



## David A. Raether

June 11, 1955 - March 24, 2020

David "Dave" Allan Raether, age 64, of Warren, Michigan passed away suddenly on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 in Warren, Michigan.

Dave, born in Detroit on June 11, 1955, was a loving and dedicated family man. His humor and gregarious personality was evident in any room, even if it meant bunny ears in many attempted photographs or comical remarks that typically elicited a smile and jocular refrain of "Oh, Dave" from Mary Elizabeth, wife of 43 years. Dave's three sons, David "Rae", Sean, and Derek will remember a man that wanted the best for his family and worked hard to try and provide it. Be it playing basketball, helping with school, sharing an intellectual conversation with his sons, modeling a strong work ethic or his appreciating of knowledge; Dave wanted to be there for his family. As a grandfather to George, Liam, Luke, Estella, and Coramina; Dave relished the role of playground, clown, and storyteller to his grandchildren. Playtime with grandpa meant everything to them, even breaking the rules of no jumping on the bed or playing ball in the house.

Dave was also a proud employee of Utica Community Schools for thirty years, retiring in 2010, and a talented artist in his own right, working for several years as a professor's assistant at Macomb Community College. He was even commissioned to create Falcon artwork around Henry Ford II High School where he worked for a number of years. Seeing Dave work his magic at a

potter's wheel was truly a sight to behold. Many surviving him likely have pieces of his creativity and these will now serve as cherished memories of a gifted and caring man.

His extended family of in-laws saw him as a brother, a son, a friend. Always a character and willing to help, Dave was embraced by the Lang family as one of their own and he, in turn, accepted and loved all that came into what he called his family.

He leaves this world husband to his beloved wife Mary Elizabeth nee Lang. Loving Father of David "Rae" William Danielle "Dani" Raether, Sean Phillip Raether, and Derek Louis Raether. Proud Grandfather of George, Liam, Luke, Estella, and Coramina. Caring In-law of Mary Annette Lang, Dorothy Lang Moreton, William J. Mirella Lang, Philip Mary Beth Lang, Annette Gerardo Lang Minicilli, Angela Kevin Kelley, and Joseph Carolyn Lang. "Uncle Dad" to Elizabeth and many nieces and nephews. Brother of Debra and Karan. Son to Eleanor Raether and Friend to many of all ages.

Dave joins in peace and loving memory Grandparents Louis and Stella Soldinski, Father-in-law William J. Lang, and Father William A. Raether.

Services to be determined for later date. Please share a memory with his family at: [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dave, where do I start. There are sooooo many things we did when we were young and invincible. trips to Florida, MIS races, Cancun.. and just hanging in the hood in Shelby. You'll be with good co. when you see Kim, Gerard, and Stevey. I Remembered the Neil young song, Long my we run..We used to sing it when it came on the radio, and try to guess the next song in the least amount of notes. Rest in peace old friend, I'll see you on the flip side.

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**John piscitelli** - April 05, 2020 at 10:09 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Dave at both Henry Ford II and Eisenhower High Schools. He helped create an environment in both buildings that allowed students and teachers to excel. His leadership skills were greatly appreciated. A job well done and a life well-lived!

*Bob Van Camp*

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**Robert L VanCamp** - April 01, 2020 at 02:11 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Dave's family. Dave was always the kindest and generous person to work with at Eisenhower High School. He fashioned up a clay trap for the clay sink and it was genius! Things like that would happen regularly without any want for a thank you. The Art Department will miss him!

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**Nancy Druia** - March 31, 2020 at 01:53 PM

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*Enjoyed working with Dave as well at Eisenhower. RIP*

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**Patrick Packan** - April 01, 2020 at 11:07 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He spent a number of years working in the Counseling area at Ford II and I had the opportunity to get to know him then. Dave was always kind and willing to help out with anything he could. Along with his great work ethic, I enjoyed his sense of humor and straight forwardness. My sympathies to his family.

*Kathy Hadfield*

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**Kathy Hadfield** - March 27, 2020 at 12:01 PM