



David E. Saven

April 1, 1943 - December 1, 2025

David E. Saven, 82, of Painesville, Ohio passed away peacefully on December 1, 2025, with family by his side. He was born April 1, 1943, in Salem, Massachusetts and grew up in Hinsdale, Illinois. He earned his bachelor's degree in Nuclear Engineering from Kansas State University, where he met and married the love of his life, Theresa Gronau.

After graduating, Dave began a long career, initially as a nuclear engineer with the General Electric Company. Early on, he and his family moved often and lived in multiple parts of the country, mostly in the Midwest. In 1980, he accepted a position at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, and the family settled in Northeast Ohio. He subsequently transitioned to the local utility, now known as FirstEnergy Corp., where his emphasis shifted to human performance and employee concerns. He retired in 2005.

Dave eagerly pursued activities with his family, friends and community. He was an avid golfer and sports fan. He loved to travel with family and friends and over his lifetime crafted many adventures by car, plane, boat, motorcycle, or convertible. In his younger years, you could often catch him on the basketball court, at the bowling alley or out fishing. He was a longtime member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Concord, Ohio, where he was an active parishioner and volunteer for many years.

His greatest achievement was the life and family he built with Theresa (Teri) over 41 years. "The Saven Seven" expanded to include spouses and six amazing grandchildren. He cherished family gatherings watching his kids orchestrate delicious feasts, while his only task was to bring the wine. "We are blessed," he would often say.

Survivors include: his daughters, Chantel (Jeff) Bartsch and Tiffany (David) Taylor; his sons, Jeffery (Phoebe Qi) Saven, Gregory Saven, and Taylor (Julie) Saven; his grandchildren, Celestina, Helena, Isaac, Ella, Levi and Noa; and his companions in adventure of 20 years, Ann Grimm and her family.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Theresa Saven; his parents, Nils and Katherine Saven; his stepmother, Beatrice Saven; and his sister, Linda Saven.

The family will receive friends to celebrate David's life from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A service to conclude the gathering will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Private family inurnment will be in Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve: David Simpson Hospice House.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
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Memorial Service

DEC 30. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ Dave was a mentor to this young engineer at the time I came to work at Perry. He always took the time to guide and answer my “stupid” questions. He was always calm and reasonable . Never talking Down to me. Many rounds of golf were played, especially the 19th hole. Rest in peace my friend will see you in the great golf course up there in the future.

Condolences to his family, which he spoke often.

Dennis Dervay

dennid dervay - December 30, 2025 at 01:13 PM

DJ

“ Dear Greg, siblings and family, we extend our deepest sympathy on the passing of your dad. May He Rest In Peace in the company of the Angels and Saints and your beautiful Mom. We fondly remember the Saven family from our St Gabriel days. Planned on attending the wake but the flu is keeping us in. With prayers- Debbie and Bob Juker

Debbie Juker - December 30, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David E. Saven.



December 29, 2025 at 05:25 PM

YF

“ Your Paige & Byrnes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David E. Saven.

Your Paige & Byrnes Family - December 29, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of David E. Saven.



December 29, 2025 at 11:58 AM

JK

“ Joe and Alicia Kerrigan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David E. Saven.



Joe and Alicia Kerrigan - December 10, 2025 at 04:26 PM

LB

“ Cheryl and I worked with Dave.
He was so easy to work with
He will be missed
We send our condolences to the family

Lawrence Burgwald - December 10, 2025 at 12:22 PM