



John David Hotchkiss

August 3, 1941 - April 7, 2022

John David Hotchkiss, age 80 of Mentor-on-the-Lake, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2022. He was born August 3, 1941 in Cleveland, OH to the late Paul and Mercedes (Doran) Hotchkiss.

Dave, or Dee Dee as he was known to many, spent his entire life in the Cleveland area, building life-long friendships surrounded by those he loved. He was known to gravitate to the center of a good time, spreading good cheer wherever possible. Whether enjoying a round of golf, spending time with family, or hitting the town with friends, you were sure to find him with an easy smile on his face. Proud of the fact that he worked nearly 50 years for the Plain Dealer in various roles, he made countless friends amongst his co-workers and clients. Those who knew him would describe him as fun-loving, witty, gentle, and loyal. Above all else, Dave took the greatest pleasure in being with the people he cared about: friends and family. He will be dearly missed by those whose life he graced.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Kelly; children, Shannon (Dave) Wasshausen, Barb (John) Kostura, Kim (Philip) Tralies, and Mike (Ashley); grandchildren, Caroline, Danielle, Eric, Ben, Lauren, Emily, Carter, and Michael; brother, Bill (the late Sharon) Hotchkiss; many nieces and nephews; and two favorite Goddaughters.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Joy (the late Rocco) Genovese and Connie (the late Mike) Flynn; brother Larry (the late Karen) Hotchkiss; and “brother” Jim (Mary Ann) Proctor.

A celebration of life will be held from 3 - 6 pm on Saturday May 21, 2022 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A private family graveside service will be held at a later date in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, Cleveland Area Chapter, 23215 Commerce Park Suite 300, Beachwood, OH 44122; online at www.alz.org/cleveland/donate or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15120, Chicago, IL 60693; online at www.heart.org/

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **21**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
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<https://www.brunners.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ dave (hunky)to our gang was one of the finest guys i ever met.may god bless him&family forever & to all of us lucky enough to call him friend.thanks for the great memories, bobby

bob pavlish - May 05, 2022 at 08:15 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



JAMES P DALTON - April 18, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JD

“ *KELLY AND FAMILY,*

Dave was a man who was always interested in the lives of those he met. He was there whenever you needed a hand or words of encouragement. He would be there at all HOTCHKISS weddings, reunions and wakes.

My mother MARY HOTCHKISS DALTON made him my brother David's godfather. Dave and Larry played golf with my Dad and my brother John and even left them win !!!!

*HE WILL BE MISSED---REST IN PEACE JOHN DAVID
HOTHCHKISS*

*Your cousin,
JAMES P. DALTON*

JAMES DALTON - April 11, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JG

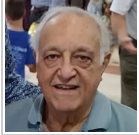
“ *Dear Kelly & Family, We we're so saddened to hear of David's death. I have such fond memories, being his friend at the PD and other outside venues . He was a joy to play golf with along with the after golf activities of liars poker at Muldoons.
He lit up everyone life! Always a great smile on that happy face! He was a straight up guy who was everyone's friend. He will be missed.
God Bless , Jack & Carol. Gallucci*

Jack Gallucci - April 11, 2022 at 10:48 AM

JM

“ *Dave...such a sweet man. RIP Judy Ann Miller*

Judy Ann Miller - April 11, 2022 at 12:16 AM



“ I remember plenty of "good times" and laughs while we were students at Cathedral Latin School, way back in the late 50's! Rest in peace, my friend!

Carmen Cesa - April 10, 2022 at 09:29 AM

BD

“ Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.
I worked with Dave at The Plain Dealer for years.
We were and still are one big family there.

Bobby Dagostino - April 09, 2022 at 07:44 PM

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“ I just want to say as a friend of the family and obviously David, I have never known a more caring and gentler person. Through our trips and outings that we have shared Dave was always the happy go lucky guy and nothing bothered him. We always laughed no mater where or what we were doing. He always valued his military service and was proud of his wife and family. He always told me how he could have never done it without his wife Kelly. Even in Dave's later years we I could still make him laugh. He will always be my friend. Tom

Tom - April 09, 2022 at 07:33 PM

RS

“ One of my arms length relatives (my sisters brother in law) A truly good guy. My condolences to Kelly and family

Randy Shande - April 09, 2022 at 06:54 PM