



## David J. Mulligan

January 24, 1953 - July 27, 2024

David J. Mulligan, age 71, of Holland, died of complications of non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myelodysplastic syndrome on Saturday, July 27, 2024. He was born in Hastings, Michigan and raised in Middleville, Michigan.

He was the son of John Charles Mulligan and Rita Mary (Schneider) Mulligan. Being born of these virtuous parents, whom he loved and revered, and the example of goodness they provided, was a pivotal gift from God.

David acknowledges with loving gratitude his brother, John Craig, and wife Deborah, who were so very helpful during the course of his medical treatments and treatment recoveries.

Also, loving thoughts to his nieces: Michelle, Melissa (husband, Jeff), and Megan, as well as his nieces' children: Jennifer, Andrew, Emma, Ava; also his dear thoughtful cousins and neighbors.

The Kohlmeyer's must be especially mentioned, allowing David to feel as though he were a member of their family during his middle years, and which were in many respects, the happiest period of David's life.

These acknowledgments would be abjectly incomplete without recognizing his close friends...in so many ways the mainstay of David's later years.

David apologizes deeply to whomever he may have offended during his life.

David gives most thanks to God in His Blessed Trinity and as the infinite source of all love, goodness, truth, beauty, and mercy.

A memorial mass to honor David's life will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 1, 2024 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 480 152nd Ave. Holland, MI 49424. Interment will be in Ressurrection Life Cemetery, Wyoming, MI. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be given to Global Giving, <https://www.globalgiving.org>.

# Cemetery Details

## Ressurrection Life Cemetery

4100 Clyde Park SW.  
Wyoming, MI 49509

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
480 152nd Ave.  
Holland, MI 49424

## Memorial Mass

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Holland, MI 49424

# Tribute Wall

MV

“ *Good. Kind. Gentle. Loving. Loyal. Such simple and mundane words to sum up the essence of my friend, David, a wonderful and decent man who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Our friendship began during radiology residency at Henry Ford Hospital, and although we lost touch for many years, we reconnected during the pandemic and stayed in contact. It was my privilege and blessing to have had him in my life and I am heartbroken at his passing. Rest in peace, my dear friend.*



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**Meena Vij** - November 08, 2024 at 11:44 PM

JD

“ I first met Dave in 1983, when he joined our radiology practice in Holland, MI I had finished training and joined the group only one year earlier, so Dave and I quickly became good friends and colleagues. We had much in common: similar age, recent training, newest and youngest members of Grand Valley Radiology, and faithful Catholics. Over the next 41 years, my wife Jodi and I enjoyed a close relationship with Dave.

As another friend of Dave's has said in her comments here, Dave predictably did not mention any of his accomplishments in his obituary, so I will take the liberty of doing that for him! Dave was an outstanding radiologist, both diagnostically and in performing interventional procedures such as arteriograms and myelograms. His brilliant and inquisitive mind made him one of my first choices when requesting a 2nd opinion about a case I was reading or a procedure I was performing. His kindness and thoughtfulness made such encounters all the more pleasant and affirming.

Most importantly, Dave valued his faith. As his illness progressed and treatment options were exhausted, it was clear that his faith, including frequent attendance at Mass and reception of sacraments, was his greatest source of strength and consolation. When Dave was no longer able to travel to church, we and others were blessed to bring him Holy Communion, which he greatly desired. That also provided us with an opportunity for visits with him once or twice per week in recent months. During those special times, we observed the grace and strength with which he bore his prolonged and debilitating illnesses. As others have noted, Dave accepted his limitations with a very positive and grateful attitude, always quick to point out all that he had to be thankful for. Even in the last 1-2 weeks of life, he told me that he still loved to read, had a good appetite, and was looking forward to watching the Olympics! I was with him a couple of days before he passed on to new life. I am thankful for that because, sadly, we were on our way to California for our son's wedding when Dave died and were unable to attend the funeral.) Craig and Debbie, we are sorry that we did not get to meet you. Perhaps

*another time...)*

*Jodi and I join many in being grateful for and inspired by Dave's life, very well lived. May we all aspire to see him again in the life to come.*

*John and Jodi DeMott*

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**John and Jodi DeMott** - August 07, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MM

“ *I met David on Facebook. He is my 2nd cousin and though we never met in person, I am grateful that I became friends with him on FB. He is/was so kind and so sweet. My heart goes out to his family and to all those who loved him. You will be missed David!*

*Marla van Mulligen*

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**MARLA VAN MULLIGEN** - August 06, 2024 at 05:05 PM

MR

“ *I met David at St. Francis where he often attended daily Mass. What a lovely person. I imagine that David wrote his own obituary: it sounds so much like him. Missing are his many accomplishments. Instead he emphasizes gratitude. I am grateful for David and his rich and generous life.*

*Maura Reynolds*

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**Maura Reynolds** - August 02, 2024 at 03:35 PM

JS

“ David and I shared a view visits while waiting for care at West Michigan Cancer and Hematology Center in Holland. What impressed me most was his selfless sharing about his condition as he always made the concern and caring about me and never about him. He was a beautiful person and will be dearly missed. May he rest in the peace of his heavenly home.  
Joe Strazanac, friend and fellow parishioner.

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**Joe Strazanac** - August 01, 2024 at 11:39 AM

FM

“ Craig and family,  
Sorry to hear of David's passing. My younger sister was a classmate of his at Aquinas and I remember her telling me (50+ years ago) how nice and smart he was. May he rest in peace.  
Fred Vincent MD

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**Frederick M Vincent Sr, MD** - July 31, 2024 at 05:40 PM

AL

“ To my Dear Godfather Dave,

*I just received news from my mom and dad that you had passed. With a heavy heart I'm reflecting on the cherished moments we shared as I was growing up. The times you visited me during my childhood, and especially for my graduation, always filled me with such joy. I could see the joy in you too- a joy that I always believed was your true gift from the Holy Spirit.*

*Though our time together was too brief, those memories mean the world to me. I wish we had had more opportunities to connect, and I regret not staying in touch as much as I should have. You always kept me in your thoughts with your kind little gifts you always got for Christmas or my birthdays, like my stargazing telescope, toys and antiques... you were always so thoughtful!*

*You were a light in my life, and I will always treasure the warmth and kindness you showed me. I'm sure Heaven gained a lot more joy and happiness with you there now!*

*With heartfelt sympathy and love,*

*Alex Lunardi*

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**Alex Lunardi** - July 31, 2024 at 01:09 PM

YL

“ Your Godson, Alex Lunardi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Mulligan.

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**Your Godson, Alex Lunardi** - July 31, 2024 at 01:01 PM

YL

“ Your Godson, Alex Lunardi purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of David J. Mulligan.



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**Your Godson, Alex Lunardi** - July 31, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David J. Mulligan.



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July 30, 2024 at 05:37 PM

DL

“ Debra Lincer, & David Lincer purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of David J. Mulligan.



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**Debra Lincer, & David Lincer** - July 30, 2024 at 02:53 PM

JC

“ John and Trish Coupe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David J. Mulligan.



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**John and Trish Coupe** - July 29, 2024 at 04:05 PM

NM

“ I remember David as my tall, quirky neighbor that was always so polite and friendly! We connected through our opposite parts in a high school musical and had so much fun. David was a charming person. And I'm glad I had the chance to share time with him. Rest in peace, David.

Nora Moore - July 29, 2024 at 12:18 PM

EW

“ 2 files added to the album David Mulligan



Elizabeth S Watkins - July 29, 2024 at 08:16 AM



“ Such a great neighbor and gentleman. David will be missed.

Phil Nykamp - July 28, 2024 at 08:58 PM

YP

“ Your Neighbors at Downtown Place purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David J. Mulligan.



Your Neighbors at Downtown Place - July 28, 2024 at 08:15 PM



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**Ann Kathleen** - July 28, 2024 at 08:33 AM