



## David E. Trautman

August 14, 1962 - December 29, 2018

Trautman, David E. December 29, 2018 age 56 of Westland. Loving husband of Patricia. Dear father of Shayna Loughlin and grandfather of Sadie Loughlin. Beloved son of Laura Joan Trautman and the late Burton Trautman. Dear brother of Don (Marla) Trautman. Proud uncle of Leslie (Greg) On and Denny Trautman. Visitation Wednesday 1-8 PM and 5 PM Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions for Sadie's college fund payable to Patricia Trautman would be appreciated. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David E. Trautman*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Patty Loughlin-Trautman. My deepest sympathy for your loss. My wife Virgie and I knew Dave well in his Maryland and Virginia days. He and I were a two man team on Receivables Unit in the Baltimore West Branch. Dave had his own style while always getting the job done. He was a friend. He will be missed.*

**Jerry M** - February 03, 2019 at 11:06 PM



“ *Dave and I worked together at Ford Credit. I shall miss his humor, expertise, hard work and genuine care for his co-workers. Rest in peace, my friend.*

**Tony Metzger** - January 23, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *Dave, I will miss our talks and your welcoming smile when I visit the Farmington Hills office. Thanks for your openness, your sense of humor, your warm spirit, and the great energy you shared with us all. I pray your family and the TDAF family find peace during your transition. Rest in Love.*

**Marcia Barnes** - January 03, 2019 at 02:51 PM

C.

“ I worked on the same team as Dave at TD for a few years. He was someone who was easy to talk to and eager to help out. He will be missed.

-C.J.

C.J. - January 03, 2019 at 08:11 AM

TI

“ My condolences to the family. I worked with Dave at TD. He loved his hot peppers! I hope you can find comfort in for memories at this time.



Tiffani - January 02, 2019 at 03:12 PM

JG

“ Dave, I know you had to leave this place, but you will always be missed. My thoughts are with Patty, your daughter and Granddaughter, as well as your whole family. No one will ever know the bond that you, Marya and I created that day 3 years ago, but we know that there was a miracle...and I'll always be grateful that I was picked to be a part of it. Godspeed until we meet again.

Janice G. - January 02, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of David E. Trautman.



January 02, 2019 at 11:16 AM

MS

“ *Mark And Laurie Schneider lit a candle in memory of David E. Trautman*



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**Mark and Laurie Schneider** - January 02, 2019 at 11:14 AM

PG

“ *Great guy to work with and to know always helpful and considerate when I heard the news it broke my heart he will be missed my prayers go it out to his family*

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**phil gladys** - January 02, 2019 at 11:11 AM

RM

“ *Although I'm not a close friend of Dave's, I always looked forward to spending time with him and his beautiful wife, Patty. They turned even the darkest of days, sunny and bright. My deepest condolences to, Patty, Shayna his family and to his many close friends and co-workers. Rest In Peace, Dave. Life Well Lived, Sir. You are missed.*

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**Robin Murphy** - January 01, 2019 at 07:18 PM

JM

“ I worked with Dave in the 80's and 90's at the Ford Credit Baltimore West Branch. We were partnered on a challenging unit. He was instrumental in our doing a fine job and he was a stand up partner. We worked very hard, yet we had fun.

*I watched most of the Penguin playoff games(Mario Lemieux) on their way to the 91 Stanley Cup at Dave's apartment. Learned to tolerate Iron City Beer too (ice cold). Dave was a good friend, and a kind human being, as much as he kept up the tough to the world persona. I remember him well. I miss him.*

*Hey Dave, kick that Harley over and let's roll buddy!*

*Jerry Moloney*

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**Jerry Moloney** - January 01, 2019 at 12:26 PM

JT

“ Dave you will definitely be missed. It has not been a day when you didn't come by and we talked about everything from carolina reapers to motorcycles. You were good guy. REST IN PEACE



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**JAY (TDAF SECURITY TEAM)** - January 01, 2019 at 08:18 AM

DT

“ Such sad news... I'm heartbroken for your family. I've worked with Dave for the past three and a half years and he was a quality guy. I couldn't say enough nice things about him. He will be greatly missed by all, our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. The Tate Family

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**Dan Tate** - December 31, 2018 at 06:26 PM

YW

“ So very sad to hear that a very nice guy who was also my coworker passed away. He had an unforgettable voice. He was not only a nice guy but he was funny, had a great sense of humor, very knowledgeable, helpful and a family man. You will be missed around the office. May you rest easy Dave.

Yvonne Wojtkiewicz - December 31, 2018 at 01:26 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of David E. Trautman.



December 31, 2018 at 01:08 PM

William  
Morris

“ I will certainly miss the daily "wake up" from Dave as he walked past my desk. He introduced to the hottest hot sauce there was too! Definitely a down to earth kind of guy that will be missed dearly.

William Morris - December 31, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of David E. Trautman.



December 31, 2018 at 11:19 AM

BM

“ Dave was quite a great friend for the long time I've got to spend with him when we were young  
A very funny character  
I could spend forever thinking back all the fun and crazy things we used to do all to school and then some  
He will surely be missed by a lot of people  
Thanks for everything brother  
Enjoy your final flight

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**Ben Moore** - December 31, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ I met Dave in the early '90's in Maryland through a friend who also attended Robert Morris. We became friends quickly. He wanted to visit a friend who was stationed in England via Germany and Oktoberfest. I was the only one able to go. I wouldn't do this now but back then, we only made flight arrangements. We rented a car and were immediately on an autobon. No GPS and no clue. Just a paper map. The beer tents were full so we sat outside in the rain. It was so crazy and so much fun. He dubbed us "World Travelers". So glad to have been a part of the adventure. My condolences to his family. Judy Popeck

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**Judith Popeck** - December 31, 2018 at 09:06 AM

AD

“ Dave, I'll miss our morning conversations. It was a pleasure to know you. Rest in Heaven my brother.

*Artie Dukes*

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**Artie Dukes** - December 31, 2018 at 08:04 AM

RM

“ I’m not sure how long it will take to sink in, because it just doesn’t seem real yet. But rest assured you will be sorely and greatly missed. We always had so much fun on all of our excursions.

*I suppose our greatest, and really only, divide was the love for our respective sports teams, which were separated by a state. But it always provided for healthy and lively debate. In actuality, I believe we shared common views about pretty much everything else. And I will miss our broad discussions, since we both understood we could talk to each other about anything without confrontation.*

*In jest, we always joked about who the favorite son-in-law was and who had the most pictures on “the wall” In reality, we both knew that we were loved equally. And our most common bond was our genuine love for the Loughlin family. Rest in peace, “Bro”*

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**Rick Miller** - December 30, 2018 at 10:16 PM

SZ

“ As a neighbor of the Trautmans for many years, I watched David and his brother Don grow up. David and my son Tom became very close friends through adulthood. He will truly be missed. My deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Patti, mother Joan and brother Don and all the rest of his family.

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**Sunny Zastawa** - December 30, 2018 at 09:33 PM



“ Dave was a great friend to me and he always had my back. I have many great memories of him. This picture is from our friend Bill's wedding. Dave flew to North Carolina and we road tripped to GA. I remember he wanted to go to the Harley store in Charlotte to buy a shirt to take back home for Patty who he had recently started dating. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will be missed.



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**Jennifer Myers** - December 30, 2018 at 01:08 PM

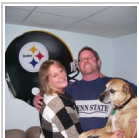


“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David E. Trautman.



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December 30, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ I will forever cherish the memories of my dearest friend Dave. His witty and sarcastic humor and his kind heart. Dave taught me how to drive when I was just 15 years old in his big black van with the flames on the side and the vanity plate that read “Don't laugh mister your daughter might be in the back”. My dad loved that van. But then my daddy always was a good judge of character. Farewell my friend and take daddy for a ride for me. Love Cindy

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**Cindy Winkler** - December 30, 2018 at 10:53 AM

KL

“*Dave was a great guy. We treasure the memories of our time at Robert Morris, all the get-togethers and ski trips. Prayers to the family all who knew him.*”



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**Kim and Garry Lightner** - December 30, 2018 at 10:31 AM

JP

“*I worked with Dave at Ford Credit and at TD. He came out to hear the band perform when we played on his side of town. His smile will be missed. My condolences to his family and friends*”

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**Jeff Polonis** - December 30, 2018 at 10:25 AM

SC

“*My condolences to the family! I worked with Dave, he will truly be missed by many. Sending prayers for your comfort and peace during this time.*”

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**Sybil Carter** - December 29, 2018 at 10:06 PM

JK

“ Dave will be greatly missed by his TD Auto Finance family. Dave was always leading efforts to make a difference in the community and with his colleagues. I knew Dave to have a great work ethic, amazing sense of humor and a tremendous love for his family. He would just beam when talking about Patty, Shayna and of course, adorable Sadie.

*I am privileged to have known Dave. And, lucky enough that he recently shared his special "hot sauce" with me.*

*My heart and prayers go out to you Patty, Shayna and Sadie and to all of his friends and family.*

*Rest in peace dear friend.*

*Jessica Kraus, TDAF*



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**Jessica Kraus** - December 29, 2018 at 09:55 PM

JE

“ My sincerest condolences to Dave’s family and friends.

*Dave, thank you for your gift of friendship at work. Thank you for making an impact on my life.*

*You are and will be missed greatly. Rest peacefully Dave.*

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**jennifer** - December 29, 2018 at 09:43 PM

TD

“ Dave was one of my best friends from high school. We did some pretty crazy stuff back then but somehow we still managed to survive. We still kept in touch after all these years even when we lived far apart. I really appreciated how he helped my wife (Denise) when she stayed in Washing D.C. while I was stationed over in South Korea without her for a year--it made me feel good that she had someone nearby she could depend on while I was away. Friendships like his are rare for me and I will dearly miss him and always have fond memories of our friendship. My and Denise's deepest sympathies go out to Patty, Dave's mom, Don, and the rest of Dave's family.

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**Todd & Denise Dugo** - December 29, 2018 at 09:30 PM

MM

“ Dave was a valued friend and coworker. He was someone you could trust and rely on. Even though we met through work, Dave was always willing to listen and share advice about whatever was going on outside of work as well. Whenever I needed help with something at work, he would sarcastically hassle me about causing more work for him, then abruptly say, "just write down what you need and I'll get it done for you." He would then proceed to get it done way earlier than I needed it. Though he wouldn't always say it, his actions spoke loud and clear how much he cared for others.

*So saddened by this loss. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

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**Matt Molnar** - December 29, 2018 at 08:48 PM

AA

“ I’m very sad to hear of Dave’s passing. I worked with Dave in the past at TDAF. I knew Dave to be a man of integrity who could always be counted on when needed. My deepest sympathies go to his family and friends.

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**Adrienne Austin** - December 29, 2018 at 08:41 PM

GH

“ I’m so saddened about the terrible news of Dave’s sudden passing . No only did we work together , but also hung out occasionally. I am going to miss his witty , humorous, sarcasm. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. My friend will be truly missed. May your soul Rest In Peace

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**Gunther Hepperle** - December 29, 2018 at 07:28 PM

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“ Nick & Patti Tassoni lit a candle in memory of David E. Trautman



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**Nick & Patti Tassoni** - December 29, 2018 at 06:04 PM