



Dave Peoples

December 22, 1942 - October 24, 2020

Joseph David Peoples ("Dave"), born December 22, 1942, age 77, passed away on October 24, 2020. Beloved husband of Edie (Weiss). Loving father of Polly (Andy) Shea and Katie (Michael) Regenold. Proud grandfather of Joey and Josh Shea and Evan Regenold. He is also survived by many brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Elsie Peoples, along with his sister Elsie Neely.

Dave was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Lower Merion High School and went on to become a certified welder and mechanic. Dave was always known as the one you could call to help you fix anything. One of the ways that Dave showed love was through service. Being the multi-talented person that he was, he would help anyone with anything at any time. He was a veteran and served as an Army Corpsman in the Vietnam War. He was proud to serve his country and everyone who talked to him about it knew it. Upon returning from the war, he married Edie Weiss of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 15, 1969. In 1970, they moved to Michigan where they raised their family in Royal Oak. Dave worked as a heavy machinery mechanic and maintenance shop manager at Royal Roofing for over 40 years. Dave was always known for his strong work ethic and was still working at the time of his death. Dave was an active member of St. Mary Parish in Royal Oak, where he served as an usher for over 30 years and treasurer of the men's club for many years. He was also a member of the Dad's club and a

chairperson for the Fall Festival. Dave was known at home as the master of the barbeque and was chef to his family during the summers. Dave was a devoted family man and friend to all. He will be profoundly missed.

Due to an abundance of caution and complying with the recommended restrictions for Covid-19, a private service will take place at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak. Dave will be laid to rest in Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. A memorial service will be held at a later date for extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Vincent de Paul Conference #730 in care of St. Mary Parish, 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Tribute Wall

WP

“ A long time has passed, but I believe Dave and I were good friends in Narberth when we were teens. Of course lost touch over the years. Now I know both Dave and I served in Vietnam,. Sorry to learn he has passed.

Bill Powell, pbpowell32@gmail.com/ 302 542 2221

William W Powell - July 31, 2021 at 07:19 PM

LD

“ Amazing to see how many memories and posts are here. Speaks volumes about the kind of man Mr. Peoples was. I will always remember him as Mr. Peoples. I don't know him as well as I would have liked. He was always Polly's dad to me. But I remember on one of the Dream Cruise parties, I did not walk around with the group like I did all the other years. So I stayed at their house. I remember Mr. Peoples coming up to me and asking if everything was ok. He was concerned and wanted to make sure I was ok. I told him that I was not feeling well and he was offering me everything possible to make me feel better. I finally told him that I was pregnant with my 3rd child and told him that nobody else knew except my husband. His reaction was priceless as if he was my dad. He was very paternal to everyone. He is ready to comfort you when you need it and celebrate with you in good times. He was a wonderful man.

Lourdes Dempsey - November 09, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *It’s hard to try to sum up thoughts and feelings about someone who means so much to me. First off, I always looked forward to seeing Dave. I knew he would make me feel good. He was the best brother-in-law a guy could ever hope for. I liked him immediately when I met him all those years ago. And when he and Edie asked me to be his Best Man at their wedding I was honored and thrilled because I felt that this was a man who would stand by my sister and care for her in the long run. My impression of him proved true, and so much more, as he lived on to enrich her life and the lives of all who came to know him with his infectious good natured spirit, witty humor, and unwavering devotion to his family and friends. He was a good man. Honest, dependable, strong, smart, helpful, wise, loving, joyful and kind. What more can anyone aspire to be? I will miss him, but not in a sad way. Dave always made me smile...and the thought of him still does. I love you Dave. Thank you for making our world a better place.*

Kevin Weiss

Kevin Weiss - November 03, 2020 at 03:21 PM

WE

“ I think Dave was like Will Rogers in that he never met a person he didn't like! His wry humor was as entertaining to him as it was to everyone around him. I (like everyone) felt genuinely welcome in his home.

He was a man of substance not frills. My personal favorite story is when during Katie & Michael's wedding reception it was time for the father and bride to dance, but Dave was nowhere to be found. He'd run home to feed the doggies for fear they'd be hungry! And I'll never forget the times he and Kevin would fight over who would pay the restaurant tab. It would easily go 10 rounds before Kevin would concede and Dave would triumph once again!

The love we all had for Dave and the many stories we all share, will keep Dave with us now and always.



wendy - November 03, 2020 at 03:03 PM

CH

“ Having known Dave and family for over 30 years has been a real pleasure. We have shared many good times. Dave was a kind, thoughtful, generous and funny man. As the years went on we shared many good times at St Mary festivals, pancake breakfasts, Arts, Beats and Eats booths. He was always the guy selling the "winning" raffle ticket for every event. We also had many good conversations after hours at the law office. My thoughts, prayers and love go to Edie and the entire Peoples family. So glad I got a chance to see you before I left town, just sorry it was under such sad conditions and that I couldn't do more for you all. All my love, Caron

Caron Hall - November 03, 2020 at 02:19 PM

CZ

“ David was a good friend, and so kind, caring, thoughtful, and helpful. I was blessed to have met him decades ago at RO St Mary church, along with his sweet wife Edie, and his wonderful daughters Polly and Katie. Dave’s life was enriched by his son-in-law’s Andy and Michael, and his cherished Grandboys, Joey, Josh, and Evan. I enjoyed Dave’s constant teasing, and his good cheer, and I know how active and helpful he was both at RO St Mary Church, and Shrine’s Dad’s Club. Dave was a good man! He will be missed! Dave blessed my life with his friendship. My sincerest sympathy, healing hugs, prayers, and love to his family. Peace be with you
Dave xoxoxoCathy

Catherine Naas Zimmerman - November 02, 2020 at 09:53 PM

PS

“ Uncle Dave was a wonderful, kind man. He was such a teaser and had a great laugh. I have some great memories of the two times he and Aunt Edie took me to Disney World. And I didn’t know it was him at the time, but he mesmerized me as Santa - I couldn’t believe I was watching Santa delivering toys under my tree! You will be so missed, Uncle Dave. All my love to Aunt Edie, Polly and Katie at this difficult time.

Peggy Stevenson - November 02, 2020 at 07:03 PM

EW

“ Dave was everything we could want in a brother-in-law and we loved him from the first times we met so many years ago. He had such a warm heart and a ready laugh. He was always ready to offer a helping hand regardless of what assistance was needed. Once upon a time, he played Santa for some of our children. In the wee hours of Christmas morning, after we, with Edie's and Dave's help, put out, or assembled, all Santa's presents and we adults were very tired, Dave got into his Santa suit and filled up his pack with some of the toys that would be found under the tree. Then we woke the children and let them peek over the banister to watch Santa, by just the light of the Christmas tree, pull gifts out of his pack, ho ho ho-ing the whole time. It was pure magic!

The kids wanted to hurry back to bed before Santa caught them. But they were absolutely certain they could hear the reindeer on the roof. Then Santa and his sleigh flew away. An uncle who creates that kind of memory for his nieces is one in a million! What a wonderful man he was. We will miss Dave always and are grateful he was part of our family. Love you, Dave!

Eddie and Peggy Weiss

Eddie & Peggy Weiss - November 02, 2020 at 05:26 PM

SG

“ Uncle Dave was the best! He convinced me that Santa was real, and he and Aunt Edie were the first to take me, and then many years later my kid, to Disney World! Such special memories. Such a wonderful man. Love you Uncle Dave!

Sheri Gaukler - November 02, 2020 at 01:56 PM

EW

“ Rest in peace dear Dave. Your quick smile, that sideways glance, the quick hug as you passed by & your laugh will be there forever. Our family was so fortunate when you 'joined the gang'. You are missed. You are loved deeply, as you loved all of us.

Eileen Weiss - November 02, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ Dave was such a great man. He had such integrity and strength of character, and I don't think he ever had a bad thought or a bad word for anybody. I have so many great memories of working on projects with him... the aluminum siding...the pool... he always helped me maintain my raggedy crummy cars that I bought, and we had alot of laughs doing it. He was always glad to help anyone who asked. All of our lives were enriched by knowing Dave. He will be truly missed. My love and prayers to Edie, Polly and Katie.

Jeff Burns - November 02, 2020 at 01:49 PM

CM

“ Dave was a thoughtful caring man, always ready to lend a helping hand. He had a great sense of humor, and a sparkle in his eye when with every joke, he told or heard. His devotion and love for his family was generous and warm. He will truly be missed by all who have been fortunate enough to have been blessed with having had him in their lives.

Rest In Peace dear brother-in-law. You will always be loved and missed. 💕💕 Carol

Carolyn Matthews - November 02, 2020 at 01:13 PM

CM

“ *Mr. Peoples will always be remembered by my family. He has welcomed us to Mass every week for many, many years. I know he will be missed by many, but may he send a message of love and service for Christ , as he showed to our community My prayer of comfort will be shared for his lovely family. God Bless*

carolyn marsh - November 02, 2020 at 11:42 AM

QC

“ *I enjoyed working with Dave in the St. Mary Men’s Club, organizing chili cookoffs, serving pancake breakfasts, among other activities. I am sorry to hear of his passing. Chuck Quinn*

Quinn Charles - November 01, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. We will miss his cheerful greetings at St. Mary’s. With deepest sympathy, Julie & Doug Semivan*

Julie Semivan - November 01, 2020 at 03:40 PM

EB

“ *My Uncle Dave was one of the best people I've people I've known. Loving, caring, giving. Our wonderful family was even better for having Dave come into it.*



Eddie Burns - October 30, 2020 at 06:50 PM

SR

“*Dave was a real friend at our community parish of St Marys RO. Our family, (including our youngsters) would look forward to seeing him in church sometimes sharing a quick joke in passing or encouraging words. He was my first friend coming to RO; always true and kind. We are going to miss his presence. what a wonderful person who dedicated his life to family God and service.*

Stephanie Robinson - October 30, 2020 at 03:20 PM