



David Hunter Markle Jr.

October 7, 1932 - October 20, 2017

David H. Markle, Jr, 85, died October 20, 2017 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Toledo, surrounded by his loved ones.

Dave was born Oct 7, 1932 in Malta Ohio to David and Mary (Carr) Markle. Dave earned his BS in Education with a Music major from Ohio Northern University, followed by an MA from Ohio State University. Upon leaving OSU, he joined the U.S. Army for a 2-year stint in the Signal Corps, serving in Alaska. Following his time in the military he started a 37-year career in the Rossford and Perrysburg School systems as a music teacher, guiding generations of young people to an interest and love of music and musical performance.

Dave's particular talent was helping people to find the highest use of their own musical talents. He spent many summers leading children through theatre and young opera workshops. He believed in the higher power of God, and served as organist and choirmaster at six separate churches of many different denominations.

His love of music extended well beyond the professional. He was a founding member of the Maumee Community Theatre as well as spending time with organizations such as the Toledo Choral Society, Commodores, Sweet Adelines and the Suburban Singers. After his retirement, he created, developed, directed and had fun with the Maumee Senior Center choir.

Dave was a man of tremendous character who pulled himself out of the darker corners of his life with strength and humility. He was grateful to be called a friend of Bill. He was quiet and gentle and when he spoke, his hands waved with the fluid grace of the piano player and choir director. His love of puns, trivia, and an encyclopedic knowledge of seemingly everything made him the most interesting man at the table, but never one to flaunt; always willing to learn something new. Crossword puzzles were a particular passion for Dave, especially when he could successfully get past the Friday level of the New York Times.

He was preceded in death by his eldest son, John D. Markle, and sister Mary Markle

Snyder.

He is survived by his amazing wife of 32 years, Susan (Krupp DeBauche), daughter-in-law Ricki Markle, son Tim (Tracy) Markle, son Jamie (Paul Wesselmann) Markle, daughter Kristen (Kevin) Keyser and stepdaughter Mary (Pat Shuff) DeBauche as well as 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Monday, October 23, from 4-7pm followed immediately by a prayer service at 7pm. Funeral services will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10am Tuesday October 24. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Maumee Senior Center.

Comments



“ Dear Tim, You have our thoughts and prayers. . . Love, Denny and Dianne Koop

Dianne Koop - October 25, 2017 at 12:34 AM



“ Mr. Markle was my elementary music teacher. He was AWESOME! He had a great impact on my life as he shared his love of music with us and fostered a love of music in us. My brothers and sisters and I reminisced how he would come to the lower elementary class with his harpsichord. It was one of my favorite times of the school day. In the upper grades he directed musicals, and chorus where we sang many of the popular songs of the 60's. He was very progressive. And of course we all can sing Hail to you Oh Pine Street School. He was a treasure.
Laura Hill Smith

Laura Smith - October 23, 2017 at 10:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Hunter Markle Jr..



October 22, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ Dear Tim,
So sorry to hear of your dad's death. May you find comfort in happy memories and the love of family.
Meg Steimle

Meg Steimle - October 22, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ Thank you so much Meg.

Timothy - October 23, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ Joan M Sandlin lit a candle in memory of David Hunter Markle Jr.



Joan M Sandlin - October 22, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ Sorry to read of your loss. Though it has been many years since I've seen him, Uncle Dave was thought of, especially at weddings & Christmas'. Remembering the many times my Dad (his brother -in-law) & him would sing together @ family weddings, just beautiful. The Christmas that he introduced us to enacting a sing-a-long of The 12 Days of Christmas 40+ years ago and is still thought of as a tradition to this day. What great fun ! Keeping his family in my thoughts & prayers through this difficult time, but knowing he is at peace.
With my sincere condolences,
Joan M (Young) Sandlin

Joan M Sandlin - October 22, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ Oh the family gatherings! The in-laws and the outlaws. The chaotic gift exchanges and the singing!!! Tim

Timothy - October 23, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ Susan and family. It's times like this that makes me realize how important family is. I lost Carol back in 2010 and there isn't a day that I don't think about her. I hope that your sorrow will be satisfied to know that Dave was a wonderful guy and we all will miss him. He was an inspiration to all the kids he trained. I hope to make it down to the visitation and would like to see you again.

John Krupp - October 21, 2017 at 07:25 PM



“ Thank you.
Sue S

Sue Stein - October 22, 2017 at 07:43 AM



“ Dear Sue and Family,

I am unable to attend the visitation and service but am letting you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Losing a loved one is always tough but the memories will and stories will last a long time. Praying that God will sustain you through these next several weeks

and months.

In His name,

Melinda Hipsher

Melinda Hipsher - October 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM