



David John Kropinak

February 14, 1960 - March 18, 2021

David John Kropinak, formerly of Ferndale, passed away March 18, 2021. He was born in Detroit on February 14, 1960.

David caddied at Red Run Golf Club and played golf himself until a back injury. In school he was on the wrestling and baseball teams. David also enjoyed fishing and hunting, watching sports on tv and was known for his razor sharp wit and dry sense of humor. David was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Clara, brother Joseph Marcus and his nephew Martin. Dear brother of Karen (Robert) Brachulis, Dennis (Patricia) , James (MaryAnn), Joanne (Stephen) Gartland and Timothy (Joan). Fun uncle of 11 nieces and nephews and 10 great nieces and nephews. David recently moved to Rochester Hills. From the windows of his his home David enjoyed watching deer and wild turkeys with his cats Inky, Pumpkin and Ginger. David will be missed by the feral cats he named Cloudy, Hissler and Ugly. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

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SG

“ I have known David for a long time but only after his move to Rochester Hills did we become close friends. David's home was less than a mile from ours which made getting together easy and convenient. We went on bike rides, usually meeting at the corner store and riding to and around Bloomer Park and then back to his place. Every week a trip to Target for cat food and lots of bags of cat treats. Grocery shopping at the local Kroger store was two or three times a month and David always picked me up a few food items he knew I would enjoy. David liked to cook and often invited me over for dinner. His three cheese bacon patty melts on toasted rye bread, his famous venison chili and extra everything pizza were three of my favorite meals. In the summer we motored around Harsen's Island in his 12 foot aluminum boat always making a stop at Brown's Bar on the Middle Channel. David, my friend, I miss you and good times and ventures we shared when we were together.
Love,
Steve Gartland
Brother-in-Law

steve gartland - May 04, 2021 at 01:28 PM

JG

“ David caddied at Red Run country club throughout high school. So did I, about fifteen years before him. David became a master caddy. I didn't. I know the effort that goes into that. You're there at dawn to greet the members and stay until the last foursome goes home at dark. A master caddy works for the best club players; the pros, semi-pros, CEOs and business owners. A good master caddy will greet them with a big smile, a slightly off-color joke and details of last night's Tigers game. That's David. He also needs to know the game of golf to help with club selection when asked. It's a big responsibility for a high school student. It's easy to see David thriving in that atmosphere.

We got to know David later in life and benefitted many times from his generosity and kind spirit. I don't think we ever saw him in a bad mood! After he heard we'd never had a Green Lantern pizza, a XL special was delivered to the house the next day.

Thank you, David, and God bless.

Jeff and Jo Ann Gartland

Jeff Gartland - April 27, 2021 at 11:39 AM

LB

“ David David David you are special to me,(like a short bus) We laughed constantly, never argued and even got to where we finished each others sentences, how was that possible? Thank you for being the little brother I never had, also for constantly reminding me and never forgetting all the good time we had. Thank god for the serendipity of meeting you on the golf course even though we grew up just a par five dog leg to the right in the neighborhood. I love you I love you I love you.....your natty boy Lawrence

so sorry to the family he had a special heart

lawrence Brzozowski - April 01, 2021 at 12:52 PM

CO

“ I was shocked and so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. Covid kept us from visiting but we kept in touch by phone often. We've been friends for over 20 years, first meeting when he worked at Akzo. You're right about his razor sharp wit and dry sense of humor, traits that I will very much miss. Our conversations were long and honest. In our last one we talked about how much we looked forward to the time when we could actually get together. It breaks my heart that we'll never get to do that. My condolences to all his family and friends that are suffering with the loss. I share in that grief. I will miss Dave dearly.

Corrine

Corrine - March 30, 2021 at 10:36 AM