



David Albert Schmidtbauer

May 27, 1943 - July 8, 2020

On July 8, 2020, David Albert Schmidtbauer, Sr., passed away from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), an incurable degenerative brain disease which was diagnosed October 2018. He also, unfortunately, contracted Covid-19 around June 30, 2020, which advanced his death.

David was born on May 27, 1943, to Lucille (nee: Morin) and Albert Schmidtbauer in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The family moved to International Falls, Minnesota, where David grew up. At the age of 19 he entered the U.S. Navy from July 31, 1961 to July 30, 1965, where he served stateside as a Hospital Corpsman during the Vietnam War. David's careers encompassed working at Abbott Laboratories assisting with creating Selsun Blue Dandruff Shampoo. He then transitioned to becoming a truck broker and was known in the industry as "D.J." He semi-retired at 65 and became a courier for several companies which he thoroughly enjoyed. He finally retired at the age of 74 after the onset of PSP symptoms.

David was a well-known softball pitcher throughout the Twin Cities area. He was known as "The Godfather" for the Minnesota Mafia and pitched until the age of 60! He also enjoyed bowling. He was extremely competitive in all sports. When David went places, it seemed like someone from trucking, softball, or bowling knew him and would come talk with him. David also starred in the first MyPillow commercial and was recognized by people for that

“claim to fame.” David loved his family and friends and joking around with his quick wit. David was a sports fanatic and enjoyed watching the Minnesota Vikings or other Minnesota teams, going to a bar, and having a Jack & Coke. He was a strong Christian who shared his faith with many people via Facebook posts and handing out Christian coins. He would say, “Don’t be a back-pocket Christian; put it in your front pocket and when you feel it, remember Jesus is with you.”

David was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Lucille; sister, Rosemary; and son, David Jr. He is survived by his wife Cassandra “Sandy”, his four biological children Michael (Mickey), Thomas (Betsy), James(Nicole), and Laura (Kevin) Jennings. David also loved and assisted raising three children, Crystal (Michael) Brastad, Noah (Emaline) Olson, and Elizabeth (Brian) Staples. He is also survived by his siblings, Joan Berge, Donald (Kimberly), Virginia Roethler, and Robert. He is blessed by a multitude of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to be announced when the Covid virus is under control.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to CURE PSP <https://www.psp.org/iwanttohelp/ways-to-give/>

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Sandy, I was so sad to see this. David was such a beacon of light and joy. I am so sorry for your loss and pray God’s wonderful arms of comfort are around you. Jean Bearden

Jean Bearden - July 25, 2020 at 12:56 PM

DC

“ David was a good friend and a great usher at North Heights Church for many years. I had the privilege of ushering with Dave and Sandy for many years and know that he was a man of strong faith and was a excellent usher and a class person. Dave will be missed, but I know he is with his lord and savior,

Dale Carlson - July 10, 2020 at 03:16 PM

DM

It makes me sad and i will miss him, but I knew his brother Robert better. They lived next door to us and it was a pleasure running into Robert when he worked at Piggly Wiggly in the Falls. I'm living in assisted living and won't be able to make it to his funeral but I am a believer like David, say hi to my mom and dad for me. My dad says he's helping God build my mansion for me ha-ha. Take care and God bless you.

Debra Moulds - July 10, 2020 at 03:42 PM