



David Robert Gebhardt

September 4, 1949 - March 14, 2026

David Robert Gebhardt passed away on Saturday, March 14th, 2026 at the Trinity Health Ann Arbor Hospital, after 76 golden years of life and service. He was the first born of Anne Hein and Robert G. Gebhardt on September 4th, 1949 in Ann Arbor, MI. David married Sherry Lynn Billau in 1970 and she survives, along with their only daughter, Lisa (MoReno Taylor II) Gebhardt. In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by his three siblings: Tom (Betsy Foote) Gebhardt, Bruce Gebhardt, and Julie Gebhardt. David was preceded in death by both parents.

David was a renaissance man, in every sense of the term. He grew up on Princeton Street in Ann Arbor and did everything from selling ice cream at The Washtenaw Dairy, to working at Apollo Music store selling guitars, to digging pools. He was a lifelong creative, a talented writer, designer, and builder. Architecture became his passion after graduating from The University of Michigan Architecture School and starting his own company, David R. Gebhardt Architect PC in 1978. He was a registered Architect in seven different states and served on the Advisory Committee for Washtenaw Community College, as well as instructing students in the Architectonics Department. He has received an Award of Merit from the AIA Energy Competition and has completed successful projects from conception for clients including The Fairlane Club, The Dearborn Inn, Ford Motor Company, and many more.

He cherished his wife Sherry in their 56 years of marriage. They were the quintessential Ann Arbor Townie couple, loved by so many. When his daughter Lisa was born, he became the best girl dad ever. Not just to Lisa, but to her friends, cousins and his God-Daughter Tricia Lynn. He had a great love of music, cars, golf, cooking and baking, and traveling. He was the life of every party, a comedian, a shoulder to cry on - a very intelligent and innovative man. David was a devoted husband, father, friend, business partner, and inspiration to all. He lived his values every day and his kindness touched the lives of so many.

The family will receive friends and stories at a Celebration of Life, on Saturday, August 8th, 2026 at Zoller, Inc., 3900 Research Park Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his memory may be made to: Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, Attn: CMH Finance, 555 Towner Street Ypsilanti, MI 48198. Checks should be made out to: Washtenaw County CMH, Memo Line: In Memory David Gebhardt.

To leave a memory you have of David or to sign his online guestbook please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Zoller, Inc.
3900 Research Park Dr,
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Tribute Wall

MT

“ I write this about a man that had a heart of GOLD. David was my cousin Sherrys husband, and he was a great...I mean GREAT friend and great human being. I am so very sad that he is gone from this earth, however, never gone from our hearts and memories. David treated my family as his family, and was one of the smartest and most generous men Ive ever known. I remember so many fun times we had with him, Sherry and Lisa. Their cottage was so much fun, and Christmas with his help with making elaborate gingerbread houses was the best. My heart hurts for not only his family, it hurts for my three children, as they were very close to him. His legacy will be with all whom had the privilege of knowing and sharing good times with him. I will keep Sherry and Lisa in my thoughts and prayers, and just want them to know I thank them for all the love they have shared with my family, and wish I could tell you in person. I love you Sherry and Lisa to the moon and back. Thank you both for all the love and time you have given to my three children, Rebecca, Sean and Heather Tracy. Please accept my heart felt condolences, and may peace be with you forever and always. Your cousin, Maryellen (Weber) Tracy.

Maryellen Tracy - Yesterday at 01:01 AM

GG

“ David was a loved friend and a talented architect. He designed our Canadian vacation home on Lake Superior which is a unique design with a large expanse of glass facing Lake Superior. It reminds people of a ship sailing out to sea. He was a neighbor and friend to our family. Our best wishes go to Sherry and Lisa. Gene & Susie Goodson

Gene Goodson - March 27 at 05:11 PM

RU

“ David was the first boy I ever danced with. It was junior high and the song was Moon River.

He was so kind! I never knew him as an adult, but can only guess he grew up to be a kind man.

Rhonwyn Edwards Ullmann

Rhonwyn Ullmann - March 20 at 09:42 AM

KH

“ Never met a kinder, sweeter guy than Dave Gebhardt. no finer example of patience, integrity intelligence and generosity than what he was..loving and loyal to a fault ...an unpretentious and humble very talented man I was fortunate to have as a friend... so many wonderful times spent with Sherry, Dave and Lisa our dear friends ..so grateful for having so many wonderful memories..sleep well now David, all your love will abide ❤️

Kyle Huxley - March 19 at 09:08 PM

SW

“ Who can I call on New Years eve, have been doing it seems like forever. A part of me goes with him, going to miss you.

Steven Wolf - March 19 at 12:31 PM