



David L. Alford

April 22, 1939 - November 21, 2020

David Lee Alford died November 21, 2020 in Fort Collins, Colorado from complications of Interstitial Lung Disease, Pneumonia, and COVID-19 with his wife at his side. One of five children, he was born in Detroit, Michigan April 22, 1939 to Omer and Edith Carroll Alford. Dave graduated from Jonesville Community High School in 1957.

He married Wendy Beggs and the couple raised 5 children, Debbie Pantelich, Doug (Jeffy) Alford, Mike (Jacquie) Alford, Robert Alford and Lisa (John) Tryon. Dave owned and operated IGA grocery stores in Argos and Culver, Indiana. He provided community leadership and support through numerous service organizations.

In 1981, Dave sold the IGA stores and moved the family to Colorado where he owned and managed a solar business for several years. Dave remarried in 1990. He and wife, Carol, celebrated their partnership with years of motorhome travel across the United States, Canada, and Mexico where they spent their winters for 22 years, enjoying friendships with many travelers from Canada. They also explored England, Scotland, France, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Czech Republic.

Dave is survived by siblings Kenneth (Jan), Glenn (Hella), Barbara Stires, Sharon (Terry) Glaser, first wife, Wendy Shields, and grandchildren Brian

Pantelich, Justina Portillo, Rachel and Dana Alford, Derek Alford, Lexi and Kyle Alford, Nick Tryon and Geoff Boyd. Matt Pantelich preceded Dave in death.

Dave's stepdaughter Christin Murray preceded him in death. Other survivors include: stepson, Mitch Crockett, step grandchildren Nick Keegan (Emily), Jeff Crockett (Vicki), Andrew Crockett, Morgan Crockett, and six step greatgrandchildren.

The greatest joy for Dave involved watching his children grow into adulthood. He held great admiration and pride for each one. Carol cherishes the wonder Dave brought to her life as he shepherded her in unbelievable travels and adventures throughout their thirty years together.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date, as family members gather in David's memory.

Tribute Wall

IR

“ Dear Carol, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We have many fond memories of time in LDM,, Mexico with you and Dave, sorry for your loss. 🙏 Irma and Leo

Irma - December 04, 2020 at 02:16 PM

CS

“ Dave was a real good friend of my Fathers and his kids were all good friends to myself and my brother growing up. Dave was a solid, kind man and a pillar of our community.

craig stevens - December 04, 2020 at 02:02 PM

RG

“ My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. Argos missed you when you all left, and getting groceries was never the same because of Mr. A running such a terrific business. God's grace and peace on you all.

Roger Grossman - December 04, 2020 at 01:29 PM

AW

“ Dearest Carol my friend of so many years I was saddened to hear of my friend and your husband Davids passing. There are so many memories of our time spent in Lo de Marcos together over all those years at El Caracol.

He and my Erhardt were bocce players and they both were competitive at trying to best each other but it was this bond they forged their friendship on and their love of the game made for a lifetime friendship. Their love of this game cemented their friendship. My last time with David was on the beach in Lode. Erhardt had given David his bocce set which David told me was his prized possession. That's how much these men loved this game. During a game on the beach one of the balls got washed out in the ocean never to be found. David came to tell me what had happened and he was so very upset over this.

We both concluded that this was more than likely Erhardt from above trying to best David again with his wicked sense of humour. David my friend you will be missed very much. In my mind I think you must be with Erhardt gathering new friends to get a bocce game going in heaven.

Carol my heart is with you and you are so loved by so many which is a testament to your generous heart in giving to others.

Love you forever,

Anne

ANNE WAHL - November 25, 2020 at 11:27 PM