



## David Michael Gilbert

September 22, 1945 - August 19, 2018

David Michael Gilbert, age 72, passed away on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at the StoryPoint Assisted Living Facility in Saline, MI. He was born on August 22, 1945 in New York, New York, the son of Harvey and Mary (Goldman) Gilbert. David's greatest love in life was music, particularly classic jazz music. He played the alto, soprano, tenor and baritone saxophone, the flute and clarinet—if it was a woodwind, David learned to play it! His primary instrument was the alto saxophone. David spent many years performing with a variety of groups. Among them, the Washtenaw Community Jazz Band, under the direction of Dr. Morris Lawrence, Jr.; The Imperial Swing Orchestra, a professional swing band that performed at events; and The Kozora Quartet, performing original jazz music in concerts throughout Michigan. David was a dedicated music instructor, most beloved by his students. Teaching music was David's passion, only second to playing the instruments himself. David enjoyed repairing mechanical things and even mastered instrument repair. He shared his talent for repairing instruments with students and friends, rarely accepting payment for his work. David cared deeply for the environment and animals. David spent time bicycling the Huron River and other local scenic areas. David was never without a dog for a companion. David's shared a special bond with his Rottweilers (Ursa, Zoe, and Tucker) and they were a bright shining light in his life, always. David was loved and will be missed by many. Dana, John, their daughters, Scarlett and Isabel, Chantal, dear friend Kenny, along with students and the staff at Oz's music are among the people

that will hold David in memory and celebrate his life. There will not be a public memorial service, but should you wish to express your condolences with a gift in memory of David, donations may be made to the Southeastern Michigan Jazz Association ([www.semja.org](http://www.semja.org)) for the benefit of Horns for the Holidays. Horns for the Holidays is a program that pays to refurbish instruments to provide to children who cannot afford an instrument of their own. David donated many hours of labor repairing instruments for this program. To leave a memory or to sign David's guestbook, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

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“ *David Michael Gilbert*

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