



David Lawrence Cookson

January 29, 1956 - August 14, 2025

David Lawrence Cookson age 69, of Edina MN passed away surrounded by his family after a short but unexpectedly serious illness on August 14, 2025. Dave was born in Boston, MA but spent most of his childhood in Madison, WI. He graduated from Madison Memorial High School and went on to earn his BA in Engineering from Yale University in 1978. After graduation, he immediately moved to the Twin Cities and worked as an engineer and salesman in the power industry for his entire career, with the past 16 years as owner and President of Power Products and Services, Inc.

As a young man, Dave was primarily known for his toughness and athletic ability, excelling particularly in hockey and golf. He was a punishing defenseman for the Yale hockey team, and an exceptionally long driver for the golf team. Dave's passion for golf never left him, and his accomplishments included Club Championships at Hazeltine NGC, qualifying for the United States Mid-Amateur, and finishing second in the MN State 4-Ball. Later in life, Dave added squash as an athletic pursuit, and quickly became a champion in that as well.

Dave had a quiet confidence that stemmed more from his knowledge and intellect than his athletic abilities. He had a lifelong love of learning, spent much of his free time reading non-fiction and watching educational videos, and clearly reveled in passing on his wisdom to family and friends. He prized truth and honesty- and sometimes caught people by surprise with it! He was a man of integrity.

Most importantly, Dave was a true family man. He spent many weekends surrounding himself with his wife, children, and grandchildren (who loved him as Dearpa), and preparing delicious homemade meals for them. His love, support, and counsel will be dearly missed. Dave loved his life and was grateful to God for all of his blessings.

He is survived by his beloved wife Lynn Cookson, children Rebecca (John) Willette, and John Platt, former wife Anne-Marie Cookson and their children David P Cookson, Elizabeth Leach, Jocelyn Cookson, Benjamin (Emily) Cookson, grandchildren Mazelyn and Mackinley Northenscold, Jacob and Michael Leach, Theodore, Megan and Hannah Willette, Ryan and Amelia Platt, brothers Daniel (Holly) Cookson, and Matthew (Gail) Cookson, and sister Sondra (Eugene) McLinn. He was preceded in death by daughter Jeanne Platt, and was mourning the recent passing of son-in-law Robert Leach.

Visitation 4-7pm Monday August 25th at Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th Street, Edina. Memorial Service 10am Tuesday August 26th at Church of the Cross, 201 9th Avenue North, Hopkins. Interment Eden Prairie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF).

Cemetery Details

Eden Prairie Cemetery

8810 Eden Prairie Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Cross
201 9th Avenue North
Hopkins, MN 55343

Tribute Wall

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing.

We had dinner every Monday night for 30 years, often with Lynn.

I have very fond memories of those dinners. I will miss seeing Dave every Monday night.

Mark Ratner - August 30, 2025 at 02:14 PM

SP

“ I played a lot of golf with David over the years, and there was not a subject matter he couldn't discuss. I would ask him many times about subjects I had no experience with or had no knowledge of and he would always enlighten me with his wit and knowledge. Every time we came to the 18th hole at Hazeltine we would always have the Cookson up for grabs - Two conditions: longest drive in the fairway and - there is no prize. David's memory lives every time someone tees it up on the 18th hole. We'll miss you Cookie.

Steve Pemberton - August 25, 2025 at 06:26 PM

KM

“ I was so very saddened to hear of David's passing, my thoughts and prayers are with all of his family feeling this loss so intimately. Although he was only a year my senior, my childhood memories cast him as someone larger than life in so many ways. The life well lived as described in his Obituary was not at all hard to imagine or surprising to read.

Kurt Morrison

Kurt Morrison - August 24, 2025 at 10:27 PM

LF

“ Love, Rebecca's Book Club Friends purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of David Lawrence Cookson.



Love, Rebecca's Book Club Friends - August 23, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David Lawrence Cookson.



August 22, 2025 at 09:37 AM

GM

“ Dear Lynn and Sony and Matt and Dan and all who knew and loved Dave — I am so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace and God bless and keep you. Reading this beautiful piece about his life well lived and love for life and all of you made me miss Aunt Christine too ❤️.

Cousin Gale

Gale Morrison - August 22, 2025 at 06:54 AM

NA

“ Nate and Brooke Aslesen purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of David Lawrence Cookson.



Nate and Brooke Aslesen - August 22, 2025 at 12:08 AM

KH

“ I am truly sad that this outstanding human has left us too early. I had the pleasure to work for Dave for 12 years. He was a terrible sales manager but a GREAT boss and exceptional coach. He empowered his people and got out of their way. He had a prestigious title & education, which he never boasted. He was undoubtedly, unequivocally the smartest person I have ever met. He knew more about medicine than most doctors, more about physics than most scientists, more about engineering than a room full of seasoned engineers. More importantly were his humility, kindness and generosity as he shared his knowledge and wisdom. Many gifted intelligent people will make you feel inferior. Not the case with Dave. He treated others with honesty, integrity, dignity and genuine care. He embraced Ralph Waldo Emersons quote that everyone is superior to me in some way, and in that I may learn from them. He was a gentle giant, and I will miss him dearly. My deepest heartfelt sympathy for the Cookson family.

Kevin Holtberg - August 21, 2025 at 02:22 PM