



David M. Wright

September 21, 1948 - May 6, 2020

David M. Wright passed away at home Wednesday, May 6, 2020. David was born in Stoughton, WI on September 21, 1948, to Edmund and June (Joitel) Wright. His family lived in several Wisconsin towns before settling in Rosendale in 1960. He attended Rosendale High School where he was known by his friends as Wilbur. He was Most Valuable Player in Football his senior year and salutatorian of his 1966 graduating class. He attended UW-Oshkosh and then transferred to UW-Madison to earn his B.S. in Industrial Engineering.

David married his wife Carol Shafer June 21, 1969, at Peace Lutheran Church in Rosendale. They moved to San Mateo, California in 1970 for his first engineering job. They later returned to Wisconsin, living in Jefferson, Lake Mills, Glendale and Janesville. While in Glendale, David earned his MBA from UW-Milwaukee. David was an independent go-getter, which led him back to the Fond du Lac area in 1977 to establish Wright Energy Systems. As the company grew and diversified the name was changed to Wrightway, Inc. where he and Carol worked together until their retirement in 2007.

Although David worked hard, he felt it was important to contribute to the community. He made time to help coach his boys in basketball, football and soccer. In 1996, he was instrumental in establishing the Fond du Lac BMX Track where his sons, Mike and Matt participated. In 2002, he was instrumental in developing the Rosendale Veterans Memorial out of respect for the service of his father and all area veterans.

He also enjoyed physical activity. He was a regular at the Y, playing "noon ball" for many years and exercising as his body allowed in recent years. David and Carol enjoyed many trips and have been wintering in Florida since retiring.

David is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol, three sons Andy, Mike and Matt (Holly) Wright along with three grandchildren Olive, Leaf and Hattie Wright all of Fond du Lac. He is also survived by brothers Greg (Mary Ellen) Wright of Delavan, Steve (Beth) Wright of Texas, and Kevin (Laurel) Wright of Columbus, Ohio. He is also survived by sisters Julie (Brett) Poquette and Janel (Paul) Rumbuc of Oshkosh, sister-in-law Joan Wright and brother-in-law John Macho of Oshkosh, and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Edmund and June Wright, sister Sonja Macho and brother Thomas Wright, niece Lisa Weaver and his in-laws: Bill and Barb Shafer.

The joy of Dave's life was his three grandchildren. Olive is always busy creating something from nothing and Leaf loves to fish from grandpa's pier. He was especially happy when little Hattie visited, called him Papa and always gave him a big hug and kiss.

My partner, our dad, our grandpa and papa - you will be missed by us all. We pray you're in the arms of Jesus and suffer no more.

Private family services with inurnment will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Rosendale Cemetery, with Chaplain Karen Kraus officiating.

A memorial in David's name is being established.

Cemetery Details

Rosendale Cemetery

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ Dave was my team mate on the Rosendale High School basketball team and we enjoyed keeping each other company as we warmed the bench. Many good memories of the storied we shared. Thoughts and prayers to the entire Wright family.



Jim Zahn - May 10, 2020 at 08:20 AM

BH

“ Carol and Family. You have my deepest sympathy. My prayers are with you in this time of need. Barb (O'Neil) Harrington.

Barb Harrington - May 10, 2020 at 12:06 AM

DW

“ I am saddened to learn of Dave's passing. It was an honor to work for him at Wright Energy Systems / Wrightway Inc. for more than 25 years.He showed everyone how it was done.His formula for estimating seamless siding is still being used. My deepest sympathy to his family.
David J Witt (Witter)



David Witt - May 07, 2020 at 09:41 PM

CS

“ My very deepest sympathies to Matt and Holly... and all of the Wright family and friends.



Cathy Steffes - May 07, 2020 at 08:51 PM

KC

“ Dave and Carol enjoyed golfing so I took them to Ridgeway CC a number of years ago. I will never forget it because we had a great time and I got my only hole in one. Dave was a wonderful man with a great sense of humor.

Kurt Caramanidis - May 07, 2020 at 08:47 PM

LW

“ Linda Weimer lit a candle in memory of David M. Wright



Linda Weimer - May 07, 2020 at 08:42 PM

PN

“ I am so happy to have received two phone calls from David within the last month. He caught me up on his family and what his boys and their families were doing. He spoke with such love of his grandkids as well as his boys. He joked about how impossible it was for his family to stay away for the two weeks distancing when he and Carol returned from Florida just before Easter. David and I were able to reminisce about our earlier years with family memories. Aunt Toodles and I were looking forward to getting together this summer when "the pandemic" allowed family togetherness once again. I will always treasure these talks with my cousin Dave. Our sympathy goes out to Carol and their boys and families, as well as to Greg, Steve, Kevin, Janel, and Julie and Joan and John and their families. Prayers and love to all the Wright family for David's sudden passing.

Pam and Peter Newcomb - May 07, 2020 at 07:24 PM

PM

“ *Pat Miller lit a candle in memory of David M. Wright*



Pat Miller - May 07, 2020 at 05:14 PM

DB

“ *So sad to hear of David's passing. Memories from when we were kids and family camping trips together. We did have some great times. Sympathies and love. Denise (Wright) Berg*



Denise (Wright) Berg - May 07, 2020 at 02:26 PM