



David D. Ransom

December 19, 1935 - February 27, 2022

David Duane Ransom, 86, of Libertyville, IL passed away peacefully in the company of loved ones on Sunday, February 27, 2022, after a short battle with cancer.

Born December 19, 1935, in Boscobel, WI, David was the devoted husband of 59 years to the late Margaret “Peg” (nee Palmquist) Ransom; brother to the late Richard Deane Ransom; and a beloved son of the late Ronald and Wilma (nee Stucky) Ransom. Loving grandfather to Dylan Lory Ransom, David is survived by nephews Steven (Allison) Ransom, Philip (Robyn) Palmquist, Steven (Natalya) Palmquist, and Timothy (Terri) Palmquist; nieces Debra (Phil) Williamson, Carol (Steve) MacNeill, and Mary (Dave) Petrie; as well as many dear grandnieces, grandnephews, and dear friends.

David attended Oconomowoc High School prior to graduating from Wisconsin State College (now University of Wisconsin – Whitewater). He then attended Bowling Green State University, where he earned his Master of Arts degree, receiving distinction as a National Science Foundation Scholar.

David began his career at Lake Forest High School, teaching mathematics. Shifting gears, he joined Blue Cross Blue Shield Association as an Independent Medicare Claims Insurance Professional, and enjoyed a successful career as an insurance executive with the company for many years.

Returning to his roots in education, David was elected to a seat on the Libertyville High School Board of Education. Later, he served on the Board of

Directors of the Illinois Association of School Boards and was Chairman of the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund. In retirement, David also worked as a substitute math teacher at Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools.

Community involvement was a pillar of David's life. He and his wife, Peg, were affiliated with Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and later became active members of First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, where David participated in the Men's Club.

A lifelong student of history, David treasured his association with the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society, and enjoyed the many activities and fellowship offered through membership in the Lake County Retired Teachers Association.

David was a skilled and dedicated gardener, spending countless hours turning soil, pruning and weeding to produce the beautiful gardens that surrounded his home and beautified the entire neighborhood. He shared and gathered gardening expertise through membership in Gardeners of Central Lake County and occasionally, he could be spotted tending to rose bushes in the Cook Memorial Park Rose Garden.

David and Peg settled in the Libertyville Greentree subdivision in the 1970s, and over the decades, David became an iconic fixture in the subdivision, and particularly in his immediate neighborhood. Some neighbors referred to him as "the mayor of Mayfair Drive," as he would traverse the neighborhood on daily strolls with his trusty Doberman, Zeus, or later his fearless pug, Michelle. These walks took time, as David would greet friends, exchange news about their lives and share laughter. His familiar deep voice resonated at backyard barbecues, block parties and driveway gatherings, as he regaled friends with fascinating stories from his past, or interesting anecdotes from history.

Donations in David's name may be made to the D128 Foundation for Learning at: <https://www.d128.org/foundation/donate>

A visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by a memorial Service at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church, 219 W. Maple Ave. Libertyville, IL 60048 Please leave a message for the family at www.burnettda

ne.com for more information, 847-362-3009.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
219 W. Maple Ave.
Libertyville, IL 60048
<http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org>

Tribute Wall

TK

“ I was very sad to hear of Dave Ransom's passing. Many years ago Dave and his wife, Peg, were very active in the Gardeners of Central Lake County. My great passion at that time was participating in their annual plant sale. Members would come into my acre garden, dig up plants; then divide, label and pot them for the May Plant Sale. Dave was one of my favorite workers. We talked about each of our teaching experiences while we worked. Time passed quickly and the result was a lush tray of potted plants. What wonderful memories. Dave said grace at Janet's and my 50th Wedding Anniversary. Sadly his dear wife Peg passed away a few years ago. They were both devoted to their family. Now they are happily gardening in heaven. Tony Kirch (GCLC member)

Tony Kirch - April 23, 2022 at 01:55 PM

PA

“ Dave was my friend at the intersection between our shared church and our shared interest in gardening. His was the vibrant voice that did the praying for all of our garden club functions. While he had not filled that role for several years, there has never been another who has done it with the same eloquent resonance as Dave. Dave, and Peg in earlier times, were always lively and thoughtful companions at the table for church events. A very special child of God has "transferred his membership to the church of Heaven." He will be missed. .



Patti - April 23, 2022 at 12:50 AM

JP

“ I'm a member of the Gardeners of Central Lake County. I remember how kind and caring David was. Gentle spirit and caring heart with a smile on his face. Your memories will never fade just like his caring for his family.

Janice Paulson

Janice Paulson - April 20, 2022 at 11:19 AM

WH

“ What a delightful and warm man of character was Dave. Dave and Peg were faithful fellow Presbyterians, and I so enjoyed getting to know them better in my “day job” regarding voting and ballot qualifications. Regrettably, having moved to Wheaton, I did not know of Peg’s passing. The notice you have written so beautifully captures the essence of your Dad’s many interests and his gracious gifts of time and talents to others. If one could pick a neighbor— Dave would be the best of all the rest. It was my blessing to know your parents.

Willard Helander - March 18, 2022 at 09:18 AM

BS

“ David was a gentleman and a true champion of top quality education for every student in District 128. It was my honor to work with him during my years at District 128, and I will always feel fortunate to have had so many great discussions with David, as well as his support for my programs. My deepest condolences to his family. May you have many beautiful memories to fill your heads and hearts. Barbara Schneider

Barbara Schneider - March 10, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *My condolences to the David D. Ransom Family in your time of grieving. While I didn't know Mr. Ransom well he always took time to say a kind word when we were in the same room and for that I am appreciative.*

Donald T. Johnson

Donald Johnson - March 10, 2022 at 08:57 PM