



David Charles Greene

June 10, 1943 - June 4, 2020

This is the story of David Charles Greene, whom was a wonderful man that was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished. Our “Papa / Pops” as he liked to be called by his grandchildren, “DG,” as he was called by his wife, was an amazing husband, father, son, and a friend like no other could be.

David’s story starts on June 10, 1943, born in Chicago, IL the only child to Charlotte and Harry Greene. Charlotte divorced Harry when David was two years old. When Charlotte remarried Rudy Laskowski two years later, David’s love for sports began. Due to Rudy’s job as a minor league baseball manager, David moved a lot during his elementary school years (17 times to be exact), yet he was noticeably talented in sports and made friends easily wherever he went. When David was ready to enter high school, his family (which now included a half-brother, Rudy Jr.) finally settled in Lake Zurich, IL, where he attended Ela Vernon High School. Ela Vernon was where he would really grow up, make lifelong friends and excel in sports (football and baseball) leading to the all-star baseball team.

After high school, David went to Parsons College for one year, worked for his stepfather a couple years and then got involved with law enforcement in 1965 with the Lake County Sheriff’s Office. He was injured in the line of duty, where he earned a Purple Heart for his bravery in 1976 and retired for medical reasons in 1980. David also spent five years in the US Marine Corp Reserves

1964-1969.

Lake Zurich is where he would meet the love of his life, Karen Louise Link. David and Karen had a whirlwind romance and were married in the St Peters Church in Lake Zurich, December 6, 1969. David and Karen spent many hardworking years working and raising their two children, Melissa Ann born May 3, 1970 and Joel David born May 6, 1973 in Vernon Hills, IL.

In 1980, David began working in the golf industry (and yes was an excellent golfer and had been playing many years prior with his stepfather). David's first golf industry adventure began at Kemper Lakes Golf Course, where he was a golf instructor and manager and had the opportunity to meet, instruct and play with many memorable individuals like Bob Hope, Stan Makita, Walter Payton and Michael Jordan to name a few for you Chicago sport fans.

David had many successful years managing various golf courses and was famous for his hard work and humor along the way. Everyone knew that when David showed up each morning, they had better do it right as he was from Chicago and liked to say it like it is. If you were going to do it half-assed you may as well not do it at all.

In 1993, Karen and David retired and moved to Sarasota, FL because of the beautiful weather and golf courses.

In retirement, David loved to golf once a week with his golf group at various golf courses, meet the "guys" at the "Dunk" (dunkin donuts) at 3pm Mon-Fri. but his greatest love was his family. The love he showed for his wife, his children and his grandchildren (Andrew James Kittelson / "AJ" whom is 19 years old, Samantha Kay Kittelson / "Sammie" 16 years old and Joseph Riley Greene, who had passed away due to ALD in 2014) cannot easily be described.

His mission was to make sure his family knew how much they were loved and encouraged them to “live your life with no regrets”. David’s grand children were his heart and joy. There’s no denying that, his grandchildren stole his heart and he was there for all of them for support before a hockey game, funny text emojis when they were down, off key singing of happy birthday loudly on their phones when he couldn’t be there.

On June 4, 2020, we lost a great man to a seven-year battle with cancer. A disease he fought hard to overcome with chemotherapy biweekly for over six years, which was scheduled around his weekly golf dates and his grandchildren’s hockey games.

Loved ones that cleared the path for David are his father Harry Green, mother Charlotte Laskowski, stepfather Rudy Laskowski, his beloved grandson Riley Greene. Loved ones that will miss David until they meet again are his wife Karen Greene; his daughter Melissa Ann Kittelson; his son Joel David Greene; and his grandchildren AJ and Sammie Kittelson.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *It is with the utmost sadness that I sent this goodbye to David Greene. David was a neighbor, golfing partner, and friend. Always with a smile or willingness to do anything to be helpful. The way he lived his life with an outlook and attitude was truly inspiring. We lost a great one.*

Jane and I send our sympathy to you Karen, your children, and your grandchildren.

Rest in peace David, always in our thoughts.

David Bruce - June 17, 2020 at 09:42 PM

WS

“ *The last few years Dave was my neighbor while in Sarasota. He would drive me to the golf course on Mondays. It has been a pleasure and privilege to know him. RIP Dave - May the wind always be at your back, may the warm sun always shine in your face, may the gentle rain always fall at your feet, and may the Lord hold your soul in the palm of his hands. Until we meet again.*

Wilmo Silvani

wilmo silvani - June 16, 2020 at 12:26 PM

PP

“ I paired with Dave for the last 8years and the one thing I notices that he near complained about his illness,sometimes he would joke about it.He taught me a lot about golf and when I had a bad swing he'd tell what I did wrong and how to correct it. More than once he would bring a club to the course and he'd say Paul this will correct swing.He would get it out of hie famous CLOSET.i'm going to miss him,Great guy. Have some good swings up their.---Paul Parisi

Paul Parisi - June 14, 2020 at 06:21 PM

TS

“ Dear Greene Family - I feel very blessed to have gotten to know Dave through golf in Sarasota. (Whalers) I had the pleasure of being paired up with him on a number of occasions and I always had so much fun with him. His zest for life, self-deprecating humor, love of golf with the guys, etc. was contagious. He loved being on the course. He was always upbeat and so positive even when discussing his medical challenges (which he never brought up). It's clear that his first love was always his wife and then family. We will miss him dearly. His was a life well-lived. May he rest in peace.

Tom Sbordone

Tom Sbordone - June 14, 2020 at 02:06 PM

JH

“ I had the pleasure of meeting David with past golf season with the Whalers. it was easy to become friendly with David right away. Always had a smile and a hello whenever we saw each other. He will be missed by myself and the other Whalers. RIP David

Jack Honohan - June 14, 2020 at 01:34 PM

JZ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I just found out today that Dave had passed away.*

Judie Zacharias

Judie Zacharias - June 13, 2020 at 05:42 PM