



David R. Austin

July 29, 1929 - June 3, 2017

Austin, Mr. David R.
Saginaw, Michigan

David Reynolds Austin passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at Covenant Medical Center-Harrison, at the age of 87 years. David was born on July 29, 1929, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to the late Cassius and Zetta (Reynolds) Austin. He had served in the Colorado Air Force National Guard. On October 20, 1951, David married Beverly Claire Carlzen in Denver, Colorado and she survives him after 65 years of marriage. David was an accomplished violinist. Prior to his retirement, he taught music at Arthur Hill High School and was the Concert Master of the Midland Symphony Orchestra.

Besides his wife, Beverly, he is survived by his son, Arthur (Donna) Austin; and his nephew, Douglas Thomas. David was predeceased by his sister, Betty Thomas, and his brother, William (Bill) Austin. Mr. Austin's memorial service will be held 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw. David's son, Arthur, will conducted his father's memorial service. Friends are welcome to visit with the family on Thursday, from 5:00 p.m. until the time of service. Memorial contributions may be considered to the Humane Society of Saginaw County, 123 S. Niagara St., Saginaw, MI 48602 or to the Midland Symphony Orchestra, 1801 W. St. Andrews, Midland, MI 48640 in memory of David. Memories and sympathies of David may be shared with the family on his

memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **15**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David R. Austin*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *David R. Austin*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Austin, I am so sorry to hear only today of your loss. Mr. Austin was an amazing musician and teacher. My love of music was surely enhanced by his teaching (and yours!) .I still tell his silly joke about Wrap Zody in blue.*
Kathy Kring Dugan

Kathy Kring Dugan - April 08, 2018 at 03:58 PM

CW

“ David was a dear friend and a member of my poetry club since September 22, 2011. We did not know of his passing until just recently. I have many fond memories of David and I have written this tribute poem in his honor. He was a very talented Poet and Friend. My deepest sympathies to his family. His poetry may be viewed at Poetry Soup at this link:
https://www.poetrysoup.com/poems_poets/poems_by_poet.aspx?ID=10604

Violin Virtuoso

*When he played his violin magic took place!
A sense of serenity shown on his face.*

*A lover of music so gifted in art...
A teacher to many, known for his sweet heart.*

*Poetry would become his passion, his need...
A master of poetry in the words that he freed.*

*The strings are now quiet with music no more.
Still students recall the teacher they adore.*

*His words we can cherish with fond memories...
A legacy of gems for new reveries.*

9-5-17 © Connie Marcum Wong

*David will be missed by all who had the privilege of
knowing him. God Bless you David. May you rest
in peace.*

Connie Marcum Wong - October 30, 2017 at 03:17 AM

CC

“ Dear Daver..So deeply missed .Such a wonderful poet and friend.May you rest in peace-Charmaine Chircop-Malta.

Charmaine Chircop - September 06, 2017 at 03:12 AM

PB

“ So sad to hear of the passing of Daver as we called him. A talented poet who will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family. phyl---Phyllis Babcock.

Phyllis Babcock - September 05, 2017 at 05:06 PM

DW

“ I am really sorry to hear of "daver's " passing, he was a very talented poet and I had the pleasure of sharing many comments on poetry and life with him.

My condolences go to his family.

David (UK)

David Williams - September 05, 2017 at 01:48 AM

RO

“ So sad to hear about Daver's passing, a talented poet and kind friend.
He'll be missed.

Sending my sympathy and condolences to his family and friends.

Ruben Ortellao

Ruben Ortellao - September 04, 2017 at 11:19 AM

KO

“ Dear Family of David,

He will be greatly missed in the writing community. Hie artistic presentation of his poems was something I admired about his writing. Providing a skilled view of the words he shared.

To his family, please accept my sympathy. He will be missed.

Blessings,

Karen O'Leary, Whispers Editor

Karen O'Leary - September 04, 2017 at 09:13 AM

AD

“ *I only heard of David's death yesterday and I did not know there was this page here where I could offer my condolences. I'm very sorry to learn of Daver's passing. He told us to call him Daver over at Poetry Soup, and have done a blog to make the poets there aware of his passing. God bless you and all his family who survived him. He was a great friend and poet. Andrea Dietrich*

Andrea Dietrich - September 03, 2017 at 05:25 PM

CF

I was so sad to hear of the passing of David. He was a wonderful poet who shared his love of poetry with all of us. He left beautiful comments on my poetry which I will ever treasure.

Constance La France - September 06, 2017 at 07:19 AM

LI

“ Mrs. Austin, very sorry to learn of Mr. Austin's passing. You both instilled the love of music, especially the appreciation of strings in my life. Fond memories of being a member of North and Arthur Hill's orchestra with Mr. Austin as our conductor:) Sending prayers and hugs your way. Fondly, Lisa (Gray) Kocks

Lisa(Gray)Kocks - July 17, 2017 at 10:15 PM

CM

“ I loved Mr. Austin and enjoyed beginning my middle school days with him. He was a great teacher and you could tell he loved what he did. My favorite memory, of many, was when we went to perform "You Light Up My Life" with other orchestras. He made us sound really good.

Cindy Letherer Micoff - June 20, 2017 at 01:22 PM

DH

“ Mr. Austin. Thank you for your gift of music to our family. It gave us a gift that had lasted a lifetime. Because of your teaching, I have continued in music to become a director myself. I credit you with your guidance and your patience. May the angels welcome you to paradise. May you play in the heavenly orchestra.

David Hammond - June 19, 2017 at 07:05 PM



Nadine Letherer

Mr Austin, you were only my teacher for a couple of years at North, but you instilled my love of music! Thank you!

Nadine Letherer - June 19, 2017 at 07:24 PM

DH

Mr. Austin you taught me violin which I played for you from 5th-12th grade and at Interlochen. You gave me s joy if music which I love everyday to this day. Thank you so much for believing in me. Forever in debt to you !! 🎻🎻🎻

don hammond - June 19, 2017 at 07:46 PM

IK

*Hi Beverly, Sorry about Dave's passing. Every time I hear my daughters play their violin and cello, it is with appreciation of Dave and you for passing on your skills, knowledge and love of music. I will always remember the concerts at our home on Mershon St. and also our years together at tai chi. All the best to you. If you want, call me sometime at 989.274.7166.
Warm regards, Indulis Piziks*

Indulis Pizi ks - July 05, 2017 at 04:23 PM



For David whom I came to know through my dear friend Andrea Dietrich

*He may have died
But not his music and teachings
For those whom he taught
The lessons of Music
Through his Violin.*

*My heartfelt tribute
For this Music lover and Violinist
As the strings of a Violin
Always touch the strings of Heart
And produce tunes
Which remains alive
In our memory and heart
For ever and for ever.*

*Ravindra K Kapoor
4th Sept. 2017*

Ravindra K Kapoor - September 04, 2017 at 12:46 AM

 Esther
Watrous

“ So many memories, I don't know where to begin. I still treasure each musical moment (and quite a few non-musical moments). From being your student, to being your student teacher, to joining you as co-worker...then finally as friend. You have left a legacy of music behind, and made this world a much better place!

Esther Watrous - June 19, 2017 at 11:53 AM

JF

“ Mr. Austin was my orchestra director from 8th grade thru 12 grade at South Jr, High and Arthur Hill High School. One of the best teachers I have ever had. He will be deeply missed.....Joel A. Fribley Arthur Hill High School Class of 1974 Cellist.

Joel A. Fribley - June 15, 2017 at 05:45 PM

 Deb
Lasko

“ Mr. Austin - thank you for being such an inspiration to so many students. You have always been a big inspiration in my own musical life and know that you would be glad to know that I have at least still kept up with playing the various clarinet varieties and still pick up playing the cello from time to time.



Deb Lasko - June 14, 2017 at 02:26 PM

ME

“ Beverly, so sorry to hear about your husband. Annie has been keeping us posted.
I always wished I had heard him play his violin. You spent a good many years together. I did not know he grew up in Lincoln, that is where I went to college. I am so happy that you are able to be Evia's violin instructor. I gave her Annie's Suzuki t shirt and I see she is wearing it at camp this week. You have been a good friend of ours for a very long time now.

Marlene Eichelberg 810-735-4391

Marlene/Dwight Eichelberg - June 13, 2017 at 04:56 PM

DT

“ Doug & Lynda Thomas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David R. Austin.



Doug & Lynda Thomas - June 13, 2017 at 12:55 PM

WZ

“ Wendy (Gerwin) Zeitler
I am so sorry for your loss. Mr Austin was a great music teacher and conductor. He really had a passion for music and made it fun. The music world will really miss him. Class of 73

Wendy (Gerwin) Zeitler - June 12, 2017 at 10:54 PM

KG

“ From the graduating class of AHHS-1974-our condolences. Many wonderful and hilarious memories of you. Had that baton shook at me many a time!

Kim (Kelley) Garris - June 12, 2017 at 01:45 PM

RJ

“ *Music will really miss you. We had a lot of good times with school and playing together in the orchestras. Best wishes to your family, pets and all. Dick Jensen*

Richard Jensen - June 12, 2017 at 09:40 AM