 S. Campbell Rd., Royal Oak 48067.

Share your memories at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Royal Oak Church of Christ
115 S. Campbell Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Summer of 1976. David and I hiked to Pike's Peak on the Barr trail. We had a lot of fun! David presented me with the patch to remember that feat that I still have. I showed it to him earlier this year when I discovered it again. He said his patch was long gone.



Jaclyn-Stockton-Sooy - November 13, 2021 at 03:08 PM

JA

It was 42 years until I saw David again and the time just melted away. How do we let so much time pass without seeing old friends? I'm just thankful we had the time together this spring for some great happy hours in the hot tub with David and Kristine.

Jaclyn-Stockton-Sooy - November 13, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of David W. Elliott.



November 13, 2021 at 08:38 AM

PD

“ I had the great privilege to be able to work with David. David was a great teacher, mentor and friend. He had the greatest sense of humor. From the many conversations we had, Dave loved his family, God and his job. He was extremely dedicated to all these things. I will miss David. My condolences to Kristine and the rest of his family. Heaven has a great teacher and a great man

Patrick Dailey - November 13, 2021 at 08:17 AM

FC

“ Dave was one of WCS finest teachers. My sincere condolences
Fern Cohen

Fern Cohen - November 12, 2021 at 02:27 PM

RC

“ Dave was a dear friend of mine. He came to Fuhrmann Middle School as a newbie where we team taught and where I met him, his wife Kristine and family.
Dave was an easy going, quick witted and caring person.
I regret that I did not spend more time with him after I retired. He had so much to share.
My deep thoughts and prayers are with Dave and all of you.
Rest in peace, dear friend.
Rita Cartier

Rita Cartier - November 12, 2021 at 08:15 AM

JY

“ I worked in the classroom right next to Dave at Grissom for several years! I have many memories of conversations with him during student hall passing time. He always had a smile and could make me laugh! My prayers go out to Kristine and the family. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and bring peace during such a difficult time.
- Jeanne Yasso

Jeanne Yasso - November 11, 2021 at 04:57 PM

YF

“ Your Hill PA Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David W. Elliott.



Your Hill PA Family - November 11, 2021 at 04:02 PM

VM

“ I met Dave the year I worked at Grissom MS. We became good friends and then he later transferred to Carter MS a few years after I did. He was the funniest person I know and could always make me laugh. I still think of some of his stories and how he made lunch in the staff lounge at Grissom and Carter so crazy. He was a true joy to have around. I can't believe he is no longer with us and am so incredibly sad. His passing is a huge loss to everyone who knew and loved him. I will be thinking and praying for his family, especially Christine. Rest peacefully Dave, and know you are missed. ❤️

Vici Mclean - November 10, 2021 at 03:31 PM

MM

Dave and I met several years ago while teaching MS together. He was & will always remain one of my favorite teaching partners of my career. He had an amazingly unique & fun loving teaching style that the kids loved & were drawn to as they too, enjoyed his story telling & humor. He also shared with them his passion & love of reading. It was very evident as he thoroughly enjoyed teaching reading, writing & sharing that love of good literature. He often talked about how much fun he had while teaching his kids. His unique sense of humor was truly unmatched as he was extremely quick witted & was outrageously funny as he definitely loved to make us all laugh. We could always count on Dave to make lunchtime in the teachers lounge a riot. He not only had a great gift of humor but he was a very talented & interesting story teller as well. During those years we spent many hours talking & sharing stories and ideas... so needless to say there was never a dull moment while lesson planning for our ELA classes. We also talked quite a bit about our mutual love of golf & the great outdoors. There is no doubt in my mind that God must have really been needing a great teacher & friend to laugh with up in Heaven! Dave was very cherished & will forever be sorely missed by all who knew & loved him. Our hearts, love & prayers go out to Kristine & his family. Words can not express how very grateful we all were to have known him and called him friend. May he forever rest in perfect peace in Gods beautiful kingdom. Thanks for the friendship & laughter Dave ...Til we all meet again one day in the teachers lounge in the sky.... Keep Heaven rolling with laughter & bright with your spirit my friend 😊.....God bless you & keep you always!!! Amen 🙏❤️,
Mar

Marilyn Michaelson-Clarke - November 11, 2021 at 02:43 AM

SF

“*I will miss Dave. He had one heck of a sense of humor. I enjoyed my time working on various committees with him and as a colleague at Grissom. I looked forward to our mutual prep - he could always bring a smile to my face.*”

Susan Flis - November 10, 2021 at 01:03 PM

IH

“ I am so sorry that I won't be able to attend. I worked with Dave for many years and always appreciated his kindness and sense of humor. He is resting and rejoicing with the Lord now.



Irina Hirschberger - November 10, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David W. Elliott.



November 10, 2021 at 08:30 AM

RF

“ Dave was the dear husband of my best friend, Kristine Elliott. Over the years we spent so many wonderful times together. Dave was an intelligent man with a quick wit. He also had a very tender and sweet side. Dave I will miss you whipping us at Skip Bo, cracking us up with your humor and sharing music with you. Keep the hot tub ready for us! RIP Love, Robin Fielder

Robin Fielder - November 09, 2021 at 08:34 PM

KM

My dear Cousin Kristine!!
Our hearts and prayers are with you and the family... We know the memories will become soo precious !!!!
Love you
Chuck and Karen Stoops Murfin

karen K Stoops Murfin - November 11, 2021 at 03:11 PM

TF

“ *The Tomrell, Ritt, & Smith families purchased the
With Distinction for the family of David W. Elliott.*



The Tomrell, Ritt, & Smith families - November 09, 2021 at
07:23 PM