

David A. Dvorak

August 12, 1940 - October 21, 2023

David A. Dvorak, 83, of East Peoria, passed away after a long, courageous battle with ALS, on Saturday, October 21, 2023, to be with his Savior Jesus. He was born in Peoria on August 12, 1940, to Klement and Catherine (Burge) Dvorak. He married his wife of 58 years, Patricia A. Culley, at the First United Methodist Church in East Peoria, on November 26, 1964; she survives.

David always said he didn't want any children, but Patty said, "I want 10," so they compromised on 6. He will be lovingly remembered by his children, Trischa (Curt Hogland) Lanum of Spokane, WA, Ericka Dvorak of East Peoria, Nathan (Crystal) Dvorak of Auburn, IL, Adam Dvorak of Bartonville, Maria (Jason) Olvera of Greenville, MI, and Merideth Dvorak of East Peoria; 2 foster children, Jeffrey and Christie; 13 grandchildren, Jacob (Etta), Emily, Katy, Matthew, Lielani, Amira, Shauna, Trinity, Cash, Kayson, Luciana, Micah, and Bella; 3 great-grandchildren, Royal, Charlotte, and Zander; and his furry friends, Josie and Holly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Phillip Dvorak. David graduated from EPCHS Class of 1958. He enlisted in the Army at the age of 17, where he played football, and later, re-enlisted as a Green Beret. He earned a bachelor's degree from Bradley University then graduated with his law degree from the University of Illinois in 1971, practicing law until he retired in 2014.

He was very athletic and enjoyed playing soccer and football, wrestling, skiing, riding motorcycles and scuba diving.

David loved God, his family, and his country. He was a member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church in East Peoria and was the leader of Foot Soldiers in Prayer on Fondulac Drive for over 10 years and part of Cursillo. He and Patty were involved in foster care and adoption for children with special needs, sponsored a Hmong family from a Laotian refugee camp, and David was named WEEK Father of the Year.

He treasured his ALS Support Groups and received ongoing care and encouragement from many CNAs over the years. The family would like to give special thanks to the Veteran's Administration and Joanne, Joanna, Tom, Paul, Ed, and Monica. David was passionate in his beliefs, and ALS may have robbed him of many things, but it never took away his ability to talk.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023, at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church in East Peoria, with an additional visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Pastor Paul Hinzman will officiate. Burial with full military honors will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023, at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorials may be made to Teen Challenge or GT Church (for the support of Israel). Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Visitation

OCT **27**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Glad Tidings Assembly of God
2201 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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East Peoria, IL

Burial with Full Military Honors

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Patty you are in my prayers! It was a pleasure to know him, he was a wonderful man!*

Anonymous - November 27, 2023 at 12:42 AM

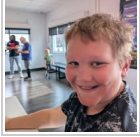
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“ *Dear Patty and family, you have my deepest sympathy over the loss of David.*

I have so many wonderful, happy and faith-filled memories of this man of God. Beginning at St. Mark's bible study group, splintering off into a Cursillo share group at the Cursillo center, building into a weekly prayer breakfast at my house, a handful of Promise Keeper events all over the Midwest, and Saturday mornings at 'the hill' praying for Peoria...David was a leader- the leader- of our little group. He guided us spiritually, showed compassion, loved us, and when there was a hearty laugh needed, he certainly supplied that too. I marveled at the devotion he had for his family, and I'm sure we all emulated it over the years we spent being men of faith together. God bless you, and I rejoice that David has fought the good fight, leading to the reward of an eternal life with Our Lord.

Jim LaHood

Jim LaHood - October 27, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ Pat and family, Tim and I send out heartfelt condolences to you on the loss of Dave. He was such a faith filled man and his exuberance was always present. We enjoyed being with you during the formative years of St. Monica's Hands of Christ, which is still offering help to East Peorians after all these years. Thanks to Dave's original contribution which got this group off the ground. We are sorry we can't greet you at the visitation tonight, but I will try to be there tomorrow. May God comfort and strengthen all of you as you continue to live the faith In Our Lord. Love and hugs to each of you, Tim & Jan Houston

Jan Houston - October 26, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ Bob and Judi Reible planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David A. Dvorak.

Bob and Judi Reible - October 24, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ Bob and Judi Reible purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David A. Dvorak.



Bob and Judi Reible - October 24, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ Sylvia K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David A. Dvorak.

Sylvia K. - October 24, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of David A. Dvorak.*



October 24, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *would like to express our sympathy to Pat and family. Cherish your memories and we will.*

Louie and Bernice Sommer - October 23, 2023 at 04:54 PM