



Mr. David J. Stark

March 4, 1950 - November 6, 2023

David J. Stark, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away on November 6, 2023, at the age of 73 in his hometown of Cortland, NY. Born on March 4, 1950, in Cortland, Dave was the epitome of generosity and fairness, instilling wonderful values in his family, such as the Golden Rule. He possessed a remarkable sense of humor and had a knack for offering sage and sometimes sarcastic advice. Dave's love for his family knew no bounds, and they were his greatest asset. His adoration for his bride, Lynn Johnson Stark, was evident every day, and this summer they joyfully celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Dave is survived by Lynn, their daughter Amy Johnson (Tony Caruso), son Jeffery (Erica), and four amazing grandchildren, Ethan & Owen Johnson and Leah & Colin Stark. He also leaves behind his sisters, Janet Griffin and Judy Butler, along with their children, and his brother in law Bob Johnson (Deborah). Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Betty and Clarence Stark, his in-laws, Mildred and Lawrence Johnson, and his brother-in-law, Fred Johnson. Dave's educational journey began at Parker School, and he graduated from Cortland High School in the Class of 1968. He furthered his education at Ithaca College and the School of Hard Knocks. Dave embarked on a successful career at Payne Brothers Office Supply before taking a leap of faith and opening his own business, CNY Office Products, in 1989. Throughout his entrepreneurial journey, Dave established many business and employee relationships with wonderful people in our community. In 1991, Lynn enthusiastically joined him

in the business, and they worked side by side for the next 20 years. Dave proudly retired in January of 2012, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and dedication. In addition to his professional achievements, Dave had a passion for basketball. He was a remarkable player at Cortland High School, setting several records that still hold true today. Dave continued to support and cheer on his children and grandchildren in all of their sports and activities. He transformed his home into a haven for family and friends, hosting Friday night neighborhood pizza gatherings, holiday parties, and pool days. These cherished memories were shared with the Yongo Bongo crew, especially with our second family, the DeLanays. Later in life, Dave loved reconnecting and reminiscing with his childhood friends as well. In honor of Dave's memory and in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Grace and Holy Spirit Church, c/o Feed Our Neighbors, 13 Court St, Cortland, NY, or to Hospicare, 11 Kennedy Parkway, Cortland, NY. These organizations were close to Dave's heart, and any donations made will help continue their important work. Dave Stark will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy of love, humor, and dedication to family and community will forever be cherished. May he rest in eternal peace

Funeral Services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. in Grace and Holy Spirit Church, Court St. Cortland, N.Y.

The family will be present to receive friends on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y.

Tribute Wall

EB

“ I am saddened to learn of Dave's passing. Along with the other neighborhood boys, I used to "peg his pants" back in the 60s. My deepest sympathy goes to Lynn, Janet, and the rest of the family. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Eileen Bentley - November 10, 2023 at 11:09 AM

DW

“ David was a wonderful person who I fought to keep as a supplier at Pall Trinity. He was very caring and funny! Rest is peace Davy.

Donna Wilson - November 09, 2023 at 09:16 PM

PJ

“ We got a tree as he pre-named Leah, Willow. As well, I will always remember him as Stick. Sorry to see him go. Bless his family. Love Patty & Jerry

Patty and Jerry - November 09, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. David J. Stark.

November 09, 2023 at 07:56 PM

RS

“ We were so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. He was such a wonderful person; He will live on in our memories forever. We pray that your hearts and souls find peace and comfort during this difficult time.



Rob & Mary Spaulding - November 09, 2023 at 01:11 PM

KF

“ Keith And Linda Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. David J. Stark



Keith and Linda Fuller - November 08, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. David J. Stark.



November 08, 2023 at 03:30 PM

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“ Selective's Northeast Region planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David J. Stark.

Selective's Northeast Region - November 08, 2023 at 03:30 PM

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“ The DeLanays (DeLooneys) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David J. Stark.

The DeLanays (DeLooneys) - November 08, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. David J. Stark.*



November 08, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss, sending love, hugs and prayers for the family for strength during this most difficult time - Dave was so kind and such a wonderful person - God Bless, and MAY HE RI P Terry & Rita Goddard and family*

Rita Goddard - November 08, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Remembering the familmy connections for me and my family. Eternal rest with much love.
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Amy Tutino Piatak - November 08, 2023 at 10:26 AM



*family***

Amy Tutino Piatak - November 08, 2023 at 10:28 AM

LB

“ My whole heart is with you all, and I am truly sorry I cannot be there to celebrate Uncle Stick’s life and the light he has brought to this world💕💕 My memories are so many, and they all involve his humor and generosity. So much love to you Aunt Linnie, Amy, Jeff and the whole family.



Lisa Berry - November 08, 2023 at 08:56 AM

TQ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Lynn, Amy, Jeff and their families. Our memory of Dave is from Black Lake where his idea of fishing was throwing an empty hook out. No desire to catch a fish just wanted to enjoy life. Rest in Peace “Stick”. Dan & Theresa

Theresa Quail - November 07, 2023 at 06:32 PM