



David Nykanen

July 11, 1950 - January 26, 2022

David Matthew Nykanen, a resident of Oak Park, passed away on January 26, 2022 at the age of 71. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan and a big Michigan football fan, often wearing his Michigan hat and shirt. David was proud of his career as a heating and cooling technician. He married the love of his life, Diane Protasiewicz, in 2001 in Oak Park.

Beloved husband of Diane, joined in love for 21 years. Loving father of Nick Nykanen, Joey Nykanen, and Jennifer Douglas; and stepfather of Shawn, Amy, and James Thomason. Treasured grandfather of six. Dear brother of Bernie and Eric Nykanen, Lelia Meyers, and Linda Pittman. Best friend and work partner of Johnny McKenzi.

David was a man with a big heart who cared for everyone around him. He always showed concern for the families he served, often doing repairs for people outside their means. David always said hello to people and enjoyed good conversation. When he wasn't working, David enjoyed "winning big" in casino games on his computer. He appreciated all forms of jazz music. On Sundays, David would look forward to spending the day with his wife. David loved to walk around the yard and admire Diane's gardening. Together, they would take a vacation every summer. One of their favorite spots was Ludington State Park. David will be dearly missed by his friends and family.

A memorial gathering will take place on Monday, February 7, from 11:00 am until time of memorial service at 12:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to family wishes.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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royal@sullivanfh.com
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Dave was a neighbor to our friends who lived next door to Dave and Diane. We would see him at gatherings and sit and chat. We send our sympathy to Diane and the family. May he Rest In Peace.* ”

Bill and Joyce Hyttinen - February 03, 2022 at 12:05 PM

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“ *Brenda Wiegand lit a candle in memory of David Nykanen* ”



Brenda Wiegand - February 03, 2022 at 11:13 AM

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“ *Diversified Metal Fabricators, Inc. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of David Nykanen.* ”



Diversified Metal Fabricators, Inc. - February 02, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Nykanen.* ”



January 31, 2022 at 07:34 PM