



David Shields

March 8, 1952 - February 18, 2025

David Joseph Shields, 72, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2025. David was born on March 8, 1952.

Amongst many other beloved family members, and dear friends, David is survived by his daughters Jessica Pauline Hojna, Jacqueline Marie McFeely, and Jennifer Glenn Shields; his grandchildren Kelsey Sue Shields, David James Hojna, and Caleb Michael McFeely; his brothers Michael Shields and Jeff Shields.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Robert Shields and Elleanor Okalski; his children Michelle Renee Shields (Wieczorkowski), Eric David Shields, and Jason Robert Newbeck.

A Mass service in David's name will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on April 01, 2025 at 6:30pm EST. Address: 9764 Dixie Hwy, Ira Township, MI 48023.

Memorial service will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles on Saturday June 7th, 2025 from 1:00pm to 7:00pm EST. Address: 7542 Palms Rd, Ira Township, MI 48023

David was the proud owner of Joe's Bar from December 1972 to 1986.

Whether behind the bar serving drinks, laughing with patrons, shooting pool, or just dancing the night away, David created a space, and moments, where people could gather and enjoy life's fun side.

When Joe's Bar was retired, David put himself to work fixing billiard tables and cues, running local pool and horseshoe leagues, working for Casco Twp., and many other odds and ends that has left a lasting presence to those he worked and interacted closely with.

David had a sharp wit, booming voice (when required), and a strong presence—qualities that made him both endearing and formidable. He will forever be remembered for his passionate nature, his love, his laugh, his smile, and always standing firm in his beliefs.

No matter the challenges that life threw his way, David never gave up—a testament to his strength, determination, and resilience.

David's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him, and even those that had only been present with him at the local watering hole. May his legacy bring comfort to all who shared in his journey, and let us never forget to bring the beer...and a nip of bourbon.

Previous Events

Service

APR 1. 6:30 PM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
720 2nd Street
Traverse City, MI

Tribute Wall

WO

“ Dave worked for my former Day Program.

wozniakamanda32@gmail.com - April 16, 2025 at 03:40 PM

LK

“ Love Mark & KJ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Shields.

Love Mark & KJ - March 25, 2025 at 04:20 PM

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“ Love Mark & KJ purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David Shields.



Love Mark & KJ - March 25, 2025 at 04:20 PM

LL

“ Love, Suzy Lloyd-Strahan purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of David Shields.



Love, Suzy Lloyd-Strahan - March 15, 2025 at 05:42 PM

SS

“ One night, we were very, very busy at Joe's. A fairly regular patron was just running me ragged and being very rude to me. He said some terrible things and then threw a \$100 bill in my face. Believing that it could make up for how he treated me. David slowly walked over to him, picked the \$100 bill up off the floor, put it in an ashtray on the bar and burned it in front of the guy. He said to him, "Don't you ever talk to her or treat her that way again. Now I want you to leave". The man was shocked, angry and his ego was severely bruised. He turned around and walked out. The bar cheered and I got back to work. I love you cakes and I will miss you forever. Suzy

Suzy Lloyd- strahan - March 15, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Shields.

March 15, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Shields.



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