



## David E. Worden

January 31, 1961 - April 27, 2024

David E. Worden, 63, of Peoria, IL. passed away unexpectedly Saturday, April 27, 2024 surrounded by family. He was born January 31, 1961 to Mary Ellen & Dale Worden Sr. His mother survives.

He is also survived by his daughter, Sarah Worden of Pekin, IL and 2 grandchildren, Bella & Jace, brother Butch (Cheryl) Worden of Wyaconda, MO, sisters, Darla Martin of Peoria, IL, and Denise (Ken) Flora of Peoria, IL. along with several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, 1 sister & brother-in-law, Debbie & Tom Margetich, and his step father, Leonard Miller.

David served in the US Navy from 1979-1986. He loved his country and was an avid Trump supporter. He was also a big Chicago Bears and St. Louis Cardinals fan, claiming how the 1985 Bears were the best team they ever had.

David loved life and loved joking and hanging out with family. David had a lot

thrown at him in life and he took it in stride and never let it get him down. He was so much fun to be around and will be sorely missed by all. We will forever have a hole in our family and you will forever be in our hearts.

Services will be on Friday, May 31, 2024 at 1:00pm at Schmidt-Haller, with Jon Rychener to officiate the services. Cremation rites have been accorded. Donations in David's name may be made to Illinois Cancer Care.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services

1625 W Candletree Drive Suite D

Peoria, IL 61614

(309) 699-7208

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ David was one of my best friends in high school. He always seemed to date pretty women. I went to his naval graduation. We lived one street ' over and always hung out at each others house. We both had a warped. sense of humor but his was more. Dave was a tough SOB but never a bully, he had a huge heart and looked out for others. We used to box. I only did it with him a couple times after a couple good bell ringings. Never could lay a glove on him. We would hitch hike to summerfest in Milwaukee spend the night and come back. One time we had a ride home and disagreed about directions. He took my incorrect advice and we almost ended in Chicago. Got out and the first car picked us up and drove us all the way to Antioch, what luck. He went to the navy, I went to college. I remember when he came back with the broken leg. He moved to Peoria, we both got married and lost touch over the years. Even though we lost contact I never forgot about him. I am glad to see he was loved by family and had people around him in his final days to help and care for him. I learned so many positive traits from him and know he is in a better place. Rest in peace David. Kevin Fucela

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**Kevin Fucela** - March 04, 2025 at 10:30 AM

SS

“ David E. Worden

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**Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services** - August 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM

TE

“ Dave was a great guy to be around, he always had a sense of humor that made us laugh. We were in the same squadron VA-27 Royal Maces out of NAS Lemoore, California we worked on A-7E Corsair II, systems we worked on was Ejection Seat, liquid oxygen, air conditioning, heating and pressure control of cockpit. He was AME RATE/3rd Class Petty Officer (E-4). We were in the Persian Gulf doing flight operations on board USS CORAL SEA CV-43 off the coast of Iran. One morning over loud speaker came MAN OVER BOARD STARBOARD SIDE, repeating 4 times, after we all checked in that’s when we found out it was Dave, blown off flight deck 96 feet to water. Breaking his femoral bone, I caught up with Dave in the Philippines Islands in hospital. It’s with a heavy heart to hear about a shipmate passing. He was a good sailor and friend. He will be missed, so fair winds and smooth seas my shipmate! Ted Ellis and Family.

Ted Ellis - May 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Love, Your Skyline Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of David E. Worden.

Love, Your Skyline Family - May 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Love, Your Skyline Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David E. Worden.

Love, Your Skyline Family - May 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Love, Tavisha Grant and Jim Ortenstone purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of David E. Worden.

Love, Tavisha Grant and Jim Ortenstone - May 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Thank you Mary

Kerri Thompson - May 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Life will never be the same without you Uncle! It was my honor to live with you the past 4 years & take care of you. We had so many laughs and made so many memories. Life feels empty without you in it. You were more than just an uncle to me, you were one of my best friends & I knew you would always have my back as I always had yours. I miss you terribly but I'm glad you are no longer in pain.. Love always, Your Niece (nephew) Kerri

Kerri Thompson - May 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I love you, Mom! ♡ Thank you for showing love.

Saerah Worden - May 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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SW

“ Thank you for sharing this! ♥

Saerah Worden - May 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To Butch and family - I'm very sorry for your loss. May you find joy in your memories and comfort in your faith.

Mary Sieg - May 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mary Sieg lit a candle in memory of David E. Worden

Mary Sieg - May 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ David always had the best sense of humor! He would give you the shirt off his back! His laugh was priceless and family was number one! Fly free my dear friend! ♥

Bethany Pankey - May 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I'm so grateful for the 25yrs we had together. He had a great sense of humor & such a big heart. Family gatherings were always memorable

Deborah Allen-Cooper - May 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM