



David Woodard

July 1, 1989 - May 11, 2021

On May 11, 2021, David Joseph Woodard gained his angel wings and entered Heaven, at the age of 31. Though he left this world too soon, he touched so many people's lives and taught us so much about life. He leaves behind his parents, Richard and Susan that love him more than words can express. He also leaves behind his sister, Kelli (Joshua Herrera) and his nephew and niece, Dylan and Mariana whom he was incredibly proud of and loved so very much. He was blessed with many aunts, uncles and cousins that loved him. David passed away with his emotional support dog, Lenah, by his side just as he wanted it. Though David was born with complex congenital heart disease, he didn't let that stop him, defying the odds and accomplished so many things. He was an amazing young man and will leave a void in our hearts. David graduated from Zeeland West High School and went on to Aquinas College to earn a BS in psychology. He then attended Western Michigan University where he earned his Masters of Social Work Degree. Throughout school and his short adult life he interned with Hospice and the Homeless and was a Student Disability mentor. David was passionate about helping others and worked with autistic kids. David was an avid reader and history buff. He always amazed us while watching "Jeopardy" that he could answer so many of the history questions. He loved digging into our family genealogy and was becoming the family historian. David was granted a wish by the Make A Wish Foundation at the age of 15, going to Hawaii to see Pearl Harbor. In college he then became a wish granter, giving back to the organization that he loved.

He was an inspiration to so many parents of children with life threatening diseases. When life and his health became too much, he requested his parents continue his work with this organization, which they still do today. Throughout his life, David had numerous surgeries and procedures at University of Michigan/Mott Children's Hospital. He was a life-long fan of U of M...GO BLUE! His family extends their heartfelt thanks to his "teams" of doctors there; Dr. Mark Norris, Nurse Sandy, Dr. Richard Swartz, Nurse Libby, along with the whole Mott's ICU team. They became like part of our family. We know that David is now with his grandparents, Ray & Shirley Schumacher, Robert & Letty Woodard and Aunts Linda, Carol and Paula and is loved here on earth as well as in heaven. Visitation will be 1 - 4 pm Sunday, May 16, 2021 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland. A private family graveside service will be held Monday, May 17th. In lieu of flowers a Memorial contribution may be given to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan in his memory. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *David Woodard*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Rick, Sue, and family, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of David. I'm so glad I was able to meet him. He was such a nice guy and so interesting to talk to. Thinking of you during this difficult time."*

Chris Willis - May 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I am so sorry for your loss. David was a remarkable and accomplished young man. Renee Crayne (cardiac sonographer at Mott)"*

Renee Crayne - May 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We can not even begin to express our sorrow at the loss of your son. We enjoyed getting to know him and what a special person he was. You are in our thoughts at this time."*

Rose and Matt Daniel - May 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I am so sorry to see this sue, many hugs. I give to make a wish each year because of David and will continue to."*

Karlene Krause - May 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MN

“David was an amazing young man and such a fighter. He accomplished so much in his short life. We're grateful that those who love and miss him do not sorrow as those who have no hope' but will be reunited with David in Heaven.”

Marilyn Nieboer - May 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GB

“We will all miss you very much Huckaburger. Love ya little buddy.”

Glen Bullock - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DM

“Prayers and hugs to the whole family”

Dar Maatman - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BA

“David sounds like an incredible young man who accomplished more in his short life than most of us ever do. I wish I would have known him. Sympathy is sent you your entire family.”

Barb - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RH

“Sue, Rick and family ~ From the day Grandpa Ray walked across the street and said, "It's a boy!" until now, David has been an endearing presence in our lives. Despite the many challenges life brought him, supported by the love of incredible parents and family, he has blessed our lives in so many ways. His zest for life and knowledge encouraged us to live every day with purpose and joy. His life of giving and sharing taught us compassion and empathy. We can only imagine the joy of his entrance to Heaven! Seeing Jesus first, Grandpa Ray was probably fighting to be second, with Grandma Shirley a close third! Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to all of you!"

Rachel Ver Hoef - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PV

“My heart breaks for you all. So very sorry for this great loss. Praying for you all and will continue in the days ahead.”

Pam Veldheer - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PA

“During this time, may the many happy memories that David shared with us; bring you much comfort. Sue & Rick, you are in our thoughts and prayers.”

Paula - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BB

“Rick, So sorry for families loss. Love, hugs and many prayers for all of you. Kelly and Barbara Bradfield”

Barbara BRADFIELD - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RS

“Glenn”

Rodger Stroop Stroop - May 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SK

“It was an honor to know David; he had such a cheerful and positive attitude in life! I am sure we all miss him dearly. Stan Konynenbelt”

stan konynenbelt - May 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM