



David M. Skell

April 9, 1949 - January 17, 2022

David Skell, passed away peacefully, at home and with family on January 17, 2022. He leaves behind his daughter and son-in law, Gretchen and Joshua Earnest, his brother Gerald Skell and sister Rose Skell and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Ruth Skell, and his Stepfather Theodore Skell.

David was a kind and gentle human being and a devoted family man. He loved the outdoors and was blessed with natural artistic talents. He was a skilled "Mr fix-it" and enjoyed the challenge "doing it himself" around the house. He loved cooking and his creativity in the kitchen knew no bounds. His most notable attribute, though, was the love and devotion for his daughter Gretchen.

David was raised in Detroit, attended Notre Dame high school and Wayne State University.

Memorial services are planned for a later date.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - Port Huron.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I'm sorry to hear the news of Dave's passing. We worked together for several years and Dave was friendly and kind to people that worked with him. He had a great mind that he put to good use during his career. I am sorry for your loss.

Jeff Ives - February 17, 2022 at 02:26 PM

GS

Thank you, Jeff, Dad mentioned you often during his career.

Gretchen Skell-Earnest - February 21, 2022 at 12:21 PM

JW

“ I would like to share my thoughts and prayers with the Skell Family. I did not know Mr. Skell personally but I do know his brother. I was sorry to hear the news when Jerry shared it with me last time that I saw him. .Jerry did share with me also how extra special his brother was May he RIP.

Jan Wojtasik - January 24, 2022 at 10:18 AM

GS

Thank you, Jan. Uncle Jerry and my dad were very close.

Gretchen Skell-Earnest - February 21, 2022 at 12:22 PM

NU

“ To Gretchen, Josh and Janet,
Many thoughts and wishes are with you as we all mourn the loss of such a special person. I remember when Dave and our brother, also David, had a handyman service and worked hard together. Dave was a devoted father to Gretchen and was so proud as he walked her down the aisle when she and Josh were married. May your special memories help you through this difficult time.

Nancy Urban - January 20, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David M. Skell.



January 20, 2022 at 05:27 PM

ST

“ *Dave was one of the kindest persons I've ever known. Not only was he devoted to Gretchen, Gretta to us Petroski s, he was always there for Grandma Ellie as well. No matter what time or day, he was there. He was always there for me as well, providing me with shelter when I needed it when I lived with him and Gretchen in Detroit. And was always there for a "ride" when I needed it as well. When you look at Gretchen, you see Dave, with all his kindness. Will miss you and thank you for always being there.*

Sue Trudeau

Susan M Trudeau - January 20, 2022 at 09:39 AM

TC

“ Gretchen and Josh,
The obituary of your father is beautiful and true to every word. I have great memories of Dave playing with us when we were young, running around outside, and taking such good care of you and Ernie. I also remember how smart Dave was, he could fix just about anything! Sending you hugs in this heartbreaking time and thinking about you.

Tracey (Stork) Calamita

Tracey Calamita - January 19, 2022 at 06:42 PM

PU

“ Dave was a very kind and gentle man.
Our condolences to Gretchen, Josh and Janet.

Your old friends,

Tom and Pat Urban

Pat Urban - January 19, 2022 at 06:05 PM

TO

“ Dave and I have been all over Michigan on our motorcycles many years ago. He rode his brand new '72 Harley Sportster, while I drove my new '73 Honda 350. His Harley vibrated so much on expressways that his butt went numb! Then about every hour we would switch bikes cause my was a smooth ride! Those were memorably days that I will never forget. I miss my friend - even though I haven't seen him except occasionally over the past 20 years since he moved up north.

We worked together at the Michigan State Fair for several years at the Ford Exhibit.

Thomas "Tim" Oblinger - January 19, 2022 at 05:22 PM

SK

“ *My sincerest sympathies to Gretchen and Josh and their entire family. This is a huge loss and my hope is that the outpouring of love helps to carry you all through. ❤️*

Stacey Kolesnikow - January 19, 2022 at 02:51 PM

JF

“ *Josh and Gretchen,*

Albeit I never knew Dave, I know both of you cared for him very much. I know he loved both of you as well. He will be missed here on earth, but you will see him again. Know he is in a better place and is free from sickness and pain and will be with you both always.

Love you both!

- John Ferrell and the rest of the Taqueria crew.

John Ferrell - January 19, 2022 at 10:21 AM



RP

“ *Gretchen Josh and Janet,
I am sharing in your shock and sadness. I always enjoyed Dave's presence. What a character. Very sensitive, he was.*

Take care.

Luv ya,

Uncle Mike

Rev. Mike Petroski - January 17, 2022 at 05:30 PM

