



Mr. David Alan Urbytes

July 21, 1941 - October 1, 2020

Urbytes, Mr. David Alan
Saginaw, Michigan

David Alan Urbytes was received into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at Riversbend Rehabilitation in Bay City, Michigan. Age 79 years, he was born on July 21, 1941, in Saginaw, Michigan to Vincent and Kathrine Urbytes. David married Carol Lee Thomas on May 16, 1964, at Bridgeport Community Church, and after 52 years of marriage, Carol predeceased him on January 12, 2017. Prior to his retirement, Dave was employed as an engineer with WNEM-TV5. He and Carol enjoyed family gatherings, RVing throughout Michigan and leading Bible studies in their home. Dave also enjoyed all things related to ham radio. His loved ones remember him as always having a willing ear to listen, kind words to share, and the desire to help with whatever anyone needed. Although Dave had been declining over the last several years, he remained steadfast in his faith. Even in his last days he enjoyed listening to the book of Romans, his favorite book of the Bible. Romans' message, that the Gospel is the power of God for salvation for anyone who believes and puts their trust in Jesus Christ, is what Dave believed and secured his life forever in Heaven. His desire was for everyone to have a well-reasoned faith and enjoy this Truth that sustained him. Surviving are his three sons and their spouses, Mitchell (Susan) Urbytes of Holland, MI; Darrin (Cristina) Urbytes of Frankenmuth; Trenton (Lisa) Urbytes of Saginaw; five grandchildren, Zachary, Alec, Meghan, Elliott and Reagan; his sister, Suzanne Hall of Birch Run; mother-in-law Teresa (Max) Thomas of Calhoun, GA; sisters-in-law Irma (Bela) Krusac of Calhoun, GA, Amy Zajac of San Marcos, CA, Faith (Rod) Southard of Phoenix, AZ, Missy (Glenn) Schmit of Adairsvile, GA, and Marci Fournier of Calhoun, GA; his brother-in-law Lance (Jeanine) Decker of Phoenix, AZ; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. The family gratefully acknowledges the love and kindness shown to David by the staff at Riversbend Rehabilitation of Bay City, Michigan.

David's memorial celebration will be held 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss, Saginaw, MI. The Rev. Gary Beck will officiate.

The service will be live-streamed at <https://vimeo.com/472722614> Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the church on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service. Due to COVID restrictions, distancing is suggested and masks are required. David will be laid to rest, next to his wife, Carol, in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery following the memorial celebration.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association at <https://billygraham.org/give/give-online/> or by calling (877) 247-2426

Sympathies or memories of Dave may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

If you'd like to learn more about David's faith and the source of his assurance of eternal life in heaven, please reach out to any of his sons.

Cemetery

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.

Saginaw, MI, 48638

Events

NOV **Memorial Gathering** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

1

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

808 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI, US, 48602

NOV **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM

1

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

808 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI, US, 48602

NOV **Committal Service** 04:30PM

1

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd., Saginaw, MI, US, 48638

Comments



“ Mitch, Darrin, and Trenton,
We were all blessed to know and be friends with you and your dear mom and dad. We are so thankful for the strong witness to Jesus that is written in your dad's obituary. One can certainly recount "seeing Jesus" in both of your parents. God be with you and your families. How fitting to have this celebration today on All Saints Day!
Maridee Krupski

Maridee Krupski - November 01, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ Sabina, Tessi and TJ purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. David Alan Urbytes.



Sabina, Tessi and TJ - October 30, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ Mitch, Darrin & Trent. My deepest and warmest thoughts are sent to you. I know you were all very close with your dad. I hope that the many happy memories you have will comfort you and bring you smiles through the rest of your years. With much love,
Cousin Tessi

Teresa Waller - October 30, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. David Alan Urbytes.



October 29, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. David Alan Urbytes.



October 29, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ Trent, and family, we were so sorry to hear about the death of your dad, but it sounds like he was a firm believer in his Savior, Jesus. Your dad is now in heaven with your mom.

May our Lord send you and your family His comfort and peace with the hope of the Resurrection.

Rich & Kathy Schiemann

Kathleen & Richard Schiemann - October 28, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ God's blessings and peace to the entire Urbytes family! Even in the dark times of earthly sorrow as we mourn Dave, the Light of heavenly joy shines through you all. I continue to be deeply thankful for the decades of wonderful friendships extended through your parents, and you as well: Mitch and Susan, Darrin and Cris, Trent and Lisa, and families. It is a privilege to witness in you ALL the spark, spirit, humor, intellect, generosity, and work ethic that was so evident in their lives everywhere! Together with you always, in Christ -- DPB

David P Britton - October 28, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ Dave was one of the best guys I had the pleasure of working with at TV5. He always had a way of making anything better no matter if just a battery for a microphone or just a little coffee talk while working around the studio. I will always remember him for the kind and gentle person that made him so likable.

Lane Valliere - October 27, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ Dave was one of the good guys... I would often nose around in the engineering area when he was working on some "gizmo" on the bench, and ask him a string of questions. He sometimes reminded me of Doc in Back to the Future.. I couldn't help but ask him what he was working on.. even when he had no time for chatter. Thanks for the gift of your time Dave.

Jay Brandow - October 27, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Mitch, Darrin, Trent & Family, Your dad is with his Heavenly Father with your mom. Your parents were both wonderful people and servants in Christ. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and we are very sorry for your loss.

Tim and Kim Clabuesch

Tim Clabuesch - October 27, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. David Alan Urbytes.



October 26, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Good afternoon to the Urbytes Clan! God bless you and yours today, free from Covid-19!

We claim for you the promise that Jesus gives that: "Those who mourn will be comforted." Gregg @ Martie Lange

Gregg Lange - October 26, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. David Alan Urbytes.



October 25, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Mitch & Family, I was sad to hear of the passing of your father. It is such a comfort to know that he is now in Heaven with your Mom and no longer suffering. The obituary is a beautiful tribute to your Dad and his love for God is a wonderful example as to how we should all want to live our lives. I didn't know your Dad, but I thank you for sharing this link so I could have the opportunity to meet him. Ed & I pray for comfort and strength for you and all your family during this time. Hugs to you!

Marlene & Ed

Marlene Zuidema - October 23, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ Thank you Marlene and Ed for your prayers and nice note! Hope you are both doing well.
Mitch

Mitch - October 23, 2020 at 11:58 PM



“ Trent, Mitch & Family, I was sad to hear of your father's passing. However, I know it was a blessed reunion to be in Heaven with your mom. Hugs & Continued Prayers for all of you.

Linda Babechenko

Linda Babechenko - October 20, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Thanks so much Linda! Hope you and the kids are doing well. Mitch

mitch - October 23, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ Mitch, Darren, Trent & Family: It is comforting to know that your mom and dad are now together again in paradise for eternity without sickness, pain or disability. Your parents were both wonderful people and deeply devoted Christian servants! We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Dave & Cathy Alexander

Dave & Cathy Alexander - October 17, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Thank you Dave and Cathy! Thank you for your comments and prayers! Dave, Thank you also SO Much for all of your help over the years with my Dad, especially for connecting us with Riversbend Rehab - whose care for my Dad exceeded our wildest imagination! Blessing to you, Cathy and your Family, Mitch

Mitch Urbytes - October 19, 2020 at 05:43 AM



“ Trent and Lisa and the Urbytes family. We are sorry for your loss and pray God's love and comfort at this time. Dave is reunited with Carol in the arms of Jesus!

Dave and Suzanne Marvosh - October 16, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ Sending love Trenton and Lisa from Leo and Dawn. Much prayers for your family.

Dawn Ohlendorf - October 14, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ Dave and Carol have been a stalwart influence in my life with shared beliefs whenever my infrequent visits to their home presented itself. We met about 1953 and along with half a dozen friends enjoyed the next seven years of public school and college, I was envious of Dave's Whizzer motor bike and Bruce's Cushman Eagle.....me a bicycle and horse. ,,.,however their motorized toys are gone and I still have horses. Many a weekend night we "cruised" the drive-in restaurants looking for companionships, watched the three stooges films at wknx station where Dave was employed, and played music together on our guitars. Too many life occurrences to mention that we all shared. About 1953 one nation UNDER GOD change had to be memorized (wish we could use that more frequently now). Coincidences: Dave, Bruce and I all have Alan as our middle name.....and Dave's father and my father were born April 10th about four years apart. It was my great pleasure to attend Carol's church service several years ago. Those well prepared and lovingly offered remembrances at the pulpit by Dave's sons were so eloquently presented it really touched me. I rest assured the same will be offered at Dave's service. Perhaps my path will cross with Trent's in Saginaw or Frankenmuth. Always a pleasurable conversation. Such a wonderful family...the Urbytes'. Love and respectfully, we remain Dave & Tracy Schroeder

David Schroeder - October 13, 2020 at 08:59 PM