



David Patrick Topolewski

January 11, 1952 - February 25, 2018

David Patrick Topolewski, age 66, a lifelong resident of Royal Oak, passed away February 25, 2018. He was born January 11, 1952 in Detroit.

David was a 1970 graduate of Shrine High School and captain of the track team during his Junior and Senior years. He was a proud U.S. Army veteran who served in the 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper and rigger during the Vietnam Era. He worked as a machinist for his father for more than 30 years at Tiger Tap and Tool. In addition to building model airplanes and cars, David enjoyed fishing, cycling and water skiing. He will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and ability to make everyone laugh.

Beloved son of the late Donald and Patricia Topolewski; loving brother of Deborah (Anthony Nagi) Buckner, Anne Marie (David) Marchioni, Joan (Nicholas) Siavrakas, Margaret (Raymond) Vega and the late Paul (Gabrielle, surviving) Topolewski; and proud uncle of Brian, Erin, Stephanie, Maria, Matthew, Gary and the late Holly.

Memorial visitation Thursday from 6 p.m. until the time of service 8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Memorial contributions to the family are appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“O God, Who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death, grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embraces of Thy love. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen”

So sorry to hear that my cousin Dave has passed from this world. He was 10 years older than me so I didn't know him as well as the cousins closer to my age, but I remember him as a kind and decent man. My heart goes out to his family, who have had to endure the loss of both of their brothers in such a short time. May you be comforted by the many memories of good times spent with your brother and by the fact that David is now free of his pain and with the family's faithfully departed.

Mike Pipp - February 28, 2018 at 10:25 AM

DB

“ My dearest brother & partner in crime, my memories of you: Played the chair drums in your bed late at night, art on your bedroom walls, Paul was your roommate, good singer & dancer including Irish dancing, love of animals especially cats, working cross word puzzles to completion every morning (so smart), teasing & nicknames for all your siblings, loved entertaining kids with Mr. Monkey, loved cars, football, stuffed hot dogs, taco bell, waterskiing, barefooting (wow). How proud you were of your military service, loyal to all your friends. Loved trivia and girls loved you (George Clooney looks). Played ray game with flashlights, getting up at 4am to play hockey at Kimball. Broke nose water skiing (don't tell dad). Frightening me with fire extinguisher late at night while doing laundry, gave me big hug and helping home after cutting knee ice skating, fixed flats on bikes, built tree forts, and many hours talking. Dave you were all this and so much more! Love you and miss you with all my heart. Your sister, Deb (as you you'd say, Deb Skibo). You and brother Paul are now reunited. Brothers forever.

Deb Buckner - February 27, 2018 at 06:34 PM

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Deb Buckner - February 27, 2018 at 05:44 PM

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tony nagi - February 27, 2018 at 04:35 PM

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“ *Dave, Dave, Dave -- Had the best of times with you fishing, going to air shows to see the Blue Angels, car shows, and going to the drag races in Boyne City every summer. Boating on Lake Charlevoix and going to concerts on the waterfront were great. Too many wonderful memories to list them all here. I have and will ALWAYS consider you to be my true brother!!! Love you. Tones Malones.*



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“ *David, you are the first person to teach me how to ride on the back of a motorcycle. I remember watching you waterski on Lake St. Clair from the cottage to the lighthouse. I can only pray that you Dad and Paul are all fishing. I love you and I will miss you. Your youngest sister, Margaret*

Margaret - February 26, 2018 at 03:39 PM

SC

I didn't know that you were a paratrooper-rigger when you were in the military Dave! Had I known that, I woulda taken you skydiving at nearby Perris Valley, CA -- where I go. You woulda been amazed and delighted by the parabolic chutes used to jump now and ya coulda packed your first one!

I will always lovingly remember your enthusiasm, open heart, marvelous sense of humor, and that last wonderful hug we shared years ago when I came to Michigan.

*Sharyn Costello
Auntie...cousin...friend*

Sharyn Costello - March 01, 2018 at 11:35 AM