



## David M. Safford

October 19, 1967 - March 29, 2017

David M. Safford passed away unexpectedly on March 29, 2017. Dave was born on October 19, 1967 in Royal Oak, Michigan to Morris A. and Irene D. (nee Czyzewski) Safford. David was kind, smart, inquisitive and strong. He would help anyone at anytime.

In his free time Dave enjoyed Scuba Diving, Trade Shows, Mechanical Tinkering, and traveling to the Caribbean. Dave was a proud, Lifetime NRA Member. He enjoyed Dirty Harry, Breaking Bad, Columbo and The Walking Dead. He is the beloved husband of Dennise. Loving and proud father of Anthony David Safford. Dear son of the late Morris & Irene. Dear brother of Michael (Julie) Safford and Denise (Olivia) Safford. David is also survived by many loving family members. Visitation Friday 2-8 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Instate Saturday 10 AM until 11 AM Funeral Service at St. Peter Lutheran Church 17051 Romeo Plank Road (corner of 24 Mile Rd.), Macomb. In lieu of flowers financial contributions can be made to the family (checks payable to Dennise Safford) or blood or cash donations may be directed to the American Red Cross.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

### Instate

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church (Macomb)  
17051 24 Mile Rd.  
Macomb Twp., Mi

### Funeral Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church (Macomb)  
17051 24 Mile Rd.  
Macomb Twp., Mi

# Tribute Wall

AK

“*Dave was one of the finest persons I had the pleasure of working with at the Sterling Heights Assembly. He was very smart, very hardworking and extremely helpful and he guided me through some of the toughest times at work without giving it a second thought. He was more like a friend and was always positive, funny, and had the biggest smile on his face. Some of my best times in the two years at SHAP were when working alongside Dave. He was a great mentor and always talked about his passion for scuba and going to the gun range and how his family meant the world to him. When I left SHAP, he was one of those that I missed a lot. I was shocked and very saddened to hear of his passing and he has definitely left a great void among his friends and family. May his wonderful soul rest in piece and my condolences, though very belated, to his family.*”

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**Aneesh K** - November 15, 2023 at 02:46 AM

SD

“*My sympathies to all of the Safford family and friends during this difficult time. I worked with Dave at SHAP and really enjoyed his personality. He helped me to make positive changes. I'll keep Dave, his Family & Friends in my Prayers. May God be with you.*”

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**Scott D** - April 10, 2017 at 02:14 PM

DH

“*My sincere sympathies to you and your family for your loss. I am deeply saddened by it. I only had the pleasure of having Dave in one of my classes, but we had many non-school related conversations. He will be missed here at Rochester College.*”

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**Daniel Hellebuyck** - April 09, 2017 at 04:52 AM

MS

“ I had the pleasure of having Dave for a supervisor. We talked a lot about food and desert, and I watched how his face glowed. I enjoyed his conversations. He spoke highly of his wife and son. Dave I will miss you and that big smile and that pleasant attitude. A beautiful spirit. Some people come into your life for a moment, and that moment leaves a great impact. Dave wrote his short story by the way he lived. Each day represent a page in his book. He completed his short story and therefore it was time to moved on for his next assignment that God has planned for him. Dave left darkness and move into the Marvelous Light. He has a New Home over in Glory. To the wife, son, and family hold your head up high and remember that Million dollar smile. Remember if YOU live and do God's Will, YOU will see him again. You have my deepest condolences. Remember he was God's First, before he was yours, and you're His and you will see him again. I'm praying for your strength. God be with you. Martha Allen Sloan Sterling Heights Assembly Plant (SHAP)

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Martha Allen Sloan - April 08, 2017 at 01:02 AM

DD

“ I had the pleasure of meeting David once at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Within that short exchange I could tell right away that he was a man of principle and integrity. He was intelligent and grounded and it was evident that his roots within academia were deeply embedded. His eyes lit up when he spoke with pride about his dear son Anthony.

*I send prayers to the entire Safford family. I know Anthony, who is one of my finest students and a true gentleman, will carry on a legacy that his father would be proud of.*

*God Bless,  
Don Dziuk, Anchor Bay High School*

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Don Dziuk - April 07, 2017 at 07:01 PM

JH

“ *David was a hard-working student who was well-liked by his peers and faculty. He will surely be missed! The thoughts and prayers of all of us at Rochester College are with you and your family.*

*Julie Harper, Rochester College*

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**Julie Harper** - April 07, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *We have known Dave since 2005 when we joined up in Roatan Honduras scuba diving. Over the years he has been like our other son, Dennise and Anthony have become a part of our extended dive family. We will miss his sense of humor, and devilish antics. May you watch over us and the dive shop. We will miss you Dave. May you be diving where ever you are. Our sincerely heart felt sympathy to the Safford family. Don and Mickey Wrona and the Whole Anchor Bay Scuba Family*



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**Mickey Wrona** - April 07, 2017 at 01:28 PM


DY

“ Dave and I both started at Chrysler together back in 2010. We spent 5 years together at SHAP. Dave did numerous jobs (and shifts) while there, but was an electrical and PFS wizard who was always being called in to help. We chatted daily as we handed off the follow up issues/tasks for the day. He always had a story to tell, and a smile on his face. I considered him a dear friend who helped us get through the tough, long hours. I am glad he got to enjoy his many vacations and diving trips with his family. It is still a shock he is gone, but he will always be remembered and missed.....my prayers go out to his wife and son, and extended family members.

*Denise Young*

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**Denise Young** - April 07, 2017 at 12:37 PM

 Donna  
Love

“ Prayers of sympathy and peace for David's family. It was my privilege to be in classes with David and to benefit from his insight and knowledge. He was an excellent student; greatly missed by Rochester College classmates, faculty, and staff.

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**Donna Love** - April 07, 2017 at 08:24 AM

KM

“ To the family of David Safford. I am so sorry for your loss. I am a classmate of David's at Rochester College. Although I never met David, we both attended classes and were in the same educational program. I was always so intrigued by his intelligence and his writing skills. His posts were most enjoyable and I learned from him. I will keep you all in my prayers.

*Peace be with all of you during this time of sorrow.*

*Karen*

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**Karen Messineo** - April 06, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David M. Safford.*



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April 05, 2017 at 07:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Jeff Long** - April 04, 2017 at 08:10 PM



*Dave was Best Man at our wedding in 2001...thanks for being there for us, Dave!*

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**Jeff Long** - April 04, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ *Dave, I haven't seen you since we graduated WHS, yet we shared so many fun times and fond memories from Angus Elementary, Fuhrman Jr High to Warren High. We got in trouble a few times together and I remember just laughing it all off before whatever punishment was delt to us. Nothing but good memories that I will never forget.! Prayers to your family. God speed David.*

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**Brian McGuckin** - April 04, 2017 at 06:34 PM

SN

“ I feel blessed to have spent time with Dave while working at SHAP. He was so uplifting and could provide laughs when one needed them the most. I too know he was most proud of his son and spoke about him frequently. I am stunned it was time for his next mission and send Gods Love and Blessings to his family. He was one of the BEST guys to work with and he always shared his knowledge freely. MAY THE BLESSINGS BE!

Stephanie A North - April 03, 2017 at 09:18 AM

JJ

“ Worked with Dave at SHAP yeas ago, and our paths would continue to cross afterward. I remember a man who always was smiling. He had this uncanny ability to make you laugh. The stories he would share would grow taller each year, and those were the moments where his sense of humor would shine through.

Jamie Johnston - April 03, 2017 at 08:19 AM

TP

“ I worked with Dave at Chrysler Sterling Heights Assembly for several years. He was a concerned person, always looking for the best way to do the job of building and repairing automobiles. He cared about his co-workers and the people who looked to him for answers. My thoughts are with his family, remembering the laugh, good natured jokes and thoughtful way Dave would help out those around him.

Ted Piotrowski - April 03, 2017 at 06:06 AM

DS

“ Dave and I worked together at SHAP quality department for many years. He was a great person and friend. A guy who can make me laugh no matter what mood I was in. Rest in Peace my friend.

Dane Simovski - April 02, 2017 at 10:48 PM

MM

“ I knew Dave more than 30 years ago. He was a great guy back then. I'd like to express my deepest sympathy to his family. I'm sure he will be greatly missed.

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**Mike McDonald** - April 02, 2017 at 05:11 PM

JA

“ Dave and I worked at Sterling Heights for many years, He was a hard working and a team player, very down to earth person, I'll miss Dave. My prayers go out to his loved ones. Rest In Haven Dave.

Janine D.

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**Janine** - April 02, 2017 at 12:23 PM



MS

“ God speed my friend. We had some great times, until we meet again.

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**Mark Scully** - April 02, 2017 at 11:58 AM

JL

“ We met Dave through Anchor Bay Scuba dive shop a few years ago. We spent some good times with him on our first trip together. He was very interesting to talk to and we enjoyed his sense of humor! And then the next trip Dennise came with him and we had so much fun together. The last trip we had with him he brought Anthony and it was great to meet their son and get to know him too. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dennise, Anthony and the Safford family!

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**Jim & Sharon Luth** - April 02, 2017 at 10:11 AM

Linda Spinelli

“ *Dave and I worked together at Chrysler for many years he was a dear friend. My prayers go out to the safford family. Rest In Peace*



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**Linda Spinelli** - April 02, 2017 at 09:15 AM

CK

“ *Dave was a awesome guy and a great person to know in the short period of time I worked with. His personality was always lifting. My prayers goes out to the famiy. Rest in heaven my friend.*

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**Curtis Kirksey** - April 02, 2017 at 08:48 AM

LC

“ *David and I worked together at SHAP for many years. He was a hard worker and one of the good guys. Deepest smypathy to his family at this awful time.*

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**Lynne C.** - April 02, 2017 at 07:45 AM

KB

“ To the entire Safford Family..... I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I share in your sadness of David's passing. I had the great pleasure of working with David at Chrysler in quality control. There are so many memories that I could write about of the crazy times to the crunch times and all in between. He was a very giving person, and he cared about his fellow workers, always asking how I and others were. We talked about a variety of things and shared many stories. The stories shared about his family were precious, always a smile on his face when he was describing what he was going to do with his son on the weekend or a particular night. He was very open minded and actually listened to any ideas I had to make my position more productive. I have his number in my phone, and never did I hesitate to use it. He would answer immediately or soon after. I cannot remember once that he ever left me hanging without an answer or a resolution to a problem or need. He was a very good listener when time allowed. He cared enough that even when he was switched to 2nd shift, he always checked in to see how things were going. I always considered him a friend and just a good guy. He will be missed, but all the memories shall keep him alive and well. He has begun a new adventure as our Father God has called David home to his everlasting kingdom of eternal glory. As God promised safe passage I believe David is safe and well in the arms of those loved ones who began their journey before him and greeted him home. We shall all meet again one day, my friend. I am sending prayers with deep emotion of comfort during this most difficult time. XO

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**Karen Lynn Berg** - April 02, 2017 at 06:47 AM

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“ Me an Dave worked at sterling Hights he was a hard working and a team player very down to earth person I'll miss Dave, my prayers go out to his loved ones. Rest my friend.

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**Heriberto Franco 3200** - April 02, 2017 at 06:00 AM

MM

“ Dave and I worked together for a few years. He would always make me laugh and was always there to help. Dave will be greatly missed. R.I.P my friend.

Marsha McLaughlin - April 02, 2017 at 03:57 AM

AG

“ Dave was a friend, a colleague and a great person. He was always the first one to help me out at work and outside it. My prayers to Dave and his family.

Ashutosh Gautam - April 02, 2017 at 01:10 AM

SR

“ Dave and I worked together for 5 years. He was a great friend and always willing to help everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with his family

Steve Ruszkowski - April 01, 2017 at 09:59 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of David M. Safford.



April 01, 2017 at 08:08 PM

OS

“*Dave over the past 21 years, you have been like a brother to me and a friend. I will always treasure your witty sense of humor, your passion for debating and politics along with your generously to lend a hand to anyone in need. David's passion for life continues to shine through his love of his life and wife Dennise and his pride and joy, his son Anthony as well as family and friends. Dave, you will be truly missed, but never forgotten. Rest in heaven, Olivia*

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**Olivia Safford** - April 01, 2017 at 01:37 PM

JL

“*Dave, thank you so much for the wonderful friendship we had over the years! We will miss you more than you could ever know. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Dennise, Anthony, Mike and Denise. You were truly a blessing to all who knew you...gone too soon. Rest in peace, Dave; we love you.*

*Jeff and Robin Long*

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**Jeff Long** - March 31, 2017 at 07:25 PM