



David R. Saunders

April 19, 1935 - April 17, 2012

Age 76, passed away on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at the Henry Ford Hospice Residence located in Southfield, MI. He was born April 19, 1935, in Binghamton, NY, the son of Henry and Jennie I. (Adams) Saunders. On August 20, 1955, he married Shirley Lindsay and she survives. David had been a tool maker for IBM for over 16 years and continued his employment as a design engineer supervisor for Ford Motor Company. Survivors in addition to his wife Shirley include four children; Steve (Diane) Saunders, Karen (Ken) Edwards, Greg Saunders, and Gary Saunders. Other survivors include six grandchildren, five siblings, several nieces and nephews, and a daughter-in-law Julie Ann Rairigh. He was preceded in death by one son David Scott Saunders. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. at Saline First Assembly of God with Rev. Dennis Clanton, officiating. Burial will take place at the Maple Grove Cemetery located in Concord, MI. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Henry Ford Hospice Residence 26900 Franklin Road Southfield, MI 48034. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline where friends may begin calling on Friday, April 20, 2012, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and at the Church on Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 10:00 A.M. until time of service at 11:00 A.M. To leave a memory, for directions, or for more information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

Concord, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

APR **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saline First Assembly of God
300 Old Creek Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<http://salineag.org/>

Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David R. Saunders*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Hi Shirley and Family*

This is Desmond and Patricia Yeo. We used to attend Saline First Assembly but moved to NY a few years back. We are so sorry to hear the passing of Dave. He was truly a man of God with such a big heart! We remember him as a person who always has a smile on his face that reflects the joy and love that he has. He is a true reflection of God in his life. We send our sincere condolences to you, Shirley, and your family. We hope God's peace that surpasses all understanding will be your strength at this time of grief.

Love,

Desmond and Patricia Yeo

Desmond_Patricia_Yeo - April 21, 2012 at 11:30 AM

“*Dave's smile and laughter vividly lives in my thoughts. When we would talk he'd often say, "Oh Pastor!" Drawing out the "Oh" we would laugh and talk about his kids, Sunday morning's message, camping, farming or my Dad. He'd hug me and then tell me that "Dusty and he were joining friends for breakfast after the first service."*

Dave loved the Lord deeply. His love for Christ and His Church was demonstrated to me by the pastors and missionaries that spoke of his love for God and the Church.

Dave loved his wife and family. His gentleness and love for Dusty was always obvious. Sometimes his affectionate comments about her would produce an affectionate tap and an "Oh Dad" from her in the halls or foyer of Woodland. I'm smiling just remembering.

Woodland Church will remember Dave fondly and miss him greatly. Our grief cannot compare to the grief that Dusty and the children are experiencing. We will grieve with hope however! Dave left us all the marvelous gift of a faithful commitment to Christ, his wife, Dusty and their children.

Dave was ready to go to heaven. We shared communion, Scripture, sang and prayed in those last days of his life. He looked forward to going home. He would agree with Charles Spurgeon, "I suspect that every saved soul in heaven is a great wonder and that heaven is a vast museum of grace and mercy - a palace of miracles in which everything will surprise everyone who gets there."

"We never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but things we cannot see will last forever." (2 Corinthians 4:16-18, NLT)

I miss you buddy!

Pastor Clanton

Dennis Clanton - April 20, 2012 at 02:05 PM

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“*When we first began attending church in Saline, I was newly married and a relatively new Christian. David was Sunday School Superintendent. He asked me to teach Sunday School. I had never done that, and I wasn't sure I could. He encouraged me. I taught four- and five-year olds for several years. Those are still special memories for me. I learned so much from teaching those students. Lots of Bible stories I had never heard. I still have relationships with most of those students. It was a blessing. A great man of God who will be missed here.*

Corinne Widmayer - April 18, 2012 at 07:48 PM