



G. David Parent

December 4, 2021

G. David Parent, named after his father, George, but commonly known as David or Dave, age 77 and a resident of Warwick, RI, died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at his winter home in Osprey, FL.

David leaves behind his beloved wife of 54 years, Anne (Lewis) Parent of RI and FL, his son Christopher (Christine) and grandsons Joseph and Jacob Parent of Punta Gorda, FL, as well as several nieces and nephews in RI. Born in Pawtucket, RI, to George J, and Alice (Quinn) Parent,

David received his education at Bryant University in Providence and his Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant designations from the American College in Washington, D.C. He was sole proprietor of a financial consulting business in East Greenwich, RI, for more than twenty years. David is a past-president of the New England Chapter of the CLU ChFC Society.

All who knew Dave well would agree that his passion was for the sport (not a game to him) of golf. From the age of twelve, when he began caddying at Pawtucket (RI) Country Club, David lived, breathed, talked about, and played golf until health problems eroded his skills, eventually forcing him to stop altogether two years ago. Whether it was the history of golf, the architects and architecture of courses worldwide, the players, methodology, or best practices,

Dave relished discussing any or all of these with anyone who shared his enthusiasm. He was a member of the Quiddnessett Country Club of North Kingstown, RI, for the last fourteen years, and of the Potowomut Golf Course, East Greenwich, RI for the previous twenty-four years. He treasured the many friendships he cultivated through golf.

David's interests also included history and economics, sports and sport history, classical music (particularly the more spirited and enigmatic composers such as Grieg and Rachmaninoff), and travel in Europe and the U.S. whenever it was possible. He read voraciously, most often historical biography, golf and other sporting publications, and three daily newspapers. Dave enjoyed living and boating on Greenwich Bay, RI, as well as spending the colder months in Florida. Winter visits to Florida began in the mid 1990's to visit friends and family, to play golf, and to explore communities up and down both coasts. In 2008, the couple bought a condo in Osprey, just south of Sarasota. When he began to have difficulty with stairs, they moved to a single-story villa in the same area in 2015.

Funeral arrangements in Florida were private, via Toale Brothers Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life is planned for a future date in Rhode Island.

Memorial gifts are suggested to <https://Buttonhole.org>, a 501(c) (3) public golf facility that welcomes Providence inner-city youth and other people of all abilities, with special emphasis on reduced rate lessons and play for children.

David was instrumental in the founding of the organization. Alternately, donations can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in his memory at <https://donate.lls.org> . David was a twenty-year lymphoma survivor. In either event, kindly use "GDavid" with no dots or spaces, as the honoree's first name.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ We did business with David for many years...however, he was much more than that...a trusted friend. He will be missed. Our deepest condolences to Anne and the entire Parent Family.
Sincerely,
David and JACKIE Ralston
North Kingstown ,RI

JACKIE Ralston - February 08, 2022 at 01:35 PM

AP

Thank you Dave and Jackie, fir your kind words. David definitely considered you to be friends.We enjoyed seeing you on Friday nights at Richard's Pub years ago, and once David Ralston found me driving confusedly around an industrial complex looking for UPS. He stopped to offer drectional help, and we both laughed when we realized we knew each other!

Anne Parent - February 13, 2022 at 12:56 AM

GB

“ Little did we know that a random pairing in the couples league at Quidnessett would be the start of a wonderful friendship with David and Anne. We so enjoyed our dinners together after a round - no matter how the golf was, the conversation after was always great! Always looked forward to you returning from Florida so we could restart our activities. We will really miss you David and love to Anne and your family.

Greg and Sue Bosco - December 28, 2021 at 04:03 PM

GG

“ I was sorry to learn of Dave's passing. He was a fine fellow. My sincerest sympathy to Anne and the family. Rest in peace old friend.

Gary Gherardini - December 27, 2021 at 05:07 PM

RB

“ I was saddened to read about Dave's passing. I have fond memories of David when we both started our life insurance careers back in the early 1970's. David was always a gentleman and had a wonderful sense of humor. My sincere condolences to Anne and your family. May he rest in peace. Robin Boucher

Robin Boucher - December 27, 2021 at 08:47 AM

 Anne Parent

Robin, He would have been so pleased to know you wrote these words. Thank you for remembering him.
Anne

Anne Parent - January 12, 2022 at 05:59 PM

SH

“ Have known David since we were both very young kids at my uncle's beach house in Ocean Grove. His parents were friends of my uncle and David would be with them and we'd play all day in the water and go down the street to the skating rink and amusement center. We always had a great time.
I saw David at the bank on Frenchtown Rd about 25 yrs ago when I lived in East Greenwich. We knew each other right away.
He was a nice guy and his family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sheila Fitzgerald Hagenbuch - December 26, 2021 at 11:04 PM

JC

“ Dave joined our Tuesday golf group around 2000. His wit, knowledge of history and humor was shared with many a partner. When his skills diminished he still claimed a 13 handicap. A great guy. We missed him when he retired from golf a few years back. We'll remember Dave as an enjoyable companion and good friend. Condolences to the Parent family and God bless Dave May he Rest In Peace.

Joe Conroy - December 26, 2021 at 10:38 PM

GA

“ So sorry to hear of David's sudden passing. It was always a pleasure to get together for a game of golf , our Thursday night league at the Quid or dinner with he and Anne. It didn't matter if we were in R I or Florida we always looked forward to our get togethers for fun and a hearty laugh over a good dinner and glass of wine among friends. Good memories good friend. Sincerely Gerard & Mary Lou Archambault

Gerard y Archambault - December 26, 2021 at 06:59 PM