



David Edward Fritz

July 6, 1950 - September 27, 2021

David Edward Fritz passed away peacefully on Monday, September 27, 2021, after an optimistic and courageous battle with cancer. He was in the loving care of Arbor Hospice and his wife, Wendy and daughters, Leilani and Elisa, and a big thanks to Jim and Edward.

David was born in Ann Arbor on July 6, 1950 to Otto John Fritz and Alta Ellen Scott. He grew up in Saline and loved farm life. As a boy, he had fun driving the family tractor, riding horses, and growing his prize winning pumpkins. He nurtured his “pet” baby racoon, Tillie, till she grew up.

David graduated from Saline High School, class of 1968. While there, he was a member of the golf team and this fostered a lifelong passion for golf. After high school, he got his professional barber license from Detroit Barber School. He worked as a Master Barber in the Ann Arbor area for over 50 years; as an owner of Barberman, other various salons, later his own shop on Main Street (David Fritz’s Haircare) and his home based shop (Fritz’s Place). While working on Main Street, he was an active member of the Downtown Development Authority. David absolutely loved his haircutting profession and loved getting to know his many clients over the years.

In 1982, he married Wendy Rogers at Wellers Carriage House in Saline, MI. He was the proud father of two daughters, Leilani and Elisa. He also loved his pets Molly, Mewtant, and Tigerlily.

Throughout his life, David pursued many interests. His passions were golfing, listening and dancing to music, carpentry, and gardening. David took great pride in his various fruit trees and enjoyed sharing with friends.

He is survived by his wife Wendy, two daughters, Leilani Fritz Ruggles (Justin) of Weaverville, NC and Elisa Fritz (Jim Hall) of Ann Arbor, MI, three grandchildren, Geneieve and Emerson Ruggles and Edward Fritz-Hall, and one sister Delynne Andres (Raymond) of Belleville, MI. Also surviving are Brothers-in-law David Rogers (Teresa) and Andrew Rogers and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-father, Melvin Hartman.

David will live in our hearts and be truly missed by family members and many many friends.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline at 12:00 P.M. with a visitation starting at 10:00 A.M. Masks are required for all who attend. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be made out to The Farm at St. Joe's or Arbor Hospice and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To leave a memory you have of David, to sign his guestbook or for more information, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 29. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 East Michigan Ave.
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ Wendy and family,

David was my barber and good friend for nearly fifty years. He was one of the kindest, gentlest, most decent human beings I have ever known. His ever present smile and all around good nature were truly inspiring. He and I shared countless hours discussing every topic imaginable, but in later years politics seemed to dominate! I truly believe he looked forward to seeing me mostly because I nearly always agreed with his point of view! David could always brighten even the darkest of days. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and yours during this difficult time.

Ron and Cheryl Gulbranson

RON GULBRANSON - October 25, 2021 at 02:16 PM

KS

“ David was the best. I loved talking to him. He will be missed. Kelly Sullivan

Kelly Sullivan - October 24, 2021 at 09:45 PM

DR

“ David was my barber for the last 38 years. He was always in a great mood, smiling and greeting me warmly. My favorite story about David which must have been his as well as he repeated it to me every couple of years. He was attending a UM basketball game, when at half time while walking on the busy concourse, he was indulging his favorite pastime. He was looking at people's haircut. He spotted a man walking in front of him, who had the best haircut he had ever seen. So he quickened his pace until he drew even with the man only to discover that it was me. David had just cut my hair the week before.

Don Rumelhart

Don Rumelhart - October 22, 2021 at 02:39 PM

GR

“ David and I became good friends during the many years that he tamed my unruly hair. I followed him to at least 2 different locations, I looked to my visits as I always enjoyed our conversations. He had many admirers. He will be missed.

Gene Ragland - October 17, 2021 at 01:26 PM

DE

“ I was saddened to learn of David's passing. As a classmate of David's, I will always remember his contagious smile. He always lit up the room with his presence together with his smile and charismatic personality. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family. May he rest in peace.

Deana Ellison - October 13, 2021 at 10:29 AM

DM

“ Wendy - We were so sorry to learn of David's passing and want you to know that you, Leilani and Elisa have our heartfelt sympathy. We were so fortunate to have the sincere pleasure of being neighbors for so many years. He will truly be remembered for his wonderful personality, love of life and his family, and for such an amazing smile, not to mention his profession as an incredible barber. We will truly miss him and will cherish the many memories we have!
Daneen and Jim Mabley

Daneen and Jim Mabley - October 11, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Edward Fritz.



October 08, 2021 at 08:59 PM

IP

“ I am so glad my husband and I got to know David when our boutique was on Main Street in Ann Arbor. We attended meetings together and enjoyed talking “shop.” David was a gentle soul, upbeat and caring.

Irene Patalan - October 06, 2021 at 09:33 AM

ST

“ I can't imagine the world without David. I followed him and his magic scissors from Barberman, throughout Ann Arbor, and to his home salon. Always with a ready smile and a caring ear while he cut my hair, he was the best. We talked music, shared family stories, and reminisced about the 60's while my curls fell to the floor. It was fun to bump into him around town, especially at the Summer Festival, and he always had a warm welcome. He made everyone feel like they were his best friend. Stellar human being. I will miss him.

Susan Thompson - October 04, 2021 at 10:12 AM

MF

“ Wendy, while we no longer live next door, I cannot conceive of David not being there when I drive home from an errand by way of Westfield. My heart is heavy for you and your loss. Who will cut the children's hair? He was just always there with his smile and news of the neighborhood just as the best barber and neighbor should be!!! I am so glad you have some close family near you. we will want to see you when this covid lets up ----hopefully soon.

Marilyn and Seymour

Marilyn Friedman - October 02, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ Dear Wendy,
I am so sorry to hear about David - Bill and I always enjoyed talking with you both when we would have the good fortune to run into you. He was a good man and will be missed by so many.
Big hugs to you (and give one to each of the girls for me) and take care of yourself.
Mo and Bill Brennan



Mo Brennan - October 02, 2021 at 08:23 AM

RJ

“ Dear Wendy and family,
With a heavy heart we share your loss. We are forever lucky to have known David. His upbeat smile and attitude always lifted spirits. David was always a great family man and friend. So goodbye to Ann Arbor's top barber and mayor of Westfield Ave, till we meet again. Much love.

Robert and Karole James - October 01, 2021 at 10:44 PM

LW

“ We've known David for almost 40 years. He was kind, considerate and great fun to talk with. We will miss him. Our sincerest sympathies to the family he loved so much.

Larry and Mary Wise - October 01, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Edward Fritz.



October 01, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Edward Fritz.



September 30, 2021 at 03:56 PM

DD

“ Many fond memories shared with David and my Brother Craig. What a welcoming beautiful smile David has. God bless you and your family. Dale

Dale Davis - September 30, 2021 at 02:08 PM

GR

David and I became close friends during the many years that he tamed my unruly hair. I followed him to at least 2 different locations. I looked forward to my visits and to the conversations we shared. I wish his family well. He was loved by many.

Gene Ragland - October 17, 2021 at 01:21 PM

SM

“ David was the classmate who was always ready with a smile and quietly prepared to do the “heavy lifting.” He spearheaded the efforts for the SHS Class of '68 to reconnect with a 41st Reunion followed by nearly monthly meetings in all the years since! This gesture led to “the swarm” gathering to celebrate all the highs and support all the challenges...I am so grateful for our shared history and friendship.

Sharon Mischakoff - September 28, 2021 at 12:34 PM

BK

“ *The best friend ever!* ”

Bruce Robert Krempel - September 28, 2021 at 09:32 AM