



## David L. "Big Dave" Sowa

May 27, 1944 - October 9, 2016

Big Dave, 72, died Sunday, October 9th with his loving family by his side.

He was a loving husband of Pat (Lewis) for 47 years

He was the BEST Dad to David (Amy), Donna (Alan) Barker, and Julie (Bryan) Richardson

His 6 grandchildren, Evan, Rachel, Drew, Megan, Owen and Anna, looked up to and loved their Grandpa/Papa with all of their hearts.

Big Dave had a heart of gold and a great sense of humor. Once you met Big Dave, you had a friend for life!

He had a wonderful career as a Finance Director for an advertising agency and retired in 2007.

Big Dave's favorite place to be was with his family at Pleasant Lake. Dave loved sitting outside sipping coffee with the neighbors, fishing and most of all, cruising around the lake on his pontoon boat.

Big Dave's contagious smile, warm hugs and laughter will be greatly missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, family would appreciate donations to your charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Scripture Service

OCT **14**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Instate

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Church  
35955 Ryan Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

## Mass of the Christian Burial

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OCT **15**. 9:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David L. "Big Dave" Sowa*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *David L. "Big Dave" Sowa*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Pat and family,*

*Pat and I were so sorry to hear that Dave passed away. We so enjoyed visiting with with you both at the St. Thomas reunions over the years.*

*Dave was such a great guy. I have so many fine memories of playing with him on the football and basketball teams. Always good to be in his company,*

*Mike and Pat Snyder*

Mike Snyder - October 15, 2016 at 10:20 PM



“ *"...the story of a good man's life does not end, even when he descends into the grave. Who he is and what he accomplishes will live beyond him." Dave and Pat look at all the love around you, you did good. rand.*

rand foltz - October 14, 2016 at 11:59 PM

RF

“ I tell ya' if the raft wasn't put away for winter I'd haul it down to the church to all take one last ride. Love you Big Dave, Rand.

Rand Foltz - October 14, 2016 at 05:07 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa.



October 14, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa.



October 14, 2016 at 06:48 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa.



October 13, 2016 at 11:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa.*



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October 13, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa.*



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October 13, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Dave's family during this sorrowful time. I worked with Dave for a few years. He always had a kind word to say and a big smile on his face! He was a gentle soul. May he rest in eternal peace.*



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**Maureen Bart** - October 12, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa.*



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October 12, 2016 at 05:20 PM

FB

“ We are so heartbroken over the loss of Dave. We will miss the talks in the yard and especially how he always greeted our kids whenever he saw them outside. Giana prayed for Mr. Dave tonight and asked him to be our angel and watch over all of us. There will definitely be a void. Our prayers are with you all.



Flora Burke - October 11, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa.



October 11, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa.



October 11, 2016 at 06:03 PM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa



Rita Anderson - October 11, 2016 at 05:54 PM

DB

“*“Big Dave” was a teddy bear with the most contagious laugh and smile. I will always remember him at the Lake and all of the pontoon rides we would take each time we came to visit. RIP, Dave, Our loss is certainly Heaven's gain.*

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**Donna Jean Barker** - October 11, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“*Stately Lilies was purchased for the family of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa.*



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October 11, 2016 at 03:24 PM

RH

“*Robyn Harrington sent a virtual gift in memory of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa*



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**Robyn Harrington** - October 11, 2016 at 10:45 AM

RH

*sending prayers and thoughts to the family. Worked with Dave for many years. He always made me smile!!*

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**Robyn Harrington** - October 11, 2016 at 10:49 AM

SF

“ Steven Foltz sent a virtual gift in memory of David L. "Big Dave" Sowa



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**Steven foltz** - October 10, 2016 at 09:23 PM

RB

“ Dave's upbeat outlook will be greatly missed at Pleasant Lake. Taking coffee breaks with Dave were always most enjoyable. The entire Sowa family is in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Let's us know if we can do anything to help.

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**Richard & Ruth Barber** - October 10, 2016 at 08:15 PM