



A. David Swearingen

February 21, 1957 - November 13, 2022

A. "David" Swearingen age 65 of Bethlehem, WV passed away Sunday, November 13, 2022 at Liza's Place, Wheeling, WV.

He was born February 21, 1957 in Wheeling, son of the late Alfred and Barbara Beltz Swearingen.

David was a 1975 graduate of St. John's Central, Bellaire, OH and a 1980 graduate of Ohio University with a Bachelor of Business Degree. He worked for PBS and was a former financial manager and a member of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Wheeling. He enjoyed working outside, hiking, landscaping, watching football and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, of 38 years, Peggy Davis Swearingen; two sisters, Kathryn (Richard) Look of Sunriver, OR and Terri (Mike) Murray of Wheeling; one brother, Mark Swearingen of Dover, PA and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 5pm-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Wheeling, WV. Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 9am at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 690 Mt. Olivet Road, Wheeling, WV with Fr. Joseph Augustine as celebrant.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to glioblastomafoundation.org or Liza's Place, 308 Mt. St. Joseph Road, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Liturgy with Mass

NOV **19.** 9:00 AM (ET)

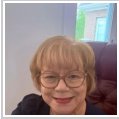
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
690 Mt. Olivet Road
Wheeling, WV 26003

Tribute Wall

BF

“ *God Bless your family & know that on your second journey there is peace. 75 classmate. Bruce*

Bruce Fowler - November 28, 2022 at 11:08 AM



Thank you, Bruce.

Peggy Davis Swearingen - December 09, 2022 at 09:28 PM

VB

“ *peggy, my prayers are with your during this time. if i can do anything ,let me know thinking of you,praying fo you vickie berhalter*

victoria berhalter - November 21, 2022 at 06:21 PM



Thank you, Vickie.

Peggy Davis Swearingen - December 09, 2022 at 09:29 PM

CD

“ *So sorry to hear this...I remember David living next door and he was always fixing something or cleaning something! Barbara would say I don't know where David is but I'm sure he's fixing something, cleaning something or just missing! He was like his Dad even as a kid. wonderful family.*

Charmyn Doty - November 20, 2022 at 07:37 AM

PS

Thank you so much, Charmyn.

Peggy Swearingen - November 21, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Peggy, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I'll be sending a contribution to the foundation. Please let me know if there's something I can do to help. Agnes Hinton*

Agnes Hinton - November 19, 2022 at 09:25 AM

PS

Thank you, Agnes.

Peggy Swearingen - November 21, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of A. David Swearingen.*



November 17, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of A. David Swearingen.*



November 17, 2022 at 07:12 AM



“ *Chuck and Cathy Pollock purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of A. David Swearingen.*



Chuck and Cathy Pollock - November 16, 2022 at 10:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of A. David Swearingen.*



November 16, 2022 at 09:20 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of A. David Swearingen.*



November 16, 2022 at 08:51 AM

TM

“ Not easy to group memories in one paragraph. You were my big brother all my life. Ok, duh! But, one thing that stands out was your tenacity of getting things done. You worked as long as I can remember. You and mark collecting pop bottles for cash. Delivering newspapers. Shoveling snow for neighbors. Working in the summer for the city of MF under Mayor Laslo. Working construction in the summer to pay for your college tuition . You were always the Energizer Bunny. You and Peggy moved to VA after you were married and I always looked forward for your visits home . Especially The Christmases when you'd haul 1000 gifts back to town! Later after you moved back to the Ohio Valley you made your beautiful home the Family home. I nicknamed it The Swearingen Compound. The last few years sharing so many fun times. The parties with all the food, drinks, laughter. We sure made up for list time! You were a fighter. After being diagnosed, treatments, surgeries you never stopped . You were always thinking and doing things , working til your body couldn't anymore. You were not a quitter. But, God must need some landscaping or some sort of project done in Paradise so he called you Home. We will see each other again some day. Fly high big brother. You are already missed, but I know you are now in peace and out of pain. Til we meet again. Love you. - Terri Bird❤️

terri murray - November 16, 2022 at 05:50 AM

MS

My brother Dave-younger than me by 14 months-was someone that I looked up to. He was the hardest working and toughest person I've ever known. One of my lasting images of him will be how hard he worked to remodel what was our dad's home in Floral Valley after I told him I wanted to sell it. Day after day for a year, he would show up with tools and materials. No one could out work him. He had a superhuman capacity for work. Nothing would stop him. He was also kind, generous to a fault, and a devoted husband to his wife Peggy. I can't believe he's gone, but he's in a better place and I will see him again. Rest in peace, brother.-Mark

mark swearingen - November 16, 2022 at 09:58 AM

KA

My baby brother was a force of nature since the day he was born. No one could contain him. He figured out how to get out of his playpen leaving Mark behind and put his coat on over his diaper and head out the door. No one knew where he was going but he obviously had plans. No gates or locks could contain him. He was like this his whole life. He was full of determination and energy. A whirling dervish and I stayed out of his path in awe. He worked hard and played hard. He walked miles on trails that he forged himself. There was no path? He made one. Literally. He planted hundreds of trees. On one of his walks he found a deer skull and knew my granddaughter, with her morbid curiosity, would love it. So he brought it home for her and bleached it while wearing his Daniel Boone hat. He was a man of few words just like our dad. And like him, he had a kind heart. Family was important to him and he created a beautiful gathering place for us all. It's so unfair that his life was cut short. His zest for life was huge. But now he is joining our other family members who have gone before us. He is probably polishing the pearly gates and rearranging the stars. Maybe God can slow him done. I love you baby brother. We will meet again.

Kathy - November 16, 2022 at 10:43 AM

CP

I remember hanging out with Dave and Mark in grade school. We sat around one night in their living room up on 7th St listening to a comedy album by Bill Cosby. We laughed so hard I thought I was going to pass out. Always fun hanging with Dave, one of the good guys.

Chuck "Spud" Pollock - November 16, 2022 at 10:22 PM

MS

Thank you Spud. We had a lot of good times.

mark swearingen - November 17, 2022 at 12:06 PM

MO

Mark, so sorry to hear about Dave. I will never forget when we drove the city dump truck up to Memorial Park at the ripe age of 14. Dave drove and you and I stood in the bed and navigated. Then we got on the hill we didn't know how to dump it. I will never forget that. He came down to visit me when I was in Athens. Let's just say we had a great time. Don't really want the details in print. I could tell a bunch more old stories but you get the drift. Anyway,so sorry to hear the news. I wish you and your family the best.

Your old friend, Mark Ogden

mark ogden - November 17, 2022 at 01:03 PM

MS

Mark, that story is a classic. Our supervisor unexpectedly took the day off and left a bunch of unlicensed 14 year olds the keys to the dump truck. Yea Dave had a good time with that. There are a LOT of other stories I could tell.

Take care old friend

Mark swearingen - November 17, 2022 at 01:31 PM

DS

Kathy, Mark, and Terri - Rose and I are still in disbelief that Dave is no longer with us and are very sad to lose a cousin. We loved every one of his qualities especially his generosity as witnessed each time we visited his and Peggy's home in Bethlehem. I have so many wonderful memories of him that also included each of you like the many Christmases and birthdays when we would visit each other's homes. I always looked forward to watching him and Mark play football for St. Mary's then St. Johns. Even though I went on to be a Purple Rider, one of my favorite memories of Dave was when he led St. John's out to play Martins Ferry and rammed the St. John's flag right into the ground at the 50-yard line in Ferry Stadium! He had no fear to say the least!

Peggy - Rose and I can remember your wedding day just like it was yesterday and Dave saying to me at the reception how lucky he was to be marrying you! We know how much you will miss him and we will pray for you daily.

*Much love to all of you,
Doug and Rose*

Doug Swearingen - November 17, 2022 at 01:58 PM

MS

Doug, you and Rose are the best. We are lucky to have you in our family. All our love to both of you.

mark swearingen - November 17, 2022 at 02:32 PM

PS

Thank you, Doug and Rose.

Peggy Swearingen - November 21, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of A. David Swearingen.*



November 15, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of A. David Swearingen.*



November 14, 2022 at 10:41 PM

WB

“ *with love, chrissy & mike bock purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of A. David Swearingen.*



with love, chrissy & mike bock - November 14, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of A. David Swearingen.



November 14, 2022 at 04:50 PM