



## David Jay Palmer

March 30, 1943 - October 16, 2024

David was born on March 30, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to loving parents Jay and Marian Palmer. He graduated from Lutheran High School East in 1961 and from Michigan State University in 1965. His education continued, earning his Master of Science degree in Medical Technology from Wayne State University.

David's career as a clinical laboratory scientist with the City of Detroit exceeded thirty-five years. He held multiple leadership roles during his tenure and also taught at Wayne State University. He was known for exceptional adeptness at calibrating and maintaining laboratory machinery and could pretty much fix anything at home, as well!

Anyone who knew Dave knows of his artistry for storytelling. Formerly called "big fish stories", the family teased him and agreed that his escapades should be catalogued and entitled, "The older I get, the better I was".

Dave loved his family and was exceptionally devoted to his own parents in their later years. He had a soft spot for dogs and children. He loved fishing, hunting, horseshoes, cruising, gardening, any and all gatherings with friends and family and above all—anything Michigan State!

David was predeceased by his parents, Jay and Marian Palmer. His is

survived by his life partner, Nina Nikitenko, his children, Kimberly (Robert) Klausner, David (Juliette) Palmer, and Steven Palmer, five beloved grandchildren, Benjamin Klausner, Sara Klausner, Elizabeth Palmer, Adeline Palmer and Danielle Scalf, his brother, Robert Palmer (Betty), his nephews, Todd and Rob Palmer, dear friend and mother of his children Paula Sinn and many loved cousins.

All are invited to join his family in celebrating his life. Visitation for David will be from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at the Wasik Funeral Home located at 35259 23 Mile Road in New Baltimore.

Funeral service is 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 24, 2024 at the funeral home with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite animal rescue.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel  
35259 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AG

“ Dear Nina, Family and Friends, Looking at all of the pictures and tributes, it's like I can feel all of the beautiful times you shared. May these memories give you comfort and may Dave's spirit rest in God's tender, loving care.

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**Angela Gardner** - October 24, 2024 at 10:12 AM

NI

*Thank you very much, Angela for your kind words.*

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**Nina** - October 25, 2024 at 02:58 PM

LA

“ I knew Dave, Paula, Kim and "Davey" when they were neighbors of ours here on Carl in Roseville. Dave was my mother's favorite neighbor. She always said, "That Dave is such a nice boy." I last saw Paula, Kim and "Davey" at Dave's mother's funeral. And last saw Dave at his Aunt Marge Duveyoung's funeral. I was greatly saddened when I saw David had passed! I wanted so to come and pay my respects but unfortunately, am unable to. My deepest condolences to Nina, Paula, Kim, Davey and Steve at the loss of such a wonderful man as Dave was. My prayers go out to all of you.

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**Linda Adams** - October 23, 2024 at 05:09 PM

PM

“ Our memory of Dave and Nina, Is meeting them in Key west in 2007 and after 6 hours of pure fun and laughter.

We became life long friends, visiting each other, meeting up in Vegas. Ordering a Pizza to have delivered when the Minnesota Twins played the Tiger. inside the box asking the pizza place to write Go Twins. just for fun.

We always called Nina and Dave our 6 hour friends.

And remaining friends forever.

Nina my heart breaks for you. We love you ! Love Pam and Gary from Minnesota

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**pam and gary minnesota** - October 23, 2024 at 12:20 PM

NI

*Love you, thank you Pam & Gary!*

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**Nina** - October 25, 2024 at 03:00 PM

RP

“ Uncle Dave,

*Way too many memories to share but I'll definitely miss calling you every day at 3:30 the most. He never even said hello, he would say, what's shakin? or if I called early, he would say, you must of snuck out of the office early today or if I was late, he would say, glad you called, didn't think you were going to call today. Every time before we hung up, he would say, thank you for calling and checking in on me.*

*We would talk for about 30 minutes on my ride home from work and he would ask each time, did I get you all the way home? What we talked about every day for 1/2 hour I don't know, but sure glad we did it each day. I surely missed a few days here and there and felt horrible when I did because I think he looked forward to my call as much as I did, at least I hope he did.*

*I am glad I have the memories I do with you and will always cherish them. Ill remember the last time I saw you in the hospital he asked me to itch the back of his head, so I did, then he asked again, and I did, the third time he asked, and I said, do I look like a professional head scratcher? I'll never forget, he looked at me, smiled, grabbed my hand and he asked me to sleep on the couch and stay with him that night. You were the best Uncle ever and I'm thankful we were so close and have the memories we did together.*

*I'll miss you and love you forever!!!*

*Rob*

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**Robert Palmer** - October 23, 2024 at 12:03 PM

NI

*How nice Rob, he loved you. Thank you for being there for him.*

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**Nina** - October 25, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 23, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ Pam and Gary Montague Minnesota planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Jay Palmer.

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**Pam and Gary Montague Minnesota** - October 23, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of David Jay Palmer.



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October 23, 2024 at 11:40 AM

JS

“ *Uncle Dave was one of my most favorite people! He was always there for the special days throughout my life. Laughing and drinking with him and Nina on our cruise was a blast from start to end. I love you, Uncle Dave!* ❤️



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**Jennifer So** - October 21, 2024 at 06:01 PM

SK

“ Dear Grandpa,

*I miss you already! Thank you for all of the wonderful memories that I will cherish forever. You always used to talk about the elementary school field trip you accompanied me on to Babcock Ranch in Florida. I had such a special time with you on that trip. I will always remember visiting you in Michigan and playing with my cousins in the back yard. I loved eating fresh vegetables from the garden and your homemade jerky.*

*I will miss you ❤️*

*Love,  
Sara*



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**Sara Klausner** - October 21, 2024 at 05:48 PM

PG

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**pam gary** - October 21, 2024 at 04:13 PM

PM

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**pam and gary minnesota** - October 23, 2024 at 12:25 PM

PG

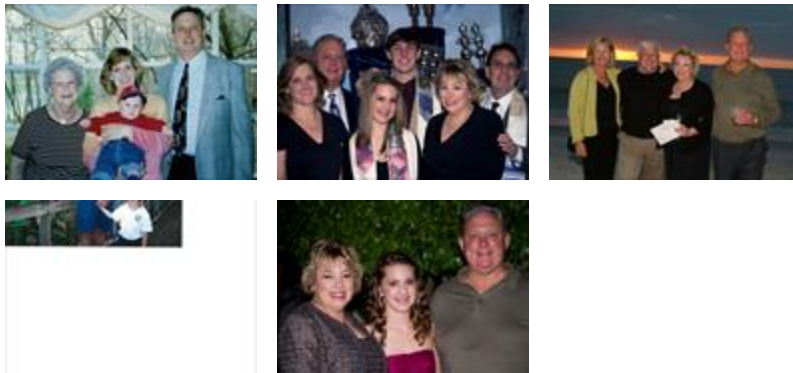
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**PAM GARY** - October 21, 2024 at 04:09 PM



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**Michael Wasik** - October 21, 2024 at 01:59 PM

JS

“ Jonathan, Jennifer, and Joe So planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Jay Palmer.

Jonathan, Jennifer, and Joe So - October 21, 2024 at 10:13 AM



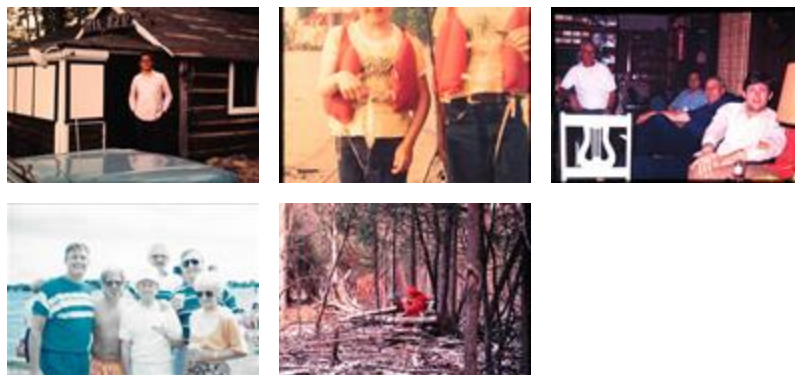
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Jay Palmer.



October 21, 2024 at 10:13 AM



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Michael Wasik - October 20, 2024 at 11:01 AM

BP

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Bob Palmer - October 20, 2024 at 10:58 AM

VF

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Valentina Figon - October 19, 2024 at 08:13 PM

VF

*My Dad loved to go fishing with Dave, who showed him a great fishing hole on the Black River near Port Huron*

Valentina Figon - October 19, 2024 at 08:16 PM

BE

“ *I miss you Grandpa. Thank you for all the fond memories - for teaching me how to fish, picking plants from the garden, boating in Florida and in Michigan. You always had the best food, from hand made venison jerky to fresh perch you caught yourself.*

*Thank you for sharing all the wonderful times. I hope you know that you are very loved by all of us.*

*Love,  
Ben*



Ben - October 19, 2024 at 05:43 PM

NI

*Very sweet, Ben! He always loved talking to you!*

Nina - October 19, 2024 at 07:54 PM



“ *Nina lit a candle in memory of David Jay Palmer*



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**Nina** - October 18, 2024 at 08:09 AM



*I will miss you terribly my Best Friend, I learned alot from you we had great times fishing and cruising. Love, Nina*

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**Nina** - October 18, 2024 at 08:14 AM