



David Anthony O'Leary

December 12, 1937 - June 29, 2022

David Anthony O'Leary, age 84 of Macomb, MI passed away on June 29, 2022 with his loving family by his side following a brief illness.

Dave was the beloved husband of Marlene for 62 years. He was a much-loved father to Timothy O'Leary, Lynn (Bryan) Stevens, Patrick (Kim) O'Leary, and Chris (Jeff Trask) Jarzyna.

Cherished grandpa to Josh, Kyle (Jess), Daniel, Caitlyn, Sarah, Matthew, and Jack

Treasured GrandDave to Eric, Andrea and Ben

Proud GGpa to Carter and Ava.

Education played a large role in David's life. He received his undergrad in Education from the University of Detroit, his Masters at Wayne State University and his PhD in Education from the University of Michigan. Dave began his career as an elementary teacher, and then later became an elementary principal in East Detroit Schools. He was also an active member representing the teacher's union in the East Detroit District.

David loved his family, friends, history, traveling, classical music, U of M, favorite TV shows, reading and cribbage card games. His favorite place was the cottage on Georgian Bay, where he fished, sailed, hiked, swam and gardened.

He had a wonderful life filled with world travel in retirement. He was blessed with family and lifelong friends in Florida, Michigan and Canada. Everyone had a kind word when talking about Dave. He was always willing to help and

enjoyed chatting with friends, and even strangers on his walks in Florida and at the cottage. Dave was blessed with additional "families" as well. He was a staple at Cape Chin and is known and loved by so many there. In Florida, the neighbors have become like family to both Dave and Marlene. In Michigan, the "Shannon court" has been a great joy and a discovery of new and caring friends. He will be missed by so many who had the pleasure of knowing and loving him, especially his loving family, who have had so many memories and so much guidance from this amazing man.

Family will be available at 9:30 a.m. for visitation on July 8th, 2022 St. Isidore's Church at 18201 23 Mile Rd., Macomb, MI. The Memorial Mass follows at 10:00 AM.

There will be a luncheon after, with further details provided after the mass. Due to flower allergies in the family, the family asks that flowers not be sent. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at www.stjude.org/tribute. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 8. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18203 23 Mile Road
Macomb, MI 48042

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Marlene & Family, We will miss our dear fun friend. We enjoyed traveling dinner or lunches and movies with Marlene & Dave.
Dave talked about fun times with his kids and Grandchildren all the time.
Our Love & Prayers are with you. 🙏❤️🙏
Dennis & Linda Duquette

Dennis & Linda Duquette - July 09, 2022 at 12:21 PM

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“ Our dog Corky brought Dave and Marlene into our lives here in Florida. This meeting led to years of friendship and we are so grateful this event brought them being in our lives. Crazy Dave - we will never see a fudgesicle, a Diet Dr. Pepper, a Swisher Sweet cigar, hot dogs, pop corn, Perry Mason and of course Little Caesar's Pizza and not think of David. We will miss him. All our love to the O'Leary family.

Iris and Bill Rose - July 09, 2022 at 09:00 AM

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Dear Marlene and Family, We will truly miss our dear friend Dave. He always was such fun and was such a kind man. We enjoyed going to lunch / dinner and movies with him. He always spoke of his dear family.
Love & Prayers to all.
Dennis & Linda Duquette

Dennis & Linda Duquette - July 09, 2022 at 11:55 AM

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“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the whole O'Leary family from Cape Chin North Shore Road in Ontario, Canada.
Dave will be so sorely missed at our happy place, but his smile will never be forgotten.
Dave & Cheryl Simpson & Family

Dave Simpson - July 08, 2022 at 08:13 AM

DB

“ Chris, Patrick/Kim, very sorry for your loss! Prayers for you and all who loved your Dad!
Beautiful obituary!
May he Rest In Peace,
Diane

diane bond - July 06, 2022 at 06:49 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of David's passing. Our condolences to the O'Leary family. Bonnie & Russ Usher

Bonnie Usher - July 05, 2022 at 05:29 PM

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“ <https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/David-O-Leary-3/#!/Obituary>

To the O’Leary family:

It is with so much sadness that I learned of Dave’s passing today. He was such a staple at Cape Chin North where he touched so many lives. As new cottagers to the road thirty two years ago he and Marlene were one of the first to welcome us. They were also there each time our cottage was busted into by bears by alerting us and helping to patch the holes. I have so many fond memories of our chats on the road and his ready answers to any question asked. My sincere condolences to you all. I will miss him greatly.

susan masters - July 05, 2022 at 03:12 PM

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“ *Marlene & Family...*

Cape Chin North won't be the same without Dave. I will miss our yearly "Ceaser family" catch up telephone calls. I hope tonight when the sun is setting, Dave is sailing beyond the horizon catching up with old friends. Rest in peace, my friend. He loved his family and was proud of each of you.

Thinking of you and yours,

Cathy Ceaser-Addison - on behalf of the Elmer Ceaser family -

Cathy Ceaser-Addison - July 04, 2022 at 01:15 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



cyndi & Steve Minguy - July 03, 2022 at 08:13 PM

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“ He was Our Davey Boy. Our Georgian Bay advisor. You could ask Dave anything. Once you met him, you immediately liked him, then you loved.....Then you wanted to be just like him! Always happy, always smiling, always there for you if you needed him. The Best friend everto many.. a Great husband, father and grand father. He was just a happy guy. A regular happy guy. I don't believe i have ever met a nicer guy, nor will i ever. Ask anyone who knew him. His loss is shattering us all. His family loved him to the moon and back. Dave O'Leary we grieve you, we will always miss you, and we will always love❤️ You. Till we met again my friend.. May you rest in eternal peace . 🙏

Marilyy (Bunny) Stankiewicz - July 02, 2022 at 03:36 PM