



## 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

LF

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



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Love, Your Skyline Family - May 30, 2024 at 03:33 PM

LF

“ Love, Your Skyline Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David E. Worden.

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Love, Your Skyline Family - May 30, 2024 at 03:33 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.

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Ted Ellis - May 30, 2024 at 01:17 PM

LO

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



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**Love, Tavisha Grant and Jim Ortenstone** - May 29, 2024 at 09:13 PM

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

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**Kerri Thompson** - May 16, 2024 at 02:14 PM

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!❤️

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**Bethany Pankey** - May 12, 2024 at 02:15 PM

SW

Thank you for sharing this! ♡

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**Saerah Worden** - May 15, 2024 at 05:49 PM

MS

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



Mary Sieg - May 12, 2024 at 10:03 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 10:04 AM

SW

*Thank you! ♡*

Saerah Worden - May 15, 2024 at 05:50 PM

KT

*Thank you Mary*

Kerri Thompson - May 16, 2024 at 02:16 PM

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 01:32 AM

SW

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

Saerah Worden - May 15, 2024 at 05:51 PM