



David A. Saunders

June 15, 1964 - December 28, 2019

David A. Saunders, 55, husband of the late Nora Saunders, passed away on December 28, 2019, in North Port, Florida.

David was born on June 15, 1964 in Venice, Florida to Lewis M. and Ruth (Mattingly) Saunders. He grew up in Venice, Florida and Newport, Rhode Island.

David graduated from Rogers High School in Newport, and later attended Johnson & Wales University for Culinary Arts.

David moved to Newport, Rhode Island in 1981 where he met his wife Nora.

Nora and David were married at the historic St. Mary's Church in Newport on September 28, 1991.

David and Nora have a daughter, Brooke, who resides in Bristol, Rhode Island. Newport locals may remember David from the many years he and his wife owned and operated the Nutcracker Suite Christmas Shop on Mill Street, a business that was started by David's family in 1977.

David may also be remembered for the abundance of colorful flowers he planted around the store each year, earning him awards for the most beautiful

storefront in Newport.

David moved with his family to North Port, Florida in 2009, joining other family members who lived in the area, including his mother Ruth of Venice.

David was a licensed real estate agent and in North Port where he served the surrounding community by helping others fulfill their dream of finding the perfect home for their families.

David was also a talented chef, who won awards for his New England clam chowder recipe and other fine cuisine sauces. David enjoyed spending time with his family and relished preparing delicious food for family gatherings.

David will be remembered for being an avid gardener, like his father, for being a lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers fan, and for his spirit of giving and acts of service towards others.

David is joined in passing by his wife Nora Saunders, and his parents, Lewis and Ruth Saunders.

He is survived by his daughter Brooke, of Bristol, R.I., and his five brothers and sisters: Lewis Saunders and his wife Susan, of Gurley AL; Jeffrey Saunders and his wife Sandra, of North Port, FL; Jonathan Saunders of Clearwater, FL; Brenda Penner and her husband Sidney, of Melbourne, FL; and Jenifer Tilka of Venice, FL. He is also survived by numerous extended family members including aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place on Friday, January 10th at 10:00am in the chapel at Epiphany Cathedral, 310 Sarasota Street, Venice, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) at 3803 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203 or online www.nami.org.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Epiphany Cathedral Catholic Church
310 Sarasota Street
Venice, FL 34285
(941) 484-3505

Tribute Wall

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“ *Your memory will always have a special place in my heart. My deepest sympathy to the family.* ”

Sandra Murphy - January 16, 2020 at 01:24 PM

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“ *Ashley, Amanda, and Michaela purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David A. Saunders.* ”



Ashley, Amanda, and Michaela - January 09, 2020 at 03:01 PM

JK

“ *Our family is very sorry to hear about the loss of David and his wife. We have many wonderful memories of the Saunders and Murphy siblings growing up in our younger days. We pray for your strength in this difficult time. Love to everyone.* ”

Julie Murphy Keating - January 09, 2020 at 10:27 AM

JF

“ *We will miss Dave and Nora so much. They were beautiful, talented people, warm and funny. We will miss Dave's soups and Nora's haircuts. It's so hard to know they are gone.* ”

janice foreman - January 09, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David A. Saunders.



January 08, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of David A. Saunders.



January 08, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Patrick ,Jordan,Jenna,Jacob Saunders purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David A. Saunders.



Patrick ,Jordan,Jenna,Jacob Saunders - January 08, 2020 at 09:23 AM

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“ David will forever be a part of my fond memories of the Saunders children growing up. The youngest of five before Jonathan came along, they were entrusted to my care for years as their babysitter by their beautiful parents, Ruth and Dr. Buck. My love goes out to their family with the hope that their love for God and each other will see them through this trying time. Kathleen Michelin Auletti, Hendersonville, NC



Kathleen Michelin Auletti - January 08, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David A. Saunders.



January 08, 2020 at 03:17 AM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I'm so sorry for your loss. David was a great guy and will be missed.

Maryanne Conlan - January 07, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David A. Saunders.



January 07, 2020 at 10:29 PM

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“ We will miss you David, our hearts are broken, but we know you are with our Lord.

Jeff & Sandy

Sandy Saunders - January 07, 2020 at 09:39 PM