



David B. Downs

July 2, 1953 - September 22, 2022

David B. Downs, age 69, of Pontiac, formerly of New Haven, passed away on September 22, 2022. He was born on July 2, 1953, in Odessa, Texas, to the late Audley and Mildred Downs. He married Phyllis Lloyd on April 20, 1996 in South Padre Island, Texas. She preceded him death on September 25, 2019.

He is survived by his step-children; Hester West, Sara Lloyd, and David Lloyd; his granddaughter, Emily Lloyd; his siblings, Lee Downs, Tom Downs, and Lyn Milliken; and numerous extended family and friends

Dave held many jobs over his life, including clown diver, screen printer, and property manager. However, his favorite jobs included sand sculptor and professional Santa. Through his work as Santa, Dave helped make the lives of countless children and their families brighter.

Dave was a member of MAPS, Michigan Association of Professional Santas, and the Detroit Parrot Head Club.

Dave also worked with many charities through his work as Santa and the Detroit Parrot Head Club. Dave worked most often with Children with Hair Loss, Forgotten Harvest, and The Children's Leukemia Foundation. The family asks that, if you feel so inclined, you make a donation to one of these three charities in his honor.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - New Haven.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ There are no words to express how much I will miss my sweet dear friend ❤️ David and I go back a good long way . We became immediate friends working together as managers of STII. Over 36 long years ago. He always called when he needed to be cheered up said my laugh always made him feel good. I was grateful to talk to David a few weeks ago for a couple of hours , we talked about his kids and that precious Emily he was so so proud of 🙏 David loved his life and his family more than words can say. And he brought joy to everyone he ever met . I will miss you my sweet friend , but I will see you again of that I am sure.

Susan Hall Pope - September 29, 2022 at 11:20 PM

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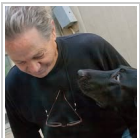
“ Dave always called me on my birthday as Santa. Not everyone gets a birthday call from Santa.
May your sand stand!!!

Mark Landrum, the sandcastle guy - September 28, 2022 at 11:03 AM

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“ Dave was a wonderful Poppa to our granddaughter, Emily. He was a great member of the family.

Hope West - September 28, 2022 at 07:45 AM



“ Dave was a dear friend and I miss him!

Bruce Giffin - September 28, 2022 at 12:16 AM

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“ *Best Santa. Everyone Loved him at my beauty salon in St. Clair Shores several years ago. He posed with so many of our elderly patrons. Also with our grandchildren. Great memories with a wonderful Santa. RIP Santa Dave Downs.*



Trudy Miller - September 27, 2022 at 10:35 PM

MF

“ *Dave was the first Santa i booked and i had the pleasure of being his first Detroit agent. He was a good friend and although we hadn't seen each other for years we kept in touch frequently. He will be dearly missed
I have many fond memories of our times together. Mary Fischioni*

Mary Fischioni - September 27, 2022 at 10:27 PM

GP

“ *Santa Dave will be missed. Santa Gus n Dee Pilette*

Gary Pilette - September 25, 2022 at 06:40 PM