



David Cravatta

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David Matthew Cravatta, a longtime resident of Florida, passed away with family at his side on January 4th, 2024, in his hometown of Land O' Lakes, after a long illness. Born to William Russell Cravatta and Cathleen Elizabeth (Murphy) on October 8th, 1958, in Tonawanda, New York, Dave was the oldest of seven siblings.

David graduated from Clarence Senior High School in 1977, where he competed in football, wrestling, and track. He went on to earn an associate degree from Erie Community College and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University at Buffalo. He worked in business and finance and became a successful financial advisor, money manager, and investment strategist with Wells Fargo Advisors until his retirement. He was active in his local community, a generous philanthropist, and served as a member of the Rotary Club of Land O' Lakes.

In 1987, David married the love of his life, Carol Giangreco of Clarence, New York, one year after relocating to the Tampa area from Western New York. In 1995, David became a devoted father to his daughter, Brittany.

Dave was a severe weather enthusiast and was fascinated with the natural world, especially extreme events, from tornadoes and hurricanes to earthquakes and tsunamis. Additionally, he loved playing hockey during his downtime, and was known as a tenacious centerman and winger with the Tampa Inline Hockey League (TIHL).

A service to honor David's life will be held on Monday, January 15th, from 2:00 - 4:00pm at Trinity Memorial Gardens, located at 12609 Memorial Drive in Trinity, Florida.

David Cravatta will be remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, and friend. His kindness, laughter, and the joy he imbued will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.



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Visitation

 **Monday**, January 15, 2024

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Trinity Memorial Funeral Home**
12609 Memorial Dr, Trinity FL 34655

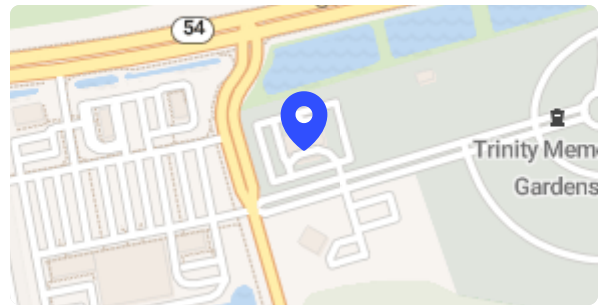


Funeral Service

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 4:00 PM ET

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Jeff posted:

My condolences to Dave's family..I went to school and rode the bus with Dave. Talked to him a few years back and he said he still had the Jethro Tull Agualung cassette I gave him. I think it was his favorite album back then.Jeff pelletier

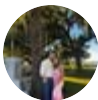
September 2 at 5:33 PM



Beverly Familetti posted:

When I think of David, I think of kindness and of concern for others. My husband, John, and I were clients but we considered David a valued friend. When my husband passed away last year, David was there to offer condolences and guidance.David will be greatly missed.My condolences to his wonderful family.Regards,Beverly Familetti

January 16 at 3:18 PM



Kylie Murray posted:

Uncle Dave, Aunt Carol & BrittanyI remember when you all would all come up to visit, I would wait outside for hours until I saw your car pull up our street. I cherished those days we were all together. Uncle Dave, you were such a wonderful Uncle, a genuine man. Seeing you this past summer was such a blessing. Love you all, so, so much ❤️

January 15 at 1:02 PM



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Gary Wightman shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Carol and Brittany, My deepest condolences to you. Dave was very special person and will never be forgotten. Absolutely the best and anyone that was around him know what I mean. Sherm, My true brother from another mother, the special times we had growing up were the BEST! You taught me so many things, like how to play chess when we were 12yrs old (then got mad when I was able to finally beat you!). The best times we had were all the events we went to around the country. I still have all the ticket stubs (football, hockey, boxing and racing) to prove it. I would say the best events were the races...the late nights watching the storms roll through were awesome. Until we meet again Sherm TF CHAMP MR GUNN.....BRUTE FORCE



January 15 at 7:31 AM



Tim Wightman January 15 at 9:01 AM

Carol and Brittney, My heart goes out to you and whole family. Dave is just like a brother from another mother We had the best times growing up can never forget the times both families would go to crystal beach to growing older going to sports events but the best were drag racing bless you Carol and Brittney and all of Dave's sisters and brothers Fly high Dave until we meet again



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Cravatta family.



January 14 at 2:39 PM



From The Cox Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.



January 14 at 2:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cravatta family.



January 13 at 3:49 PM



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Dawn Demers posted:

Dear Carol and Family, I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. We worked together for a few years at WF and he was such a great guy. He touched many people with his kindness and humor. His impact on our lives will be his lasting tribute to the beautiful soul he was. May God's comfort and strength be with you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family- RIP David! Sincerely- Dawn & Darrin Demers

January 13 at 3:53 AM



Michael Cravatta posted:

To my cousin Dave rest in peace my friend my cousin I can remember the times we had growing up together we had a great time i will miss you my heart goes out to the family I love you guys

January 11 at 1:00 PM



John Demeo posted:

I will miss our conversations about the Bills, you were a great friend. " Truly I say to you today you will be with me in Paradise." Rest in Pease my true friend.

January 11 at 8:47 AM



Robert Cravatta posted:

My cousin Dave...What super guy . When we all lived in the Town of Tonawanda we used to get together quite often .We always had a blast. We shared alot of interest as we both competed in football & wrestling for our high schools. Rest in peace cuz. you will be sorely missed Until we meet up again Your cousin Bobby

January 10 at 4:08 PM



Teresa Loiacono posted:

Words cannot express the sadness we feel for your loss. Dave was always so much fun to have around. We always enjoyed the time we got to spend with all of you, Thanksgiving, Lightning games, even just coming over to help out with a college class for Dana all of you felt like family. Dave will be sorely missed. Our heart and prayers go out to all of Dave's family especially his wife and daughter. RIP Dave....The Loiacono Family

January 10 at 3:17 PM



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Anonymous sent a "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial to the Cravatta family.



January 10 at 3:16 PM



Anne posted:

Dear Carole and family. I worked with David for along time and I never met a more gentler man than him. Never concerned about himself after the battle he just fought and it was a hard one. He took it with a lot of grace and strength. He Never passed my desk without asking how my husband Paul was feeling and doing, Never even as sick as he was. He was a trooper and with Gods merciful ♥ may he rest in peace. Rest in peace my friend you will be missed.May the good Lord show his grace and merciful heart to your family.With Blessings,Love Anne Drozdeck

January 10 at 6:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cravatta family.



January 9 at 1:34 PM



Sandy Graves shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

David...you were a great friend and great Rotarian. We will miss your sense of humor and your bright smile. We will also miss your storm chasing stories and your weather reports. Rest in peace my friend. Until we meet again.



January 9 at 5:11 AM



Rick Buzzee posted:

David, we will miss you.A true friend and a great fellow Rotarian.Carol - our deepest sympathies to you and your familyOur Rotary Club of Land O Lakes will remember David foreverRick Buzzee - President Rotary Club of Land O Lakes

January 9 at 5:11 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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