



David Lee Stahl

December 4, 1947 - August 3, 2020

To view a recording of Dave's Service from Monday, August 10 please

CLICK HERE (<https://vimeo.com/449035949/d5b5dd576d>)

David Lee Stahl age 72 of Dayton, OH took his final flight after having a bumpy flight for the past 3 weeks post-surgery. He had a smooth landing to his eternal home on Monday August 3rd, 2020.

Dave was a graduate of Start High School and the University of Toledo. David was a lifelong pilot doing many different activities in that role and owner of DLS Aviation. Beyond aviation his careers varied; one of his proudest was working for Wright State University as a Sports Information Director, including when they won the NCAA DII Men's Basketball Championship. Others included working for Tandy Corporation and Monroe Mechanical. He was an active member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and more recently a volunteer for the National Museum of the Air Force and Dayton Public Schools.

David loved spending time with his friends, playing trivia, history, all things flying, and sports facts to name a few. He was an avid baseball and classical music fan. He was educated as a pipe organist and latinist. He was never one to pass up a good card game of any kind.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents Charles Stahl, Loretta (Wienk) Stahl and his brother, John Stahl.

He is survived by his nieces, Jackie Stahl of Venice, CA and Marnie Stahl of South Bend, IN, as well as cousins Judy (Paul) Brunswick and Rick (Barbara) Knapp and Sister-in-Law Mary Jim (John) Stahl. He is also survived by many close friends that were like family as well.

The family is planning a Funeral Service at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43614, on Monday, August 10th at 12:00 p.m. Interment Toledo Memorial Park.

His nieces are planning a 1st Heaven Birthday party in Dayton, Ohio to celebrate his life with all this family and friends in style, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers contributions in Dave's memory and honor may be made to Sporty's Foundation for a David L. Stahl Aviation Scholarship for more people to learn what he so loved, or a charity of their choice. Donations can be sent to:

The Sporty's Foundation
2001 Sporty's Drive
Batavia, OH 45103
513-735-9100

Please make checks to payable to: Sporty's Foundation (<https://sportysfoundation.org/donate/>) with David Stahl Scholarship in memo

Please view and sign our online "guest registry" and share any memories or stories you wish at CoyleFuneralHome.com or directly to the family at

marniecareystahl@gmail.com

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Service

AUG 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Graveside

AUG 10 (ET)

Toledo Memorial Park
6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Tribute Wall

CS

“*Dave was a good family friend and a wonderful man. I remember when he, my dad and another SID flew to the CoSIDA convention from Wright Bros Airport. When they came back he offered to let the three Schill kids fly over to Moraine Airpark to fuel up and come back. It was a special treat. I was also happy to stop and see him on the occasions that he was in Kettering hospital when I was working. I'm sorry this is later that would have liked as I hadn't heard that he had passed. I'm betting my mom and dad and Dave Young were there to greet him!*

God bless you and your family!

Cathy Schill



Cathy Schill - December 26, 2022 at 08:40 PM

CC

“*Dave and Russ go back for many years and they would tell some funny stories at the Pilot lunches. We are so sorry to just now learn of his passing in August. I know he had been having health issues, but had not realized the severity. We are unable to attend Pilot lunches now as Russ' blindness is quite challenging.*

We plan to make a contribution to Sporty's Foundation in Dave's honor.

Cpt. Russ and Marge Cook
Springboro, OH



Cpt. Russ Cook - October 14, 2020 at 03:40 PM

SJ

I just now learned of David's passing. I remember him from Monroe Mechanical. Nice guy. Always had a nice smile. Talked fast and ended every statement with a chuckle. He was a pilot instructor and proud of his twin engine (something) or other. I do remember he impressed me with how he could fly. I believed his stories. Where he'd flown, etc. Sorry to learn of his passing. I retired from Monroe Mechanical in June of 2008. Steve Jackson.

Steve Jackson - January 11, 2021 at 01:15 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service 8.10.20*



Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services - August 19, 2020 at 11:23 AM

BM

“ *Dave gave me my check ride for my instrument ticket. I learned more from that man in a mere few hours than I ever got out of all the aviation reading and studying I ever did. He is already missed. -- Bill Mervar*

Bill Mervar - August 11, 2020 at 08:14 PM

TY

“ Absolutely shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of such a great man in Dave Stahl. So many fond memories, whether it be working together in Monroe or laughing together in get-togethers at Paul's house.

One of my fondest memories of Dave was a mutual trip he coordinated from Ohio up to the Northeast one summer. We were visiting friends in Boston, and he was continuing on to Martha's Vineyard. Of course his plane was (perpetually) in the shop, so we flew a loaner. We had the chance to fly with Dave, and it was one of the most unique and memorable trips I've ever taken, landing in tiny airports all the way up to the coast, all thanks to Dave.

Rest in peace, friend. Let's hope your plane gets out of the shop...

Tyler - August 10, 2020 at 03:09 PM

HG

“ Dave was a friend of mine and we worked together for years in aircraft sales, He was an excellent pilot and could fly just about ever general aviation piston aircraft you could think of and then some. Later on we would often see each other at a pilot lunch for local pilots mostly retired. We had some fun together over the years. I will miss him.

Harvey Gilman

Harvey Gilman - August 10, 2020 at 09:23 AM

BB

“ My sincere condolences to friends and family. Always enjoyed talking WWII plane history with Dave. May he Rest In Peace.

Bradley Brunswick - August 09, 2020 at 10:13 PM

PP

“ Dave was an outstanding volunteer in our community, especially as an Ambassador for the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. You could always count on Dave to help anytime you asked. He loved to see other businesses succeed and was a strong advocate and supporter of business and our country's and community's free enterprise system. We will all miss Dave and his great friendship to everyone he met. Our prayers and blessings go out to Dave's family in this time of sorrow. May he Rest In Peace.

Phil Parker

Former President & CEO

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

Phil Parker - August 09, 2020 at 05:52 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - August 09, 2020 at 05:36 PM

SF

“ I wish to extend my sympathies to Dave’s family. I worked with Dave at Wright State University where he was instrumental in starting the Private Pilot Licensure Program. Dave taught the Private Pilot License Course to prepare students to take the FAA Written Exam. He also managed arrangement for the FAA Practical Exam at Brookville Air-Park. During the last few years, Dave was a member of a group of former Wright State Employees who met for lunch regularly. Dave was always the source of detailed and precise information about almost any Wright State athletic event including scores, players, coaches and behind the scenes happenings. I will truly miss Dave’s immense knowledge of Wright State’s sports.

Steve Frederick

Steve Frederick - August 09, 2020 at 03:38 PM

TM

“ Dave was a close friend of my late husband, Bob Moore. Dave flew Bob and several of his fellow football and basketball officials to many games—along with great stories to accompany those adventures. Dave very soon became a dear family friend as well. We often celebrated holidays together, usually after he returned from seeing his family in Toledo. I remember hearing so much about his nieces as you grew up. He was so proud of you girls. I ever dreamed my conversation with Dave in July would be our last. Smooth flying to heaven, Dave. You will always be part of the Moore family. Love,
Toni Moore

Toni Moore - August 09, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Lee Stahl.*



August 07, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ *I'm so sorry Dave, Keep my Brenden safe with you. xox*



Cherie Miller - August 07, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ *Dave was a great guy and a fantastic pilot. We became acquainted while I was young sportswriter at the Dayton Daily News and he was the SID for a young Wright State basketball program. He flew me, Paul Meter of the Journal Herald and the radio crew to many games. While the passengers sometimes relaxed with a postgame, in-flight beer, Dave never broke FAA rules — but we had to make sure to have one ready for him once we landed. I “audited” his aviation class at WSU and he got me as far as soloing (I had to give up flying after moving out of town to another job.). We reconnected via Facebook in recent years and I was hoping to visit with him at the museum this year. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to all his family and friends.*

Paul Rolfes - August 07, 2020 at 08:48 PM

LK

“ I worked with Dave at a Wright State as head of university communications. He was quite the professional and a nice person. A man with a great heart and love for others. As I read the comments I realize I missed a lot by not knowing him better. May he Rest In Peace.

larry kinneer - August 07, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JB

“ I'll always cherish “ cuz” Dave’s stop over visits to hangar #8 at ABE airport here in Lehigh Valley PA.
Later at mealtime, chuckles and debates ensued - yesteryear, sports ,and politics . A traditional topic was always Dave’s Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner entree at Gram’s . It was ... a peanut butter and banana sandwich only , until age 8, when he tried turkey for the first time ! He was always a good sport about the teasing , but eager to move on to report activities at the Air Force Museum - the visitors from all over the US and the world - and his tutoring experiences with the school children .
I’ve known him for all of his 72 years ..pushed his stroller while baby sitting , laughed when he was a young teen , as he phoned Japan to complain about his malfunctioning transistor that he’d purchased . In all our mutual moves around the country , he’s always promptly responded to my phone calls and texts, even if the response was “ I’m driving “ .
I will greatly miss all of our golden moments, and I’m sure that with a wink and a sly smile, he’s undoubtedly sticking to the Flite plan and heading straight to Heaven .

Judy Brunswick - August 07, 2020 at 02:46 PM

DM

“ Very sad to hear. Dave gave me my private pilot check ride. Had the opportunity to fly with him many times.

David Marker - August 07, 2020 at 02:31 PM

GG

“ I was very surprised to hear of this unfortunate loss and extend my sympathies to Dave's family and friends. He was my first boss, hiring me as an incoming freshman at WSU in 1982 to work in the sports information office. It was a very positive and memorable experience. I learned things during that brief time that have continued to serve me well in a career in communications. He knew his stuff, and was also quite a character. RIP, Dave.

Gary Giles

Gary Giles - August 07, 2020 at 10:02 AM

EO

“ My dad, the late Bob Moore, and Dave were good friends and I have such vivid memories of Dave and my Dad hanging out at our house watching and talking sports. My dad was a football official for many years and Dave flew him to many games. Dave would sometimes bring Hannah, his dog, over to our house and I remember being amazed how she'd sit in the snow and her thick furry coat would melt a little patch. Dave was a good family friend and we are saddened to hear of his passing - though know he and Dad are enjoying hanging out once again. Extending my deepest sympathy to his family.

Liz Moore Osborne

Elizabeth Osborne - August 07, 2020 at 09:23 AM

MR

“ While at Wright State, our son, Brent, was a student worker under Dave who took him under his wing and taught him the business. Brent went on to become the Sports Information Director and Asst Athletic Director at Central CT State Univ. We had Dave to our house for celebrations over the years and he was a kind and generous man. When Brent died in an accident at age 40, Dave flew up to CT to console us and his family. We will be eternally grateful for that. Our condolences to his family.

Sincerely,
Bob and Mary Rutkowski

Mary Rutkowski - August 07, 2020 at 08:12 AM

GG

Mary - I followed Brent as a student employee in Dave's office and met Brent on a couple of occasions. Very engaging. His loss was tragic.

Gary Giles

Gary Giles - August 07, 2020 at 10:05 AM

RE

“ I met Dave when I played baseball at Toledo University and he was our statistician. I quickly became friends with Dave and enjoyed our many talks together.

I was fortunate to reconnect with him recently via a phone call.

I am so saddened to hear of his passing. He will be missed in this world.

Ron Emch
Toledo University 1970-74

Ron Emch - August 07, 2020 at 06:45 AM

BC

“ I am terribly shocked and saddened by this news. I have known Dave since April 1996 when I started flying. He gave me instruction, checkrides, certifications and friendship. The man had the "patience of Jobe" and treated everyone with respect and kindness. Dave was a great guy who loved Wright State Univ. and all sports. I am so very sorry that he is gone. I have so many fun stories and memories of flying with Dave.

Bruce Campbell - August 07, 2020 at 06:15 AM

JH

“ Jake Hunter lit a candle in memory of David Lee Stahl



Jake hunter - August 07, 2020 at 05:12 AM

IF

“ Dave and I became acquainted when I became a new pilot and I was fortunate to fly with him a few times, but also maintain a friendship over the last 12 years. I recently spoke to him after surgery and wish that I had been in better touch over the years. He was a great mentor and friends, and I will miss him. My condolences to the family and all who loved him.

Ian Funderburg - August 06, 2020 at 09:51 PM

PM

“ *Stahl, as he was often called, was a great friend for years. A careful pilot who thankfully did not take risks, he was a fun guy and outstanding euchre partner. He contributed much to the success of Wright State basketball. He and I went to the baseball Hall of Fame in October, 2010. What a fun trip! I take comfort in knowing he and Greg Gahris and Ralph Underhill are right now looking for a fourth for euchre.*

Paul Meyer

paul meyer - August 06, 2020 at 07:07 PM

GW

“ *A very good account of my friend Dave Stahl's life that was prepared by his loving nieces. Dave was a fine man who did many fine things and I am delighted that I got to be a friend of his for a long time since our relationship started back in the earliest days of Wright State RIP good friend. Gordie Wise*

Gordie Wise - August 06, 2020 at 06:48 PM

WH

“ *Dave worked for me for a number of years. He was one of the kindest people I have ever known. He was always making friends and interested in others. Of course, his first love was flying. We made multiple trips to St. Louis, Detroit, Pittsburgh, etc. Whatever he did, he was always 110%. I am blessed to have known him as a friend. Ez Housh*

William Housh - August 06, 2020 at 06:27 PM

JB

“ Dave and I had a friendship that started during his time as Sports Information Director at Wright State. Dave was extremely knowledgeable and almost a perfectionist when it came to his job. I took many airplane trips with David Recruiting basketball players for WSU. One trip I remember well was flying to Albuquerque, NM to attend the Final 4 the year that North Carolina State beat Houston for the National Championship. Dave said if we could get him a ticket he would fly us out there. It was a trip Dave always talked about. Dave my friend I am so glad our lives passed each other's.

Jim Brown - August 06, 2020 at 06:08 PM