



Dr. David L. Gauss

October 12, 1939 - November 10, 2021

Dr. David L. Gauss, known as Dave, Doc and Goose, passed away peacefully after a short illness at Community North Hospital on November 10, 2021 at the age of 82.

Dave was born on October 12, 1939 to Leo P. and Loualma T. (Zinser) Gauss. He was the younger brother of Robert C. ("Robbie") who died at the age of 12 after a short life filled with physical and developmental challenges. Dave was a long-time resident of the Irvington neighborhood and a proud member of the first class (1957) at Scecina Memorial High School. He graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in 1961 and a D.D.S. in 1965. Soon after graduation, he was commissioned in the United States Army and was sent to Vietnam where his first official dental chair was on the flight line at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. Doc spent most of his time in Vietnam assigned to a dental group in Saigon which provided care to soldiers and Vietnamese civilians. After his discharge from the Army, he opened a small dental office at 10th and Bosart. For 20 years, he was known on the Eastside for being kind and gentle. He then spent almost another 20 years practicing in the Chicago suburbs before he retired, returned to Indianapolis and filled in at several local dental offices.

Dave was an accomplished amateur golfer who was a fixture at Pleasant Run Golf Course for almost 70 years. He also was an accomplished trap shooter and card player.

Throughout his life, he was a friend to many; known for his sarcasm and often

irreverent (if not inappropriate) humor and his deep kindness. Most importantly, he was a husband to Pamela Haase and Renie McClay, a father to Robert (Christy), Chris (Christin), Tracy and Nicholas and a grandfather to Peter, Caroline, Curren and Nora (all of whom survive). His great blessing was that at his 50 year Scecina reunion he reconnected with Jean McAtee who became his love, shared the past 14 years with him, cared for and comforted him and who made him the best version of himself.

Dave was preceded by his father, his mother, his brother, many cherished cousins, including Jim Rowe and Gail Turi both of whom recently passed, and many dear friends and golfing buddies.

The family wishes to thank his doctors and nurses at Community North and Community Oncology who provided compassion and tender care to him in his final weeks.

Visitation will be held on November 20, 2021 at Shirley Brothers Irvington Chapel from 1:00 to 4:00. A private service will occur at a later date. In respect of all who attend, masks are encouraged for anyone who is not fully vaccinated or who is immunocompromised. Memorial contributions in honor of Dave may be made to Scecina Memorial High School, 5000 Nowland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201. Otherwise, the family encourages all who knew Doc to share a meal or a round of golf with a friend or someone you love and tell your favorite Doc story. We hope it will be clean, but will understand if it is not.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - November 22, 2021 at 10:48 AM

KA

“ So sorry to the family for their loss. I remember him, he was our family dentist when we were children at the office he had at 10th & Bosart.

Karen - November 20, 2021 at 08:13 AM

RM

“ David and I were dating and I brought him home to my parents, to meet them. They scheduled a golf game. My dad used his driver on a hole, and had a great drive. Then David got up and out drove him by a lot. David turned and looked at dad and grinned. Dad mumbled asshole. And David said, that's Dr. asshole to you. So at some point during just about every family gathering someone would call David Dr. Asshole. Strong relationships ensued.

Renie Mcclay - November 19, 2021 at 11:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dr. David L. Gauss.



November 19, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Dr. David L. Gauss.



November 19, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dr. David L. Gauss.



November 19, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dr. David L. Gauss.



November 19, 2021 at 08:08 AM

NS

“ When Dave walked in the room and sat down at the bridge table, I knew the verbal jousting was about to begin. He just made my day become better. My regret is not knowing him for a lifetime, but it has been my great privilege to be his friend these last few years. I miss his hearty laugh, his eye rolls and our witty repartee already. Thinking of you, my friend.

Neal Shoger

Neal Shoger - November 18, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. David L. Gauss.



November 17, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. David L. Gauss.



November 17, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Dr. David L. Gauss.



November 17, 2021 at 11:43 AM

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“ *The Capshaws of Massachusetts purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. David L. Gauss.*



The Capshaws of Massachusetts - November 17, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. David L. Gauss.*



November 16, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *None better. The wit and sarcasm will be greatly missed by many of us who had the pleasure of playing golf with him for many years. Rest In Peace Doc.*

Brad Lewis - November 16, 2021 at 11:17 AM

GG

“ *I played many rounds with Doc at Pleasant Run and lots of poker in the off season. I enjoyed his sarcasm and he could take it as well as dish it out. Always a gentleman. I will miss him dearly. RIP Doc. No senior tees in heaven!*

Gary Gibboney - November 15, 2021 at 03:45 PM



I will always miss you doc. Have played golf with you for over 40 years. Get us a early tee time when I get there. I know how much you like playing early.

Paul Wheeler - November 19, 2021 at 08:01 PM