



David James Plante

May 13, 1954 - November 30, 2024

David James Plante, 70, of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, passed away on November 30, 2024, at his home after battling cancer.

David was a beloved father, grandfather, and community member. He was predeceased by his wife Laurie, father, John Thomas Plante, mother, Josephine (Wolfe) Plante. David is survived by his son Casey (Megan) and daughter Katherine (Adam), along with five grandchildren: Asher (12) Esme (9), Annastasia (17), Sebastian (8), Rosalie (4). Siblings; John (Lynda) Plante, Joseph (Jill) Plante, Mary (Mike) Carhill. As well as many nieces and nephews and extended family.

David graduated from Park Center High school in 1972. Dave met the love of his life, Laurie Jean Columbus, in high school and they were married in 1975. To support his family Dave became a floor installer. He worked as a floor installer for 35 years as well as any side job in construction or wood working that came up. His love for building with wood was prevalent throughout his life as he custom made many items for his home and family. He was the handy man who could fix and create anything. His talent was a hidden treasure that emulated beauty in each project. Dave enjoyed gardening and produced a plentiful harvest for many years from his backyard gardens. Dave and Laurie spent many years putting up ample jars of green beans, salsa, spaghetti sauce, and pickles, and stocking the cellar with potatoes, carrots and squash

for the long winter ahead. His green thumb was recognized by the beautiful flower gardens around his house.

Dave retired in 2011 at the age of 57. He then took up golf and bowling to keep himself busy and active. He golfed on two leagues as well as two bowling leagues. He also spent many years on a trap league with his fellow coworkers, brother-in-law, nephews and his daughter Katie who joined the trap league for a few years when he gifted her a shot gun for her 25th birthday.

Prior to the passing of his wife, Dave and Laurie enjoyed visiting the north shore, hiking and exploring Lake Superior. They even made a trip to the boundary waters and portaged their canoe on their shoulders for a day trip. They loved the woods and enjoyed God's beautiful creation in the silence of nature.

Dave loved to sing. He auditioned for the group Two Rivers Chorale and had been a member for over 20 years. Dave also sang in the church choir for well over 40 years! He was a tenor and frequently sang cantor for mass. Casey and Asher, accomplished violinists, would often accompany Dave at mass. Dave also served on many boards and volunteer positions at St. Stephen's church throughout the years supporting the charity work of the church. He was a Knight of Columbus, serving as the head volunteer for Coats for Kids for many years.

Dave's pride and joy were his grandchildren. There was not a baseball game, horse show, school program, dance recital, or grandparent's day that was missed. He delighted in their lives and enjoyed spending quality time with his children and their families. He was frequently holding or playing circus with the grandkids tossing them in the air or bouncing them on his leg playing horse. His presence in their lives will be greatly missed.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, December 10, at 11AM with visitation one hour prior at St. Stephens Catholic Church, 525 Jackson St., Anoka.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Catholic Medical Mission Board (cmmb.org).

Cemetery Details

St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery

8601 93rd Avenue North
Osseo, MN 55369

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Anoka)
525 Jackson Street
Anoka, MN 55303

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ I’m at my best friend Dave 1967. We were both 13 years old. We did some crazy stuff, like walk from his house all the way to Brookdale in the middle of the winter following the frozen shingle Creek and Palmer Lake. I’m gonna miss Dave so much. I never met a man. Who’s kindness poured from him so generously. Never heard him swear in fact, I’ve never known him to lose his temper. Or say a bad thing about anybody else. My prayers and thoughts go out to Katie and Casey and their families and all of those that cared for Dave.

Richard Britton - December 08, 2024 at 04:29 PM

NG

“ Sending love to Casey, Katie, and their families.

A memorial tree has been planted in honor of Uncle Dave. ❤️

Natalie Geurts - December 06, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David James Plante.

December 06, 2024 at 11:02 AM

SC

“ Scott, Jamie, Cody, Cole & Chase purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David James Plante.



Scott, Jamie, Cody, Cole & Chase - December 05, 2024 at 03:05 PM

LE

“ My condolences. David was a joy to sing with during my years in TRC. May God's presence be felt in this time of mourning.

Luke Erickson - December 04, 2024 at 10:31 AM

TJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear about David. He was always such a friendly person on TRC, and so fun to have in the group. My condolences to his family.

Tammie Junkans

Tammie Junkans - December 03, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DM

“ Dave joined the KC golf league in 2019 and in his very first year won the most improved golfer award and took 2nd place. In 2022 he won the Jeff Pyan Sportsmanship award voted on by all the members of the golf league. Won it again for the next 2 years. A tribute to the impact Dave had with all the golfers he played with giving them friendship, a great attitude and fun to be with. He will be missed by all of us. Thank you Dave for being you.

Dick

Dick Montroy - December 03, 2024 at 07:49 PM