



David Alfred Lord

February 1, 1944 - April 21, 2024

David Alfred Lord, 80, of New Brighton MN died on April 21, 2024 from complications related to cancer. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He will be dearly missed.

David was born in Binghamton, New York on February 1, 1944 to Ila M. (Edmonds) Lord and A. Taylor Lord. He graduated from Chenango Valley High School and went on to graduate from Hartwick College in Oneonta NY with a degree in Chemistry. He later attained his Master's of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. He was married in 1971 to his loving wife of 52 years, Cindi (Weston) Lord.

As the youngest of 5 children David enjoyed theater, sports, and music as a child. He spent many happy summers at his sister Beverly's farm. At the age of 12 David lost his mother suddenly. His father passed away when David was a senior in college. These losses were central to forming David's philosophy in life to always let those he loved know how much they meant to him.

David started his professional life as a chemist for Dupont. He then went on to serve for 19 years as a pastor in the Congregational denomination, ministering in churches in Massachusetts, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Most recently he worked as a chemistry teacher in Burnsville and Hopkins High Schools. He was registered as a substitute teacher until the day

of his death and found the most joy in his professional life in teaching and mentoring young people.

David's hobbies were many and varied. He spent many years enjoying Scottish Country Dancing with his wife Cindi and a dedicated group of dancers in both Massachusetts and Minnesota. He was an avid Women's Hockey fan and spent many years as a proud board member and two-time co-president of the University of Minnesota Power Play Club, the team's boosters. Weekends in winter were devoted to watching the Lady Gophers, attending chalk talks, and cheering them on to victory. He was thrilled at this year's formation of the Professional Women's Hockey League and seeing so many familiar names out on the ice. David also enjoyed working with his hands. Notable projects over the years included a swing set made with daughter Bethany and several iterations of a deck complete with trellises for his favorite Clematis plants. In his "semi-retired" years David loved to visit with friends and family, make delicious baked goods, read, and attend his grandchildren's many activities.

David is preceded in death by his mother, Ila, his father, Taylor, mother- and father in-law Rose and Tom Weston, brothers John and Doug, sister Beverly, brothers-in-law Frank and Dick, and sister-in-law Barbara.

He is survived by his wife Cindi, sister Eleanor Stethers, daughter Bethany (Ross) Penna, granddaughters Fiona [11], Skylar [9], and Evelyn [9], his best friends of many years Lanny and Linda Parsons, and his silly rescue dog Trevor. He is also survived by loving family including in-laws, Tommy (Linda), Diane (Charlie), and Kevin (Patti) as well as many wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whom he adored. Special thanks to his dear friends Dave and Joyce Jose who supported him in many ways over many years, most recently helping drive him to appointments and keeping he and Cindi fed during the stressful days of cancer treatment.

A celebration of life will be held at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church in Edina MN on May 5, 2024 at 2pm. Please consider wearing red or your favorite U of M gear in David's honor. Reception and refreshments to follow. The service can be watched via livestream at <https://lakeharrietumc.org/stream/>

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials in David's honor to the University of Minnesota Power Play Club: <https://www.powerplayclub.org/donate> or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ I am very sorry about Reverend Lord's passing. My parents were good friends with him and Mrs. Lord while our family faithfully attended First Congregational Church in St. Johns through the 1980s. He was such a kind man. Always with a smile and a caring word. His compassion was evident in so many ways as he looked out for those around him. My fond memories of those days at the church are due in large part to his influence. My deepest sympathies.

Mike Giesecke - May 03, 2024 at 08:13 PM

CL

“ As part of the West Coast branch of the Lord family our memories are those of the wonderful times we had at family reunions. Our times with David and Cindi were full of fun and family stories and catching up with the events of our lives. David was a delightful part of those times. He brought his family all the way to California one 4th of July for the reunion our family hosted. It was just wonderful to have our children and grandchildren meet with him and his family. We will surely miss him!

Charlene Lord - April 25, 2024 at 03:03 PM

SL

“ I knew David through our affiliation at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church. He was such a kind man who was fun-loving and always cared deeply about others. Our church established a Chronic Pain Group and Dave and Cindi were part of our group, initially in person, and then online together. In spite of each of our collective chronic pain issues, David always had unique ways of making his situation so very uplifting and informative for us all. He was a gem and we'll all miss him. My deepest sympathy to Cindi, Bethany and family...

Sharon Landrud - April 25, 2024 at 01:42 PM

DH

“ so sorry to hear of the death of a great guy! I'll always remember him as being one of my childhood friends in the village of Port Dickinson and a real asset to the CV Class of 1962. My deep sympathy to all of his family.
D. Joy Cooper-Hatfield

D.J. Hatfield - April 25, 2024 at 12:16 PM

WV

Dave was a quality man and I have fond memories of him as a fellow student at Chenango Valley - he will be missed by all that loved him and those who considered him a friend.

Will Vermilya - April 25, 2024 at 12:49 PM

MF

What a special guy! He was instrumental in my Christian upbringing! It was also very special that he and Cindi traveled from MN to Novi MI to deliver the blessing at our wedding reception!

He will be missed. Sending love to Cindi, Bethany, Ross and the girls.

Melissa Fowler - April 25, 2024 at 01:33 PM

LF

*I am very sorry to hear about his passing. He was a good friend in high school. We had many friends together. I was praying that his treatments would be successful. However, he had a very deep faith that will carry him into heaven.
*Larry Friend**

Lawrence Friend - April 25, 2024 at 02:59 PM