



David Hall

David's service will be live streamed and can be viewed here (<https://fumcholland.online.church/>)

David Hall, age 80 of Holland, passed away at the end of May 2025, leaving this life for the joy of paradise, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Memphis, TN, in 1944 to parents Wendell and Mary—his mother famously said he didn't weigh more than a “good-sized roast”. David came into the world while his father was serving aboard a naval ship in the Pacific during World War II.

David spent his early years moving across several states, including Maine, Georgia, Indiana, and Illinois, following his father's career in sales. The family eventually settled in Danville, Illinois, where he would graduate from high school. His childhood summers were spent in East Lynn, a small farming town where both sets of his grandparents lived, and he developed a deep appreciation for family, simplicity, and the rhythm of rural life.

A bright and inquisitive child, David once wrote a letter that the “Ask Andy” newspaper column published about the natural habitat of iguanas—a testament to his early curiosity. He was a voracious reader for the rest of his life. He was never without a stack of books nearby and often read more than

one at a time, each one offering a new adventure, idea, or insight that he was eager to explore.

David spent his early teen years in the south during the 1950s and '60s, bearing witness to racial injustice and the changes that came with the end of segregation. Ever curious and a bit of a rule-breaker in the best way, David would sneak a radio into bed at night and tune into a “forbidden” station broadcasting out of Atlanta. There, under the covers, he fell in love with the sounds of Elvis Presley and Motown—a soundtrack that would stay with him for life and reflect his deep appreciation for soul, rhythm, and the voices of justice and change.

David earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas at Austin (Hook 'em Horns!). He began his legal career with Roper, Meyers & Knoll in Holland, later serving as an Assistant Prosecutor for Ottawa County for five years. Following that, he formed a legal firm with Richard Black and Don Nicewander before ultimately establishing his own private practice in Holland, where he continued to serve the community until his retirement.

A dedicated member of both the Ottawa County Bar Association and the Michigan Bar Association, he completed 50 years as a practicing attorney, saying that he loved the last day as much as the first day.

David and his wife, Lynne, have been members of First United Methodist Church in Holland for 35 years. During that time, he participated in several Bible study groups and was actively involved in the life of the church.

He is remembered with great love by his wife of 45 years, Lynne, his daughters Katie Hall and Chelsea Scott (wife Lexi Scott) and granddaughter Sunday (“Sunny”) Scott.

His legacy lives on through his beloved sister, Donna Slocum and her husband, Doug, as well as his cherished family: Paul and Stephanie Slocum, Sarah and Dan Freeman, Daniel Slocum, Laura and Mike Smith, Bill and Holli Castetter, Rachael and Nathan Thompson, Nick and Olivia Castetter and Doug and Hailey Castetter.

Despite facing ongoing health challenges, David met each one with resilience and an optimistic attitude. David was the kind of person people couldn't help but love—so much so that he received two kidney transplants, both generously given by living donors. Their selfless gifts added 20 more years to his life, a powerful testament to the impact he had on those around him. David continued to embrace life fully, finding joy in the things he loved most. He was passionate about Thanksgiving, cheering on Texas Longhorn football, and helping others—especially through his work as a lawyer. A lifelong music lover, he enjoyed everything from rock 'n' roll to bluegrass. He never turned down the chance to enjoy a good meal. He had a deep love for reading, particularly mysteries, and found peace casting a fishing line or attending outdoor concerts.

One of his greatest joys was spending time at Crystal Lake, a cherished family tradition for over 50 years. Most of all, he treasured time with family—especially delighting in his beloved granddaughter, Sunny, the apple of his eye. David instilled in his daughters a deep respect for all people, regardless of their station in life—a lesson he modeled every day. David believed that even the most sacred moments could be lightened with humor. He was always ready with a laugh, often throwing his head back in joy. Those who knew him knew he'd lovingly poke fun at anyone—including himself.

With his humble, fair, and kind disposition, David easily established trust with the hundreds of clients he served throughout his legal career. He approached

the world—and the people in it—with wonder, curiosity, and joy, seeing life as a series of miracles.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 pm Friday, July 11, 2025, at First United Methodist Church, 57 West 10th Street, Holland with visitation and light refreshments following the service.

For those who wish to honor David's memory, contributions may be made in his name to the following organizations:

First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund (<https://fumcholland.churchcenter.com/giving>)

Trinity Health (<https://www.trinityhealthmichigan.org/foundation-and-giving/saint-marys-foundation>) (St. Mary's) Designation: Kidney Transplant

Herrick Public Library (<https://herrickdl.org/>) (North Branch)

Mary Free Bed Foundation (<https://www.maryfreebed.com/foundation/>)

We also encourage you to consider becoming an organ donor. You can register here (<https://giftoflifemichigan.org/>) (living donor) or here (<https://giftoflifemichigan.org/>) (posthumous donation). www.langelandsterenberg.com

Tribute Wall



“ Doug and Hailey Castetter purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David Hall.



Doug and Hailey Castetter - July 10, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ Doug and Hailey Castetter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Hall.

Doug and Hailey Castetter - July 10, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Hall.



July 09, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Hall.



July 08, 2025 at 09:39 AM

SH

“ *Lynne, Katie, and Chelsea*

We were so saddened to read of Dave's passing and extend our deepest sympathy to you and your extended family. We have many memories of Dave and the three of you at FUMC, when our families spent time together during services and various church activities. We also remember how fond Ashley was of Dave. We regret we will be out of town on the day of his celebration of life, but please know we will be with you in spirit.

*Love,
Warren & Sue*

Sue A Harding - June 26, 2025 at 04:50 PM



We so appreciate your kind words and prayers.

Chelsea Scott - July 07, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Hall.*



June 20, 2025 at 09:35 PM

PS

“ I met Dave in the early 80s when I began practicing law in Ottawa County. We had similar areas of practice and our paths regularly crossed at the various county courthouses. He was a model of professionalism and integrity. And, he was also generous in listening to a younger attorney trying to "break" into the local ranks of attorneys in a highly competitive market. But most of all, he was a genuinely nice person. He left a positive mark on our county bar, and will be remembered. As Don Hann noted, his picture is hanging in the Holland conference room of the Ottawa County Public Defender Office, together with a plaque for the "Hann Knoll Hall" Conference Room, to commemorate the leaders in establishing the public defender system of Ottawa County.

Philip Sielski
Ottawa County Public Defender

Philip Sielski - June 18, 2025 at 07:20 AM



Thank you for sharing, Philip.

Chelsea Scott - June 19, 2025 at 11:28 AM

DS

“ *Lynne and family: Dave was one of three young lawyers who hired me at their law firm in Jenison back in 1983. I am still working as a paralegal at the same successor law firm to this day! I vividly remember Dave's laugh, and I'm sure he will be missed! - Dawn Sneden*

Dawn Sneden - June 16, 2025 at 08:33 AM



We appreciate you taking the time to share how Dave impacted your life. Thank you, Dawn.

Chelsea Scott - June 19, 2025 at 11:29 AM

DH

“ *I hatred Dave when he came to Holland. He was an excellent attorney and friend. He is honored by the Public Defenders office by having his name and picture on the Conference room. The thing I most enjoyed was his humor and integrity. Don Hann*

Donald Hann - June 11, 2025 at 09:12 PM



Thank you for taking the time to share, Don.

Chelsea Scott - June 19, 2025 at 11:30 AM

PS

“ *Philip D SCHOLTEN lit a candle in memory of David Hall*



Philip D SCHOLTEN - June 10, 2025 at 07:38 PM

GD

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Graham Duryee - June 07, 2025 at 10:43 AM

OC

“ I have spent the last 11 years hearing so many amusing, kind, inspirational stories about Dave from his nephew (my husband), Nick. Reading the above tribute that really masterfully skimmed the surface of a beautiful, well-lived life that will continue in a legacy by his loved ones succinctly showed me all the ways in which his influence shaped my family today. Dave's childhood fascination with iguanas? Nick and our son are obsessed with reptiles; we told our son to research the reptile he wanted, everything it needs, and we'd get him one, which we did for his eighth birthday (a bearded dragon). Dave's awareness of the injustice and advocacy for racial equity and equality? As a historian myself, I can only imagine Dave smiles on Nick when I start talking about my trip to follow the Freedom Riders' busses later this year and Nick asks if he can tag along, eager to see the nation and learn its history. Dave's love of music? If you've met Nick, we can know where his similar passion came from! Law, logic, philosophy, justice? All topics we discuss with our kids at dinnertime and when we discuss local current events, Nick explaining huge things in easy pieces for young minds not only to comprehend, but to understand why such things matter to all of us, like he learned the skill from the best of all.

Uncle Dave's spirit will live on in the way Nick raises our kids, having big conversations and exceptionally goofy ones alike by the waters of shining lakes.

His was a life well-lived, as far as I can see. Those he knew, knew they were well-loved once upon a time by a man with a mission: to be partly-Dave...and completely irreplaceable.

Olivia Castetter - June 05, 2025 at 07:59 AM



Thank you, Olivia. It's beautiful to be reminded of the ripple effect his life had.

Chelsea Scott - June 05, 2025 at 11:46 AM

LA

Very sweet, Olivia. Sad that you never met each other.

Laura - June 08, 2025 at 03:17 AM

OC

It really is. We had a trip planned to go up later this summer, too.

Olivia Castetter - June 08, 2025 at 05:24 PM

LS

“ *I have over 45 years of happy memories as Dave's sister-in-law. Sitting on the deck at Woodsmere at Crystal Lake, drinking imported beer and eating smoked chubs, onion and Limburger cheese with him and Wendell. Spending Christmases together, watching A Christmas Carol, John Lennon "readings" and all of us laughing into tears. We'll all miss you Dave, your smile, your laugh, your kindness. Love from Laura and Mike*

Laura Smith - June 04, 2025 at 01:53 AM



Thank you for sharing. I think him and Gran (Rita?) are sitting around the table chatting:)

Chelsea Scott - June 05, 2025 at 11:47 AM

LA

Totally, and pursuing trivia with Jack Daniels or Jim Beam.

Laura - June 08, 2025 at 03:19 AM

MM

Dave was more than a trusted colleague. He was a friend and as good a source for book referrals as the NYT Sunday book section. If Dave raved about a book, it was worth reading.

Professionally, he was the best of us. He was always prepared and insightful but never lost his perspective or his professionalism. He never made disputes personal.

i also got to know him as the best girl dad He was so proud of his girls and was open in sharing his adventures with them.

The profession lost a pillar and a beacon when he retired. It has not been the same without him at the courthouse.

Rest in peace, my friend

Mary M Mims - July 11, 2025 at 09:49 AM