



David G. Desrosiers, Sr.

January 14, 1952 - November 25, 2020

Hampton - David Gilbert Desrosiers, Sr. passed away due to COVID-19 on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at the Oceanside Center in Hampton, New Hampshire, where he had resided since 2013. He was 68 years old.

During his time at Oceanside, he would greet all the residents, staff, and visitors with a grin, an outstretched hand, and a friendly, "Hey, Buddy!" Throughout his life, he loved meeting people and listening to their stories, and he often left a meeting with a new friend.

David was a lifelong resident of New Hampshire. He grew up on Allds Street in Nashua and attended Nashua public schools, where he was known as "Rosebush" and as a gifted athlete, especially in hockey. As a captain and MVP of his high school hockey team, he led them to many victories. His love of sports is something he carried with him throughout his life and passed on to his children.

Anyone who knew David well heard him proudly tell of his brush with history at the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid, New York, where he traveled with the Team USA men's hockey team as part of his work with CCM. David worked closely with the team and witnessed their historic upset of the heavily-favored Soviets, which became known as the "Miracle on Ice," after which they went on to win the gold medal.

As an adult, David lived in Hollis, where he and his wife, Denise, raised their three children on the shores of Silver Lake. He is remembered as a loving family-man and loyal friend, who was happiest laughing and joking with loved ones and tending the grill at summer parties on the lake. He was active in town sports, coaching all of his children in Little League and proudly cheering them on at the many school sports they played. He was a business owner, most recently at Perfect Edge Pro Shop at Conway Arena in Nashua, where he also coached the Lady Panthers, an adult women's hockey team, whose roster included his daughter.

David was a proud and devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his three children and their families: his daughter, Cerissa Desrosiers, daughter-in-law, Jessica Hannon, and granddaughter, Phoebe Desrosiers; his son, David Desrosiers, Jr. and daughter-in-law, Angela Desrosiers; and his son, Jeffrey Desrosiers and granddaughter, Alina Desrosiers.

He was predeceased by his parents, Gilbert Desrosiers and Rita Labombarde Desrosiers, and by his sister, Doris Desrosiers.

It was important to David that his loved ones celebrate his life with a party, rather than a traditional funeral. Due to covid, such a celebration is not possible at this time; however, when it is safe to gather again, the family will host a party where everyone can raise a glass to David together.

Comments



“ Dave was a friend of my brother, Eric, and he spent many hours at our house. We used to play a little street hockey in the driveway and as the guy who played goalie, I was terrified by Dave's slapshot. He was always laughing and fun to be around. My sincere condolences to his family and may he rest peacefully.

Pete Bouchard - December 19, 2020 at 06:44 AM



“ My Condolences to the entire family. Dave was a great friend of mine who we shared so many fun and memorable times together. I first met Dave in the seventh grade and always remained great friends. A great hockey player with speed, strength and tremendous slap shot! I will miss you Dave. Rest In Peace my Friend, God Bless.

Peter F. Gray - December 13, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Desrosiers family, we have such fond memories of David over the years. We especially enjoyed celebrating New Year's Eve with him by the lake, catching up on his favorite sports teams, and also grilling steaks in the summer sun. He always had a warm smile and a positive attitude and we miss him dearly.

Love,
Matt, Michelle, Arja and Keldan Hannon

Matt Hannon - December 08, 2020 at 07:42 AM



“ So sorry to here about David, I met him many years ago when he repped for CCM as he first approached me to consider his line of equipment. His personality and dedication to getting me equipment that I would use was the main reason I used CCM sticks etc. I always considered him a friend for life.

He will be missed by everyone, my best wishes to all of his family!!!

Brad Park

Brad Park - December 07, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ Had not seen David in quite awhile and was surprised and very saddened to hear of his passing. I worked with David at CCM in Hudson back in the day. We had some great times together. He was such an easy person to get to know. It seemed like when you met David you made a friend. We played quite a bit of tennis together as well. I was just learning and he was very patient with me. David was very genuine; a good man who would give you the shirt off his back. We all lost "one of the really good ones". Our sincere condolences to Denise and the family.

David & Linda Popp

David Popp - December 06, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Although I have not seen my old friend for many years, I can tell by reading the comments that he was always smiling and always had a good thing to say about everyone. It is true that “the good die young!” My condolences to all of his family.

Chuck Marquis - December 06, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ So sorry to hear of David's passing. My sincere condolences to Denise and the family.

David Gottesman - December 06, 2020 at 06:44 AM



“ With sadness after learning of Dave's untimely passing, the Dembows of Merrimack send their deepest sympathies to his family. Although it has been a number of years since we had seen one another, the memory of one of the happiest and most up-beat people I have ever known brought a smile to my face and a tear to my eye. Dave no doubt made a lasting impression upon everyone who crossed his path during his lifetime. In Dave's memory - for those who still don't believe - please wear a mask and socially distance, for Covid-19 has taken yet another victim ... Rest in peace, Dave. Steven M. Dembow

Steven M Dembow - December 05, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ A very sad day for sure. He will be missed. I'm grateful for all he did for me and everyone else. He was one of a kind. Cerissa, Dave & Jeff I'm truly sorry for your loss. He was a big part of all our lives. -Brian

Brian H.Labrie - December 05, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ I remember David very well. My family and I spent many sunny weekend at Silver Lake. My inlaws ,Al and Simone Desrosiers played cards with Gilly and Rita often.Never saw David in a sour mood always a great story teller His Mom and Dad were great host.
We witnessed a fantastic fireworks show on the 4th of July put on by David.I graduated with Doris in 1966.
Sorry for your loss.

Warmest Regards
Leon Bechard

Leon Bechard - December 04, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ I spent several years at Perfect Edge Pro Shop where I got to know one of the kindest, honorable men ever. Daves love of life was evident in his never ending smile. whoever came in to the shop was made to feel welcome and above all he let them know of his gratitude for their business. over time we became very close going to sox vs yankees game 4 in 2004 of the playoffs (Dave Roberts stole 2nd base) what a night, cookouts on silver lake, cups of coffee wherever we felt like. Daves experiences in life were legendary and kept you on the edge of your seat, the one constant in conversation was how important and proud he was of his family and how committed he was to his friends. I have not seen Dave in quite some time but the void knowing he is no longer with us will never be filled. Thanks for all of the wonderful memories Dave. Love, Dan, Sue and the rest of the Latham clan.

Daniel Latham - December 04, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ Kathy Pillsbury lit a candle in memory of David G. Desrosiers, Sr.



kathy pillsbury - December 04, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ Rest in Peace David !! Thanks for the memories, jokes and friendship. Love, "Lil" Daisy and Bob!!



Lydia Belanger - December 03, 2020 at 04:58 PM