

Mr. David Passalacqua

December 12, 1957 - August 9, 2023

David Passalacqua, 65, husband of Faith M. Passalacqua, of Westminster, passed away on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at his home.

A native of Redford, MI, Mr. Passalacqua was the son of the late Pasquale and Domenica Palizzi Passalacqua. He was a retired educator for special needs children in the Farmington Public Schools and member of the Michigan Accordion Society. Mr. Passalacqua was a non-denominational Christian, formerly of Harvest Detroit West in Westland, MI.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Passalacqua is survived by his son: Domenic A. Passalacqua (Melissa Brady); his grandson: Oliver Passalacqua, and one grandson on the way; his uncle: Have Palizzi of Arizona; his Zia (aunt): Elise Passalacqua of Montreal, Canada; and many beloved cousins.

Although David was an only child, he considered a few special men in his life brothers: Todd Cordell, Pete DiMascio, Ercole DiBerardo, Francesco Cavallini, Greg Cordell, Paul Fenenc, Paul Swiatlowski, and Bret Martin.

David's life and passion was music. He was an incredibly talented accordionist with the God given ability to not only memorize hundreds of songs from sheet music, but blessed with an uncanny ear to pick up a song just by hearing it. He loved all kinds of music, from the traditional Italian songs, which he played

for thousands of people to enjoy of the 40 plus years he entertained at restaurants or private functions, to the praise and worship music he felt so blessed to share with our church family. David appreciated and encouraged other talented musicians over the years, and being a teacher at heart, it gave him such joy to see those talents develop. David taught accordion for a number of years at Modern Accordion Studio, which is how David and Faith met. David competed on a local, regional, and world stage, performing the most challenging and complicated musical arrangements from his teenage years into his twenties, winning hundreds of ribbons, medals, and trophies.

David was a true friend to so many. He tried always his best to stay in touch; distance and time never changed how David felt about a friend. He was the best at reaching out just to share a laugh or talk about nothing in particular. He usually just wanted to hear your voice.

David's greatest love was by far his family. He was the most loving husband and devoted father. David had a gentle nature as a parent and grandparent (Nonno), always loving and giving of himself. Having a grandchild was life altering and Oliver with his sweet smile and natural sense of humor brought so much happiness to his heart and always a smile to his face. David's absence will be sorely felt and his memory cherished forever.

A celebration of life for David will be held in Michigan after the birth of Domenic and Melissa's son. A second celebration of life in South Carolina will follow.

The family requests that any donations be made to the Living and Learning Enrichment Center in Northville, MI at www.livingandlearningcenter.org.

Tribute Wall

RV

“ We had the pleasure of being Dave and Faiths' neighbors in MI. It is with deep sadness that we heard about Dave passing. Can't hear an accordion without thinking of Dave. Faith, Dominic and family, you have our sympathy and prayers. Dan and Renee Vasiloff

Renee M Vasiloff - August 27, 2023 at 01:25 PM

MA

“ He wrote this for the social worker at NF - it was part of an assignment to get kids engaged. He was so talented with his ability to make connections with struggling kids.

Mari Anne - August 26, 2023 at 09:05 PM

RC

“ David you will surely be missed love listening to you playing your accordion and singing alongall the member of the Italian American Club of Livonia cannot say enough of your talent, gentleness and friendship may you RIP in heaven the Campoli family

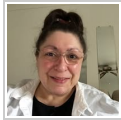
Renato Campoli - August 25, 2023 at 01:51 PM

SP

“ *Steven Passalacqua ;
David sent me this video on March 15th,
I will cherish it forever ... it was the last time I heard/saw him play
his accordion.*



Steven Passalacqua - August 21, 2023 at 12:43 PM



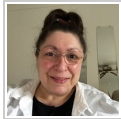
David the best we will always remember you!!!

Barb Salvetti - August 26, 2023 at 12:15 AM

RA

ill meet you on the other side of the rainbow david

ray - September 14, 2023 at 08:41 PM



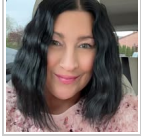
You are the best!!! God love you and we will miss you!!!

Barb Salvetti - November 02, 2023 at 08:41 PM

KM

“ *Passalacqua Family,
Dave's memory of kindness and patience will reside in the halls and
classrooms of NFHS. His thoughtfulness in reaching out with a text
on our shared birthdays and a warm greeting will be missed.
Condolences, Kathleen Murphy*

Kathleen Murphy - August 20, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ *My Dear David, you were an amazing human being. You put a smile on every student you encountered! The love and devotion you had for these special students was amazing. I still think about you whenever I hear the song “Stuck in the Middle with You” memories of our crazy kids at Miller! Love and miss you! Hugs Faith and Dominic!*



Lisa Ross - August 18, 2023 at 02:10 PM

TC

“ *Dear Passalacqua Family,
It was indeed a pleasure to know Mr. Passalacqua. He was a class act! He was so gentle, caring, and patient with our North Farmington High School students. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. He will be remembered fondly by the many students and staff that he worked with. Sending prayers of strength and support to your family.
Sincerely,
Tonya Corbitt*

Tonya Corbitt - August 18, 2023 at 02:06 PM

RP

“ *Dear Faith and Family,

In my memory message to David I regrettably omitted to include Madeleine's name and family (my brother John's wife). So sorry.
Rosanna*

Rosanna Passalacqua - August 17, 2023 at 01:35 PM

RP

“ Dear Faith, Domenic, Melissa and Family,

Please accept our heartfelt sympathies. Words cannot express the sorrow and sadness we feel at the loss of David. He will be terribly missed. All we have to hold on to are our memories for they remain with us forever. Our fondest memory of David was whenever he would come to Montreal with his parents he would bring his accordion and play and sing Italian songs for us. Maaaaan, he was brilliant. We had such a good time. We wish we had reconnected sooner, but the times spent talking and seeing David again will be greatly cherished. Lots of love to you all. Aunt Elisa Passalacqua, cousins Vince (Dina and family), Robert (Patricia and family), Steven (Pina and family), Rosanna (Michel).



Rosanna Passalacqua - August 16, 2023 at 01:24 PM

KP

“ *I was so sorry of hearing of David's passing. He was a special person, soft spoken and loving to everyone. Such a talented man making people smile all the time with his kind words and music. Heaven has a new Angel who will always watch over Faith, his son and wife and grandsons. May You Always Rest in Peace.*

kathy Polansky - August 16, 2023 at 12:29 AM

DA

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Dave. He was such a blessing to our family at Harvest. Always served with a smile. We rejoice that he is now with Jesus, but know we are praying for you and your family as you grieve. Praying for miraculous comfort that only the Lord can bring.

*In Christ,
Nick and Danielle Friedrich and family*

Danielle - August 14, 2023 at 09:25 PM

PF

“ David my brother, you will be missed more than words could ever express. There is a spot in my heart for you my brother forever, until we meet in heaven. There are so many memories that we shared. I uploaded a video for everyone to watch of the incredible loving man David was. I miss you brother, rest in peace and we will be together in heaven.



Paul Ferenc - August 14, 2023 at 05:47 PM

RA

I miss you.

rachelle - August 20, 2023 at 05:37 PM

AN


Love you David - will miss your friendship, smile, and music!

Angela - August 22, 2023 at 06:37 PM

MS

What an amazing talent and such a wonderful man. We were so lucky to have him in our family <3

Marianne Shepherd-Hasper - August 24, 2023 at 05:13 PM

 Heather Trapchal

A kind and gentle soul. You will be missed!

Heather Trapchak - August 27, 2023 at 07:37 PM

CK

David will be missed by some many people. He touched lives like no one else could, he had the biggest heart .

Christine Kish - August 31, 2023 at 11:42 PM

AC

“ *Faith, I am so sorry to hear about David. It was so remarkable that we came to meet at the cancer center here in SC after living in the same neighborhood many years ago in Michigan. My heart goes out to you but after talking to David, I know he is safe in God’s kingdom and out of pain. He told me he was not afraid. What a special guy!*

Amy Cheff - August 13, 2023 at 06:28 AM

DH

“ *Domenic and Melissa, We’re so sorry for the loss of your father. Our prayers are with you.*

Dan and Elaine Hill - August 12, 2023 at 12:52 AM

MR

“ *So sorry to hear of your passing David. We had many good memorial of our time at Modern accordion studio. And our trip traveling for accordion competition. You will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.*

Mary M Recchia - August 11, 2023 at 09:50 PM

LV

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I worked with him in Farmington and we had a mutual accordion friend. Dave was always friendly, cheerful, and positive - every single time we spoke. Rest in Paradise Dave.

Linda Valice - August 11, 2023 at 09:05 PM

PJ

“ Patti Jordan lit a candle in memory of David Passalacqua



Patti Jordan - August 11, 2023 at 03:02 PM

PJ

“ We love you so much David. We will miss you dearly but we know you love heaven and you have no more pain.
Jon, Jack and PIC...aka Patti

Patti Jordan - August 11, 2023 at 02:40 PM