



## David A. Lathers

November 19, 1927 - July 9, 2013

David A. Lathers

Age 85, July 9, 2013

Beloved Husband of Mary Loving Father of Robert David Kristi Lathers, and Jonathan Pat Lathers.

Proud Grandfather of Christian, and Alex.

Dear Brother of Elizabeth McDonald, Esther Griffis, Martha Ray, John Sharon Lathers, and the late Mary Knaup, and Ruth Williams.

Visitation at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road 3 Blks E. of Van Dyke

Utica Friday 2-8pm.

Instate Saturday 10am at Rochester Hills Baptist Church 3300 South Livernois Rochester Hills until time of Services 11am.

Interment Utica Cemetery Family request donations to Wycliffe Bible Translators, Precept Ministries International or Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of such a wonderful man. I will always remember how, a few years ago at the Alumni Band Concert at Ford II, two young men current high school band students at the time came up to Mr. Lathers in the lobby afterwards, asked to shake his hand and told him what a legend he was in their school. They genuinely respected him, and humbly asked to have their picture taken with him. I was very touched by that scene and thought it a wonderful tribute to such a nice man. Our deepest sympathy and and prayers are with his family.

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**Susan and Lee George** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Dave gave us both our career opportunities. We are forever grateful for his belief in us and his support over the years. Art and Linda Thomas

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**Linda Thomas** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Mr. David Lathers was kind, fair, and the most honest human being I had the opportunity to work for in UCS. I clearly remember our conversation and his genuine congratulatory smile after signing my first teaching contract in his office in 1978. There was never a time I did not value Mr. Lathers administrative capacities and the ability he had to make everyone feel instantly welcome. He set the precedent for leadership and education within the school district and was the role model for hundreds of students, teachers and administrators today. My sincere sympathy to the Lathers family. He will be truly missed by many. Peace be with you, Cheryl Noonan Former HFII teacher

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**Cheryl Noonan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

J'

“ *Mr. Lathers, Throughout my time at HFII you were always very kind and respectful to me. You never spoke down to me or treated me like anything but a young adult. Because of that, I always valued your opinion. Thank you for that.*

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**Juli '84** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Mary, I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. You and I were in Pat's Bible Study Group many years ago. I will keep you in my prayers.*

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**Joan Wasilewski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *owe you so much fo your incouragement Soapy may you rest in heaven*

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**janet horak,class of 1972** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ *Our condolences to the family. Mr. Lathers was a wonderful principal. Our family cared for him dearly.*

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**Heather Kay Andrus** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Mr Lathers was a kind and loving man. I was fortunate to grow up in the neighborhood with his sons and get to know his family. God Bless to the Lathers family. Pat Atkinson*

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**Pat Atkinson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Sincere condolences to the family. He influenced the lives of so many. Andrea Mill MartinHFII Class of 1992

Andrea - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Lathers FamilyI would like to pay my respects and sympathy to one of the nicest men I have ever known. Mr Lathers in my opinion was the best Principals I have ever known.I think he could have been more in Utica Schools but as Principal he tended his students as a farmer tends his crops and grew many blue ribbon students and made many many friends along the way, may God bless this special man.

William Harris - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ My condolences and sympathy to your family. Jennifer Smykowski-RabyHFII Class of 90

Jennifer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Mr. Lathers was the best principal under whom I have taught! He was fair, effective, and a genuine gentleman! I could never bring myself to call him "Dave", having had the utmost respect for him. Condolences to the Lathers' family.....

Jo Scibilia - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Mr. Lathers created a positive community in the time that I was at HF II. He was always seen smiling. Prayers for comfort to his family. Theresa McWilliamsClass of '88

Theresa McWilliams - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My prayers are with the family of Principal Lathers, working in the office in high school gave me a chance to get to know him and I was proud to be one of his students. Also being in administration in an elementary school in my life, gave me even further respect for how Mr. Lathers ran our HS. It is definitely not an easy job. May he rest in peace, and I am praying for comfort and peace for his family.  
*Michelle McGillen Andrus, Class of 1985 Henry Ford II High School.*

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**Michelle McGillen Andrus** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *Principal Lathers was one of the best school administrators I had the pleasure of knowing during my time attending Utica Schools. He genuinely cared about his students, and I'm sad to hear of his passing. My thoughts and best wishes are with his family and friends. Gwen RobinsonHFII Class of 88*

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**Gwen Robinson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Rest easy Mr lathers My condolences and sympathy to your family Bryan SwansonHFII class of 1990*

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**Bryan Swanson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Mr. Lathers was a truly kind and gentle soul, and he will be remembered fondly. My deepest sympathies go out to his family and dear friends.-Maria Suszynski, HFII Class of '91*

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**Maria Suszynski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Mr.Lathers was a great principal and a nice man. He always had a smile on his face and we were sad to hear he was retiring our senior year. Thoughts are with his friends and family. May he rest in peace.*  
*Cira D'Anna Mench*

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**Cira Mench** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Those of us who had Mr. Lathers as a teacher in his early years in the Utica Community Schools remember him with fond memories-- one of those teachers who you remember forever as having an impact on your life. My condolences to family and friends at the loss of such a fine man. Sincerely, Jeanie Robertson*  
*Utica High School Class of 1958*

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**Jeanie Robertson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Dedicated to Mr.Lathers Mr.David Lathers was by far the most gentle, kind man who walked the face of the earth. I'm sure God has a special place in the universe for him. I will be away during his services, but my heart will remain with him. The world will only know one David Lathers as it would be impossible to match the beauty of this man. He will be missed by all the lives he has touched. Be at peace, Mr.Lathers, be at peace. My sincere condolences to his lovely wife and family. Sincerely, Catherine Gillespie*  
*Former Ford II Teacher*

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**Catherine Gillespie** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Mr. Lathers was the principal at Henry Ford II Senior High School for the 4 years I went there.. He retired before the class of 1998 was to graduate ..... He was the sweetest man and he will be missed*  
*Christine Zielinski Pickens*

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**Christine Pickens** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *We did not know Mr. Lathers other than seeing him around the church, but we know that he is rejoicing with the saints in Heaven. We are praying for the family as they grieve the void he left behind. May God give you comfort and peace over these next few days and weeks.* *Joe and Dee Conklin*

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**Joe and Dee Conklin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *My uncle Dave was one of the Kindest Men I have ever had the pleasure of Knowing! As My Brother Will Said I don't think any one could say an unkind thing about Him. One of my best memory's will always be seeing the 56 ford driving up to Family events. He gave that car to My Brother John when he went into navy And I had pleasure of driving for awhile and know why he loved that car. Even though he could have ben driving the newest and best he ran that car for years. When I parked it had 213,000 Miles. Uncle DAVE YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL!!!!!!!!! Truly A great man!!!Pat & Diane & Family*

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**Patrick McDonald** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mr. Lathers family. He was my administrator for 15 years. at Henry Ford II High School. I have fond memories of him. Blessings.* *Sharon Jeffery*

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**Sharon Jeffery** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ We've been a member of the Kiwanis club for 48 years. As fellow members of the Utica Kiwanis Club and knowing Dave over all these years, I would just like to say he will be sadly missed by all his Kiwanian friends. Dave was a soft spoken man and a loyal Kiwanian. God Bless his family during this difficult time. RIP Dave

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**Shirley & Ted Medlin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM