



David Joseph Ninowski

May 9, 1958 - November 17, 2007

NINOWSKI, David Joseph of Westland, MI. Age 49. Died November 17, 2007 after a 4-1/2 year battle with esophageal cancer. Devoted husband of Donna for 20 years. Loving father of Jennifer, David and Dane, and grandfather to Rylee Payne. David is also survived by his mother, Barbara Diles and father, Charles Lynn Ninowski and his sons, Steve Kathy Ninowski, Larry Ninowski, Scott Wedemeyer and Eric Cristy Wedemeyer. Son-in-law of Charles the late Dorothy Dubauskas. Nephew of Mickey Dan Barr, Donna Greg Lenar, Ann Schrader, Olga Bert Show and Jim Judy Ninowski. Also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and his loyal dog, Gunny. David ran a family business and worked as a carpenter/builder. He played semi-pro football in Grand Rapids and was inducted into the Michigan USFTL Amateur Football Hall of Fame in 2003. He competed in several Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat races. He was a musician, enjoyed jazz and classical music, golf and skiing. He was a CYO and City League baseball coach and a St. Damian Booster. He played in the St. Damian Men's Softball League until they retired his jersey, #14. Memorial visitation Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007 from 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorial Mass Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 at 10 a.m. at St. Damian Catholic Church, 30055 Joy Rd., Westland. In lieu of flowers, contributions to fund his children's education in c/o Donna Ninowski would be appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Dear Donna and family, Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. With kindest regards, Anna and Bruce, Tyler and Emily Johnson Conway, South Carolina

Anna Johnson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dear Donna and Family, our deepest condolences to you. Although the privilege of knowing David was realtively brief, it was truly an honor. He was a man of character, dignity and principle. I enjoyed the times we shared and will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. David will be sorely missed, but fondly remembered. He was a man among men.

Greg Light & Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.

Susan & Michael Roy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Dear Dane & Family, We are sorry about your Dad. If there is anything we can do to help you we will do it. Your Dad must have been really special to have raised such an awesome person as you. You will be there to help your family through this hard time with your strength and laughter. Those are two things that I bet you got from your Dad. Be strong and faithful !!

Wyatt, Gabby and John Giangrande St. Damian - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ My Dear Donna, Jennifer, David & Dane, So sorry too hear about David, he fought a long and difficult battle, he will be missed. David's Journey Home, your tender care and loving ways filled each of those remaining days with comfort and courage for the final journey home. Be at peace knowing what a wonderful blessing you've always been in your dear one's life. You are in my prayers. I love you all, Ina

Ina Stockton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I just found out this morning from my mother. I have been in Texas and out of touch now for over a year and I am very sorry for your loss. There isn't anything I can say that hasn't been said already. I wish I could be there. There are alot of stories I could tell. Couldn't we all. Nights when Dave would come home at night when Steve, Larry and myself would be sleeping in their dad's basement. Cruising Telegraph telling Dave to "OPEN IT UP"! Touch football games in Royal Oak and Plymouth. Not to mention the road/air trips for football tournaments. Needless to say, he was fun to be around and he will be deeply missed. All of my thoughts and prayers go out to the Entire family. Rich Lanning

Rich Lanning - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I remember 20 years ago as a 10yr. old child meeting David. My childhood best friend was Jennifer. I remember a lot of wonderful memories that David brought to his family and myself. I always new, even as a child, that David and Donna are a perfect match. I looked at them and saw the love, the companionship and joy that he brought into her and Jennifers life. Donna and Dave are two peas in a pod. David was always there during sleep overs, often goofing around with us. He got me to eat my first turkey burger smile. And my favorite memories were being invited to many of his football games. I especially remember the Silverdome, I beleive in the late '80s. David is truly a wonderful man who I will miss dearly. My heart goes out to Donna, Jenn, David, and Dane. And the rest of his family as well. Whoever had the opportunity to ever meet this man is blessed. People like Dave don't come around often and I've been blessed to have the years of childhood memories that will never be forgotten. God Bless You David, you will be missed. However, one day i'll fly by and say hello, in heaven. With deapest respect, Melissa Nichol.

Melissa Nichol - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ We love you Aunt Donna, our hearts, prayers and deepest sympathy go to you David, Dane, and Jennifer. We loved Uncle David very much. He suffered a lot. Don't worry he is up in Heaven at peace now. All our love, Justina, and Jenna

Justina and Jenna Kedzierski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ IT IS WITH A VERY HEAVY HEART, THAT I WISH CONDOLENCES TO YOU DONNA, AND YOUR CHILDREN. I'LL CERTAINLY MISS DAVID AND ALL THE FOND MEMORIES I HAVE OF HIM. DAVID WAS A SINCERE AND GOOD MAN. I'M SURE THAT THE LORD IS SMILING AT HIM THIS VERY MOMENT. A MASS WILL BE SIAD FOR HIM LATER ON. MUCH LOVE, BRO. MIKE

BROTHER MICHAEL GRAF - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We wish you our deepest sympathy for the lost of david. He will be remember in our prays, god bless Donna and family.

Rose and Richard Dubauskas, Marianne and Dennis, and Nicholas Sergi -
March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ David was a good man, good friend, loving husband to Donna and a great father to his children. He will be missed.

Scott, Kim & Joseph Behr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ May God give his family strength to carry on during this difficult time, knowing He is caring for your dear Son, Husband, Father. My personal love and prayers to Barbara Diles as a long\=time friend of hers and knowing how much she loved and admired her dear Son.

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DM

“ Donna, David,Dane,Jennifer & Barbara I knew Dave from high school and all these years. I know he would be the first one to say lets skip this shit and go sailing or play football. He the best friend any one could hope to have! We will sorely miss him. As always our love & prayers go with you and your family. Love to all, Dale & Cathy Please come to florida soon.

Dale & Cathy Materka - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with your family at this time.*

Keith and Erin Trost - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *We all loved David. He would not want us to be sad. He would tell us, "forget all this, let's go play ball". God bless. We love you man.*

Bill Winkel and family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Dear Barb, and Donna and David and Dane. Barb, you know how much I love you, always have, and I mourn along side of you. I remember David as a very young child, and all the birthday parties you had for all of us young mothers with children of Davids age. You two had a very special relationship and no one can ever take away all the beautiful memories that you will have forever. He suffered too greatly and died too young. God had a special place for him and he will be there waiting for you all when it's time for you to be together again. Bob joins me in love and prayers, shirley*

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LP

“ Donna: We know you through parents at St. Damian. Please accept our sympathies on the passing of your Husband, whom I knew through the Men,s club.---Rita and Lou Plant

Lou Plant - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Ninowski Family- words cannot tell you how sorry I am, I wish I had the chance to get to know your dad Dane. I'm sure he's up in heaven just as proud as he could be of you. If you ever need to talk about anything, you know you can count on me and my family. We love you. ~Alice

Alice Garvin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Donna, Jennifer, David and Dane: We continue to keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. David was a gentleman and all-around good guy. He will be missed. With sympathy, Nancy and Tom Dembinski

Nancy and Tom Dembinski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear entire Ninowski Family, Over the past few years, you all have become like a second family to me. Mr. Ninowski was always so positive and strong whenever I saw him, and he was definitely a source of inspiration to anyone that knew him. I know how much all of you are hurting right now, and you are all in the thoughts and prayers of my family and I. As always, if there is ever anything I can do, please do not hesitate to ask. I love you all. Jackie Covert & family

Jackie Covet & Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I would like to send to all of you my deepest sympathy and prayers. I remember fondly when you both attended our "Racing for Kids" fund raiser at "Jamies on Seven". I have a beautiful picture of you both and when I find it I will send it to you. From working here at the hospital and through my own journeys in life, I have learned that after a rainstorm, a rainbow will soon appear. You have been given many wonderful memories and a beautiful family...keep them close and smile. God Bless you, Roxann.

Roxann Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Much love to all of you.

Alicia Elias - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Donna & family: As our long distance cousins, you have never been out of our thoughts & prayers. We all have heard about David's triumphant spirit and his brave fight with his illness. We are convinced David defined courage like no other. During the few times we visited with your family in CT, we could easily see what a devoted husband and father he enjoyed being. We hope those and other great memories of his love will see you through your sorrow. God has brought comfort and peace to David, and chose a most special angel to love you and your family. We love you all, and extend our sincerest sympathy. Peace to you, Dana, Mark & Abbey

Dana Dubauskas, Mark & Abbey Barr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Barb: My heartfelt prayers go out to you and your family. God bless, Cindy Chiara

Cindy Chiara - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Bob and I wish David's family peace and inner strength. Our deepest sympathy to you and please know that our thoughts are with you. Denise Lutz

Denise and Bob Lutz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ David was always my hero growing up. Tall, strong, athletic and very cool, he could reduce me to a laughing puddle with just a look. As adults we were great friends and we will miss him dearly. He left too soon and he left too much, but I know one day we'll play catch together again. Our family's prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Fred & Diane Barr & Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Ninowski family, I want you to know that you have been in my prayers and thoughts every night since i heard about the cancer and you will always have a place in my heart. I am so sorry for your loss, and Dane, if you ever need someone to talk to about all of this, know that I'm here. I didn't know Mr. Ninowski all that much, but from what I've heard, he sounds like a wonderful man. He definitely has a good place in heaven and he will definitely be missed.
Love, Sarah Kosowski

Sarah Kosowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Ninowski family- Just wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers always. When life gives you a reason to cry, show life you have a million reasons to smile. Dane-we are all here for you and you can talk to us anytime. We love you!

Darcy Vines - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ *i love ya pops ill never forget you Love, Dane*

your son - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *So very sorry my own health challenges kept me from being with all of you. You are loved dearly and you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm grateful Chuck is able to be there with all of you!*

Lynn Ninowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *to Barb and your family from all of us at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Debra Partrich - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Donna, Barb, Jennifer, David and Dane, I am so sorry that your precious David is no longer with you on this earthly plane. I pray that you find comfort in a greater source during this difficult time. You are not alone as you mourn. In deepest sympathy, Jann Lardo*

Jann Lardo - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *My love to you and David and Dane. My prayers are being sent to you and the boys. May you find peace knowing that David has been healed and is at rest. Jan*

Jan Neisler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ God looked around his Garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. His Garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain. And knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw your path was difficult, he closed your tired eyes, He whispered to you "Peace be Thine" and gave you wings to fly. When we saw you sleeping so calm and free of pain, We would not wish you back to earth to suffer once again. You've left us precious memories, your love will be our guide, You live on through your children, you're always by our side. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you on the day God called you home We love you Donna, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the boy's. It is hard to believe and accept. Please know we are here if you ever need us for anything..... Love and Prayers Gary and Lisa Abundis

lisa Abundis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ On behalf of David, I want to thank everyone for all their prayers and thoughts expressed; it is just incredible!!! David was a wonderful man. He never complained about all the suffering he was enduring and lived each day to the fullest for his wife and family. He knew he had family and friends who would be there for him to pick him up when he needed to live and survive another day. One of his many favorite songs is "Lucky Man" , and as a very good friend said about David that he is the luckiest "unlucky man" he ever knew, as he had such wonderful children, family and loyal friends, but battled and died too young from such a horrible disease - cancer. He fought to the end because he wanted to be with his family and friends. He loved you all so much and appreciated all that you did for him and his family. Please keep David and our family in your prayers. Love, Donna

Donna Ninowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Donna and family, We are very sad to hear about David. Talking to David brought a lot of truth about his character, strong & confident, but gentle and yet firm. His faith in God is one I'd admire, he stood his ground for the Lord. We looked forward to seeing him at the New Year party from Jeff's office and enjoyed having you and him play walleyball a couple times. He will be sadly missed for he brought a lot of good memories for us. I pray for you and your family that the Lord will bring people to you for love and strength. God Bless you richly.

Brian & Dawn Joseph - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Donna and family, Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. The relayed stories of David over the last few years have made such an impression on us. He rose above all he was enduring and serves as the ultimate role model to his children in life and death. Try to celebrate the great man he was. All our love, The Kamudas

Alison and Jeff Kamuda, Owen, Trevor and Tanner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Donna, Jennifer, Dane & David, Words cannot express the sorrow we feel for your loss of such a wonderful man. Just know that when your grief subsides, you have nothing but beautiful memories of the happiness that Dave brought to you all. God may have taken Dave but he left all those precious memories that will sustain you through the rest of this worldly life. All of you are in our prayers that the grief and sorrow will soon be replaced by the happiness that the celebration of David's life should bring. Your Connecticut Cousins, Steve & Cathy McDonald & Ryan, Casey & Brady

Steve & Cathy McDonald - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

UF

“ Donna, Jennifer, David, Dane and Family; Although we are not able to make the trip to Michigan, at this time, we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. You now have two special angels watching over your family. Love Aunt Angie & Uncle Ken

Uncle Ken & Aunt Angie and family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Donna, Jennifer, David, Dane and Family, You, all, are in our constant thoughts and prayers. The earth feels less bright now with Dave's presence no longer physically here. Thankfully, our faith reminds us that his warm and giving personality, lively spirit, great sense of humor, dedicated friendship, and gentle ways will live on eternally, and painfree. You definitely have one very special angel looking over you now.

Rob and Sheryl Nienhaus - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM