



David G. White

March 5, 1939 - December 20, 2009

White, David G., Age 70, beloved father, son, brother, and friend passed away suddenly on December 20, 2009. Born March 5th 1939 in Grosse Pointe Farms , Dave was a 49 year resident of St. Clair Shores . Dave was the owner of Dave White Video Services and a retired manager for Chatham Grocery Stores. He was an active member of WEVA and MIVA video associations, a support staff member of the Wertz Warriors beginning in 1982, and spent a lifetime being a faithful fan of the Detroit Red Wings. Through his creative use of a camera, Dave touched many lives, but his greatest achievement and joy was being a father. No words can describe the loss felt by his children of their hero. He was a good man, a great friend, and a fantastic dad. Dave is survived by his eight children, David J. (Renee), Gregory (Darlene), Jeffrey (Mary), Dr. Kimberly (Michael) St. Marie, Steven (Cherie), Kathleen White, Keri (Kelley) Van Buskirk, and Ryan (Marisa), 11 grand children and mother Mary Ellen. He is predeceased by his father Garvie and siblings, Carolyn and Joseph.

Instate Monday Dec. 28, 2009 10:00 AM with funeral services at 10:30 at the Arthur J. Van Lerberghe Funeral Home 30600 Harper, St. Clair Shores , Pastor Joe Wenturine officiating. Visitation will be on Sunday Dec. 27, 2009 from 2 to 8 PM. Donations maybe sent in Dave's name to the Wertz Warriors at PO Box 1132 Mt. Clemens , MI 48046 or the National Autism Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Arthur J. Van Lerberghe Funeral Home
30600 Harper
St. Clair Shores, MI

Service

DEC **28**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Arthur J. VanLerberghe Funeral Home
30600 Harper Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dad. I miss you everyday. You are my guiding light. You taught us all to get up, dress up and show up. It has been really hard not being able to see and touch you but I know that you are watching over all of us and guiding us to make the right decisions. I will always love you for everything that you have done and even for what you didn't do. You gave us all the best you had and more than anything you gave us the love that we all need. Until we meet again please know that we will do the best we can and make you proud. All my love always. Your son.##imported-begin##Gregory White##imported-end##*

January 23, 2010 at 02:59 PM



“ *I want to extend my sincere condolences to all of Dave's family and friends. In times like this it is very difficult to find the right words to say. However, God's word the Holy Bible tells us at Isaiah 26:19 "your dead ones will live.....they will rise up" Yes we will be reunited with our dear loved ones again. What a happy time that will be. Our Loving Heavenly Father Jehovah, has promised that by means of his beloved son Christ Jesus there will be a resurrection of all our dear loved ones who have fallen asleep in death. They will be resurrected on a paradise earth in peace and happiness in the very near future. Please read(John 5:28,29-Psalms 37:11,29,34) May this precious promise that awaits us provide you with a measure of comfort at this sad time. Take care##imported-begin##Gigi Pardee##imported-end##*

December 29, 2009 at 04:06 PM



“ We were neighbors of the White family in East Detroit when Dave, Joe, and Carolyn were growing up. We lived on the same street, went through East Detroit Schools and attended the same (East Detroit Church of the Nazarene). They were all fine people, and I am sure Dave was a wonderful father like his Dad Garvie was. My God bless continue to bless Dave's wife, their children, and their families.##imported-begin##Jim Sears##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 03:31 PM



“ Both Ruth and I were sadden to hear of Dave's passing. We both attended East Detroit High and graduated in 57 with Dave. I had the pleasure of working with Dave at Krogers in 1966 and 1967. He was a great store manager. My sister, Mary Frogge, also worked for Dave at Chathams and had nothing buth good things to say about Dave. Sadly, she also passed away last year. After leaving Krogers, I went on to be a Michigan State Trooper with Dave's blessing. I remember Dave as a gentle kind person with a heart of gold. We will always have fond memories of Dave. May GOD bless him and his family and offer understanding and comfort in thier time of sorrow.

David (frogge)Martin

Ruth (shepherd)Martin##imported-begin##David & Ruth Martin##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 12:49 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family on their loss.##imported-begin##Michael Haisenleder##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 12:14 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Dave's sudden passing. I'll always remember his great smile and how proud he was of his eight kids.##imported-begin##Bobbie Gregory##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 11:32 AM



“ It is with heavy hearts that we write this email entry. Dave, "Papa White", was a great man and left an indelible impression on our hearts and lives. He was a very fair, honest, hard working man. He was a gentle giant with a huge heart and a soft spot for his grandchildren. Scarlett will miss him and loved him very much. We wish we could be there to pay our respects at the funeral today. Please know we are praying for all that knew him; especially Scarlett's aunts, uncles, and father.

God Bless.

Love and deep sympathy -

Raina and Scarlett##imported-begin##Raina Bartholomew & Scarlett White ##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 07:46 AM



“ Because of the March Get Together in the Quad Cities for videographers I got to know Dave and the Michigan group in the last few years. He was a generous man in many ways. I was privileged to have several conversations with Dave in the last couple of months on the net. Still stunned here. We will all miss him. Dale Bishop, Litchfield, IL##imported-begin##Dale Bishop##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 12:40 AM



“ *Mr. White, wishing you the Good Lord's eternal peace, and His blessings of peace and comfort for all your loved ones.##imported-begin##Jim Golembiewski##imported-end##*

December 28, 2009 at 12:11 AM



“ *Dave loved his children and never missed a game of their's if at all possible. He would juggle his schedule to be there. He loved hockey and the Red Wings, but his boys playing the game was his real love. He was so proud of all of his kids and they were his life. He will be missed by lots, because he never went anywhere that he didn't meet someone he knew. Between hockey and weddings, he knew a lot of people. See you when we meet again. Karen##imported-begin##Karen Houtekier##imported-end##*

December 27, 2009 at 09:59 PM



“ *Mrs. White..I am not sure you remember me, I was a friend of Carolyn's and lived across the street. My dad was the produce vendor. I am so sorry to hear of your son's death. My heart weeps for you, as I know you have layed to rest your beloved husband and all of your children. We will keep you in are prayers in this great time of need. My religion tells me that God never gives you more than you can handle, but at times I have wished he would not trust me so much. Be blessed.
Marianne (Migliore) Thompson##imported-begin##Marianne Thompson##imported-end##*

December 27, 2009 at 11:10 AM



“*Dave taught me more than just videography, he taught me about life. I am honored that I worked beside him for 14 years. He was more than just "my boss" he was most of all my mentor and best-friend. Working for him made me become a better person, and most of all prepared me for life & a family. He was the most generous & giving man, I've ever known. I hope to take the knowledge he has given me, and continue to do video right where Dave left off. Dave will be forever missed in our hearts, and it was a true honor to work with a legend.*

*Love,
Peter Finazzo & Family*

P.S. Thank you for the Wedding Video memories##imported-begin##Peter Finazzo##imported-end##

December 26, 2009 at 12:33 PM



“ I worked with Dave at Chatham #12 beginning in 1977. I went to Lakeshore with his older sons and remember the love they all had for hockey.

My husband (who also worked at #12) and I started dating in 1979 and Dave was instrumental in letting us get to know one another by scheduling our shifts together. He always told us we were his "2 best baggers". He also told us don't blame him if it doesn't work out. He was proud of the fact that we celebrated our 25 Anniversary last year. He was happy to take the credit that everything did work out. I've had the pleasure of seeing Dave over the years, as I was wedding coordinator at our church. We continued to touch base when we would see Dave at De La Salle football games. As always he was with his video camera.

He was always kind and gracious and would always ask how my parents were. He would say they were "his best customers st Chatham".

Larry's memories of Dave were going over to his house to watch "Hockey Night In Canada" on Wednesdays. He also remembers Dave filming a Chatham sidewalk sale and the employees around the store. We'll always have wonderful memories of "D.W." as we called him. We know that the loss is great, but so was Dave. Our prayers are with his family. We hope that you'll be able to embrace all these cherished memories of your Dad, just as we will.

Peace.##imported-begin##Jeanne (Houlihan) and Larry Wineski##imported-end##

December 26, 2009 at 11:23 AM



“ I remember meeting Dave when he came on board with us for the Vic Wertz Warriors Snowmobile event in 1982. I worked for Vic and recall Vic's mention of Dave's excellent Video work and devotion for the event. I am sorry for the family's sudden loss, it always hurts. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers,
Frank Frisk.##imported-begin##Frank Frisk (aka) Freighter
Frank##imported-end##

December 25, 2009 at 06:49 PM



“ Dave was my first Manager at Chatham's - we hit it off right away. He also worked with my brother-in-law Marty Rini who also passed. I so enjoyed your jokes and laughter. that was in 1971 and 1972. Than we re connected when my daughter got married in 1996. I know how much you loved your children. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Jackie Jagels##imported-end##

December 25, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ I have had the unique opportunity to work with Dave, for Dave and have him work for me. One thing I noticed, was that he was always genuine. He would strive to do the best he could while being unobtrusive to his clients.

Dave, you are missed not only by me and my family, but by the many other lives you touched during your time on Earth.

God Bless You.##imported-begin##David Klein##imported-end##

December 25, 2009 at 11:01 AM



“ Know Dave's passing has touched all of us in the wedding industry. He will be missed##imported-begin##mary ann ross##imported-end##

December 24, 2009 at 09:05 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Bryan and Janice##imported-begin##Janice##imported-end##

December 24, 2009 at 02:03 PM



“ Very sad to hear that Dave has passed. I've had the pleasure of working with him on many occasions, and he always was the consummate professional; always had a funny story to tell. The last time we spoke, I remember him talking about how he was looking forward to spending more time with his family. He obviously treasured them. From one veteran "wedding warrior" to another: Dave, you will be missed.##imported-begin##Stu Chisholm##imported-end##

December 24, 2009 at 06:31 AM



“ I worked with Dave At Chatham #2 and have been emailing back and forth since last years reunion at the park. He took me to a Wings game last Dec 10 2009 (the night we all got a commemorative ring) and has been emailing ever since. Shared the bourbon ball cookies last Christmas and had several lunch meetings. He was good guy and cared about his children and his work with the Wertz Warriors; he gave me the book that showed all about his passion for the work this guys do every year. We'll all miss him; GO WINGS!!
The year of the game was in 2008;##imported-begin##Lois Zukowski##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 09:08 PM



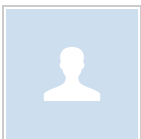
“ So long friend, I'll miss you.##imported-begin##Gilbert J. Richard##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 07:15 PM



“ May God be with you and hold you in his arms. And May God give strength and Love to your family.##imported-begin##Jack Wolak##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 06:19 PM



“ Our family and friends will miss Dave as he has always been a true friend. We wish the family help in healing through the many cherished memories.

Paul, Jeanette, Dick, Eric Swensen.
Mary Rice.##imported-begin##Paul Swensen##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 05:16 PM



“ I am glad to have known Dave. He was blessed to have so many children.##imported-begin##Patrick Morrow##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 04:31 PM



“ You were a good guy Dave and will be missed by many I'm sure.

Bob##imported-begin##Bob Schluckbier##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 04:11 PM



“ I met Dave at the WEVA Conventions. Very nice down to earth guy...so sorry for your lost.

Kind Regards,
Ernie Ver Hage##imported-begin##Ernie VerHage##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 03:23 PM



“ I worked with Dave at Chatham Supermarkets. I always was very fond of Dave and enjoyed working with him. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Al Walgenbach##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 03:11 PM



“ Dave was always a pleasure to be near. I met Dave over ten years ago through the local video association. His kindness towards others was obvious. My sincere sympathy on the loss of a great man by his family.

Dennis Marentette

Windsor, Ontario##imported-begin##Dennis Marentette##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 03:04 PM



“ Although Dave was not a very close friend of mine, I still remember him from the meetings I attended. He was a nice, jovial, and happy go lucky guy! I know there are lots of his friends and family who will miss him dearly! Our condolences go out to his family. There is not much else I can say except his Soul is in a better place today! Ken and Mimi Pritz##imported-begin##Kenneth and Mimi Pritz##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 03:01 PM



“ We send are Condolences. In all the times I've talked with Dave, he was a very nice man.

David.##imported-begin##David Rhodes Video Productions##imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 02:53 PM



“ *Sinatra said it all in his song. "My Way"*

I am sorry I missed the reunions, by hopefully we will meet again someday.

Harold Weisberg###imported-begin##Harold Weisberg###imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 02:07 PM



“ *Dave was more than my friend for over 37+ years... (1972-2009)*

Dave became my 2nd Dad. He took me to every video convention across America and any time he called me with "Joe, what are you doing on (any date)..." my reply was always... "I'll be there !"
Dave gave me the honor of being his (unofficial) 9th child and I had the pleasure of an extended family of 5 more brothers and 3 more sisters.

From our many years working together at Chatham Super Markets and all the video events we had shot/edited together... Dave will be more than missed by his Unofficial 9th child...

With deepest love and respect,

Joe Connell###imported-begin##Joe Connell###imported-end##

December 23, 2009 at 12:31 PM



“ Being a friend of Dave’s through East Detroit High School meant we went to lunch together to White Castle, and with Stan Grouse, Ron Weinert, Bill Large, and Chuck Garber we worked on cars together, went to the races together, and hung around at Campbell’s Gulf Station and the dry cleaners at Gratiot and Bell. Many impromptu drag races were run between stops at the A&W in East Detroit and the A&W in Roseville. We built Dave a Hot Rod Hudson with an Olds V-8 engine in my Dad’s Garage, and then on to Dave buying a new 300 HP Ford when he Graduated. We had more fun than the law would allow, but with luck and craftiness we managed to stay out of serious trouble. We lived the movie “American Graffiti” only more, much more than I can tell here. Those were the days my friend, those were the days. But on that fateful day when the trumpet sounds, we will all meet again, and I will find Dave easy with Dave’s red hair standing ½ a head taller than the crowd. Godspeed my friend.##imported-begin##Dave Lyall##imported-end##

December 22, 2009 at 11:18 AM