



David James Wood

November 14, 1968 - January 29, 2026

David J. "Dave" Wood, age 57, passed away peacefully on January 29th. He was born early in the morning on Thursday, November 14th, 1968 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Donald and Judith (Funderburk) Wood. After graduating from Park Center High School in 1987, he attended Bemidji State University where he focused on a music major. Dave enjoyed participating in choir and performing in plays. His greatest performance was playing the lead as Danny Zuko in Grease. Dave then worked at Valley Fair as a performer for two summers before entering a career in customer service, where he discovered his niche. After 12 years at Aetna, he found at Whole Foods a workplace where he was happy, truly belonged, and felt completely at home. Dave loved a variety of music - from Frank Sinatra, to classic rock, to his favorite - Madonna. He loved music so much that he listened to his playlist in his car during work breaks. (Before he went anywhere, it would take him 5 minutes in the car just to get his playlist set!) Dave also fell in love with travel and although he didn't do it often, those memories stayed with him. He had the opportunity to sing in Austria, Turkey and Czechoslovakia with his college choir and fell in love with Hawaii, where he became a chaser of sunsets. Dave was always up for a good meal - his sister would often try out new recipes on him and he always enjoyed dinner prepared by his dad, who was a Chef. Dave is preceded in death by his mother, maternal and paternal grandparents, and several other loved ones. He is survived by his father (Donald), stepmother (Kristin), sister (Donna), aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many

friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JU

“ I only met Dave once, about 12 years ago. He was a close friend of my partner at the time, and he helped us move into our new place just after we arrived in Minneapolis. We needed help, and Dave was the only one who offered to lend a hand. I wish I'd had the chance to know him better, but that simple act of generosity is a testament to who he was. The selfless kindness he showed us during a pivotal moment in our lives has always stayed with me.

Juan - March 12 at 12:14 AM

RM

“ Donna and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved brother, son, and friend to many. I just can't believe he is gone...He was one heck of a guy! So kind to everyone with the biggest and best smile. I know you are going to miss him so much. Love you much ☐

Rachel Massmann - February 02 at 11:01 PM

SV

“ Dave, you will be missed by your "whole foods family", at whole foods market Minnetonka! You always had a ready smile and often a good joke to share with me.
R.I.P. my friend! See you on the other side !
PS (Dave's not here man ...) inside joke with Dave ;-)



Steven Vandevere - February 02 at 10:29 PM

BR

“ I only had the unique pleasure of working with Dave at Whole Foods in customer service for 1 month. We had many meaningful conversations including one about the number of our days and how God only knows when it will be "OUR DAY". He gave me the best hug on my last day at Whole Foods, saying he'd really miss me.....I'll never forget you, buddy. Until we meet again.

Barbara Lee Richardson - February 02 at 08:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David James Wood.



February 02 at 04:55 PM

RE

“ *RC Eckert* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of David James Wood.



RC Eckert - February 02 at 04:44 PM

TS

“ I’m so sad to hear of your passing, Dave.... You were always so much fun! I’ll always remember the singing & dancing (lots of dancing!), the football games, Halloween parties, your beautiful blue eyes, your laugh & your contagious smile.
My thoughts & heartfelt condolences go out to your family.
Keep on dancing, Dave!
Aloha my friend 🌺

Tracy Stevens - February 02 at 03:03 PM

TB

“ The team at Once Again Nut Butters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David James Wood.



The team at Once Again Nut Butters - February 02 at 12:43 PM

TB

“ The team at Once Again Nut Butters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David James Wood.

The team at Once Again Nut Butters - February 02 at 12:43 PM

EF

“ My heart is heavy hearing of your passing. Rest in peace my friend. I will always cherish the fun times we group had. Prayers to your family 🙏

Eden Flood - February 02 at 11:36 AM