



David O. Kooi

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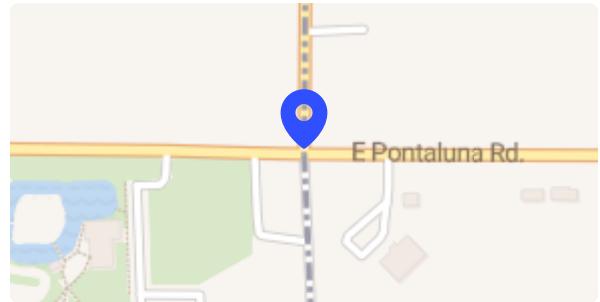
David O. Kooi, age 72, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at Butterworth in Grand Rapids. He was born on October 3, 1949 in Muskegon to Cornelius "Kay" and Helen (Dahlof) Kooi and resided in the area most of his life. David was a lifelong member of Olivet Evangelical Free Church, where he was a youth leader for many years, served as an Elder and was on the Mission Committee. For a time he directed both the youth and adult choirs. David worked as a Social Worker, and then a Trainer for Community Mental Health for 44 years before retiring in 2015. Throughout that time, Dave coached Y soccer, was instrumental in starting the Muskegon Soccer Club, served as the Muskegon High School boys and girls soccer coach, and later coached swimming and diving there as well. After retiring he found great joy in substitute teaching and driving bus for Montague Schools and New Era Christian. He loved working with kids!

On June 12, 1971 he married the former Donna DeVries and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June. Dave is survived by his wife, Donna; son, Matthew (Becky) Kooi and their children, Tyler (Raquel), Ross (Kendall), Andrew, and Audrey; son, Nathan (Kayla) Kooi and their children, Ethan, Dominic, Emmy, Oliver, and Millie; daughter, Becky (Chad) Petersen and their children, Owen and Eli; and brother, Tim (Donna) Kooi. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, "Kay" and Helen; and sister, Linda Kooi. A Celebration of Dave's Life will be 11AM Monday, April 4, 2022 at Olivet Evangelical Free Church (6790 Harvey Rd. Spring Lake, MI 49456) with Pastor Craig Cramblet officiating. Visitation with Dave's family will be 4-7 PM Sunday, April 3, 2022 also at Olivet Evangelical Free Church. Memorial Contributions in Dave's name to Olivet Evangelical Free Church, [Muskegon Rescue Mission](#), or [Spectrum Ministries Tijuana, Mexico](#) will be appreciated. Share memories with the family online at <http://www.sytsemafh.com>. Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St. Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100.



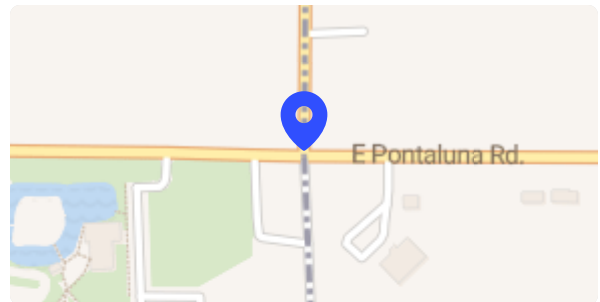
Visitation

- Sunday**, April 3, 2022
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Olivet Evangelical Free Church - Harvey Campus**
6790 S. Harvey St., Spring Lake MI 49456



Memorial Service

- Monday**, April 4, 2022
- 11:00 AM ET
- Olivet Evangelical Free Church - Harvey Campus**
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April 3 at 11:41 AM



Larry & Dianne Decker posted:

Larry and I are so sorry for your loss. We will always remember his humor and smile. Donna, the tears will fall but remember, they are watering a garden of memories that will create a garden for you to find peace with memories of Dave and all the times you spent together.

April 4 at 9:00 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.



April 2 at 4:58 PM



Joseph And Trudy Schulze posted:

To Becky and family,Dave was kind, thoughtful, funny, caring and talented. He contributed so much to his family, Muskegon Public Schools, his community. His warm nature and smile were present for all he came across. We are sure he will be greatly missed and we send our condolences.Joe, Trudy, Anne, Megan Schulze

April 2 at 4:43 PM



Mary Wells posted:

Dave was an amazing man! Loved when he would do training as he always had some great stories to share. He will be missed by all whom were fortunate to cross paths in life with him. My condolences to Dave's wife Donna and his children and grandchildren.

April 2 at 2:10 PM



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Bob Bultema posted:

Dave was a distant relative... we talked about how 😊?? (It eludes me even now!). Worked at Health West and enjoyed him there. He blew out his Achilles heel playing tennis with me one summer!Handled that very well... like every thing else in his life!....at first he thought he had been shot and he looked around to find his shooter!... never heard a cuss word come out of his mouth 😊. So kind.

April 2 at 8:39 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Kooi family.



April 2 at 6:55 AM



Montague Schools Transportation sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kooi family.



April 1 at 7:52 AM



Paul & Dot Jager And All The Kids sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Kooi family.



March 31 at 3:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Kooi family.



March 31 at 3:25 PM



Marcia posted:

Donna,Prayers for peace, are with you and the family. Dave was one of those individuals who cross your path in life, touch you deeply and he will never be forgotten. The way he lived his life was an example to me.

March 31 at 2:28 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kooi family.



March 31 at 10:40 AM



Thomas Edward Langoni posted:

Dear Donnal was saddened to read that David had passed away. He was very much a part of my younger years. We were neighborhood pals and together attended Nims, Nelson, and Muskegon High School (Marching Band!). I always thought that Dave was an exceptional person who lived an exemplary life. I extend heartfelt condolences to you and all of David's family and I wish you peace and strength. Thom Langoni

March 31 at 9:49 AM



Larry De Jong April 1 at 7:01 AM

I was also a neighborhood pal. As Tom stated we all went to Nims, Nelson and Muskegon High School together. There will be a great sadness for all of the neighborhood friends. Dave and I had many interesting talks about his amazing faith with the Lord. Throughout his coaching career Dave toughed so many lives with his positive attitude about life. I know along with so many I will deeply miss his friendship. Larry de Jong



Annette Bakay March 31 at 2:33 PM

So very sorry. Prayers to you and the family. Knew him from being the dive coach when my boys were swimmers. Had many great conversations with home over the years. We truly will miss him. He was a very special man!



Mary Johnson posted:

Dave was a great man and a kind man who loved his work and his family! I am very sorry for your family's loss. You have wonderful memories, as do we who were fortunate enough to work with Dave. Peace to you.

March 31 at 9:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Kooi family.



March 31 at 7:40 AM



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Lisa Joslyn posted:

I worked with Dave for many years at CMH/Healthwest. He was a kind person with a sly humor. I am so sorry for your loss. Gods Peace to all. Lisa Joslyn

March 31 at 6:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Kooi family.

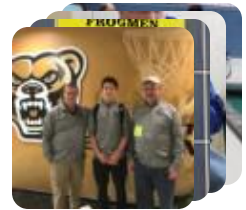


March 31 at 5:27 AM



Mick Homan shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To an amazing husband, father, friend, coach and mentor. Thank you for all your love, support and for making all of us better people! Heaven is getting a one of kind great angel! Until we meet agin my friend! 🙏❤️😭



March 31 at 4:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Kooi family.



March 31 at 4:41 AM



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March 31 at 4:50 AM





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Marcia March 31 at 7:08 AM

This is the expression I will remember the most about Dave. Next is a look up and his big smile. 😊







Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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