



David Frederick Kauffman

July 16, 1949 - June 20, 2024

David Frederick Kauffman (Dave to friends and coworkers), 74, formerly of Harrisburg, PA, passed away peacefully in the early morning on June 20, 2024, at Providence Place, Drums, PA, after a courageous battle with Frontotemporal Dementia.

Born in Lebanon, PA, on July 16, 1949, he was the son of the late Rachel Willauer Kauffman and Frederick Kauffman. He grew up in Annville, PA, attended Annville United Methodist Church, graduated from Annville-Cleona High School in 1967 and Robert Morris College in Keokuk, IA, in 1969. He worked at the Hershey Chocolate Factory and Hershey Amusement Park in his teens. David retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services in 2017 after 44 years of service. He held numerous positions during his years of public service, most recently as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Social Programs, and then to the Deputy Secretary for Developmental Programs. David's unlimited energy and dedication made him a true advocate for all people.

David was generous, stubborn, loving, and loyal to all his friends. He volunteered his time caring for friends with lengthy terminal illnesses. He served on his high school reunion committee for many years and attended a high school lunch group on a regular basis. He valued his friendship with his potter friend Wendy Smith. During their long-treasured friendship, he assisted her at craft shows where she exhibited her pottery.

David loved traveling. He spent time in Paris, France, visiting a friend and

touring parts of Europe. He enjoyed cruising, most notably Panama and the Caribbean. He visited Hawaii and enjoyed many summer vacations at the Jersey Shore with his mother, sister Sue Ellen Kauffman, and cousin Nancy Frederick. He celebrated many Thanksgivings with his family in Blowing Rock, NC, and frequently visited his sister and mother in Florida.

He enjoyed bicycling, old movies, antiques, Disney World EPCOT, exploring grocery stores during his travels, cooking, church bazaars, and collecting yearbooks, flip-flops, and sunglasses. He hated glitter on anything!

David had an extremely quick wit and wonderful sense of humor; he could always bring laughter to family and friends. He had an excellent memory and served as a resource for family history.

David is survived by his sister Sue Ellen Kauffman Telepman of Saint Cloud, FL, with whom he was very close; brother James (Jeanette) Kauffman of Pfafftown, NC; his cousin and guardian Nancy Frederick; one step-niece; three step-nephews; and five additional cousins. He is also survived by his lifelong friend Jackie Plummer, friends Teleta and Rich Nevius, and many more friends and coworkers.

The family is grateful to the staff at Providence Place for their care of David and most thankful for the loving care provided by his private aide Lucia.

A Memorial Service will be held on August 17, 2024, at Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory at 618 E Main Street in Annville, PA, at 1 p.m. with a short visitation prior. Reverend William Lawson, of Advantage Hospice in Emmaus, PA, will lead the service. A private interment will follow at Oddfellows Cemetery in Tamaqua, PA. Donations in David's memory to the Alzheimer Association or the Dementia Society of America would be appreciated by his family.

We will always carry David's memory in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Oddfellows Cemetery

Tamaqua, PA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc
618 E. Main Street
Annville, PA 17003
(717) 867-4811

Tribute Wall

JP

“ I met David in the summer of 1967 when we both worked at Hershey Park just after high school graduation. We not only became friends we became family. In 57 years we shared laughter, love & tears. The past few years have been difficult watching my dear friend fade away. I will never forget the love & laughter. My condolences to Sue Ellen, Jim, Nancy, family & friends.

Jackie Plummer - August 16, 2024 at 02:44 PM

CP

“ I would be in David's company on his trips to Florida. I worked for his sister (and still do); when he noticed my frustrations is when the 'secret' stories would be told - always comical to me!! He was such a joyous, giving, and fun guy to be around. He loved basking outside in her driveway in the FL sun; very handsome in his acquired tan and blonde hair!! My sincere thoughts are w/Sue Ellen as I know her grieving will be lengthy. She and cousin Nancy made sure his last days were appropriate, w/care and all the stupid legal fuss w/the low life who tried to belittle David. He is now w/Our Father in heaven and in peace. Never a negative comment on my part for David Frederick Kauffman

Carolyn Pickering - August 13, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ Celestial Love was purchased for the family of David Frederick Kauffman.



August 09, 2024 at 02:09 PM

KP

“ *David was a gem. His quick wit and humor always brought joy to those of us the got to spend time in his company. Our sincere condolences to Sue Ellen, Nancy and the remaining family and friends he left behind. It was a pleasure knowing him. RIP sweet David.*

Kathrina Phillips - August 02, 2024 at 06:30 PM

BB

“ *Beautiful tribute to a great classmate. David has been and will be missed at our lunches. His favorite lunch was jambalaya! Sending love and prayers for comfort to his family. ❤️*

Brenda Buffington - July 19, 2024 at 07:55 AM