



David J. Goldy

March 12, 1933 - January 3, 2025

David Joseph Michael Goldy (“Dave”), 91, of Lancaster, passed away Friday, January 3, 2025. Dave was born in Williamsport, PA to the late Clifford D. and Cecelia Clark Goldy. Beginning at the age of 15 and continuing to his last breath, Dave enjoyed an extraordinary lifetime of love with his beloved Gloria Vannucci, who predeceased him in Sept. 2022.

A devout Catholic and member of St. Leo the Great, Dave was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to all those he knew (and didn’t know). The saying “he never met a stranger” was conceptualized when Dave was born. He not only engaged anyone and everyone in conversation, his interest was truly genuine and he actively listened when he conversed with others. He was a man who truly loved his beautiful wife Gloria and their children. Joining a country club and taking up golf were never a thought for Dave. Instead, he focused his time away from dentistry on the many activities of his five children, as well as carving out family time to camp and vacation with his family over the decades. Dave also enjoyed his time at the hunting camp in the mountains of Pennsylvania with his hunting buddies.

Dave’s comradery spirit, together with his deep love of family, community and natural affinity to care for others were evident at a very young age. Whether it was winning the American Legion Award at Roosevelt Jr. High, or being

President of Student Council, President of the German club or being a Junior Rotarian at Williamsport High School, this was just the beginning of the genuine goodness he gave to so many.

Dave began his undergraduate studies at Villanova University for his first two years, completing his final credits necessary for Dental School at both Lycoming College and Bucknell University. He began his dental school education at Temple Dental school which was temporarily halted when he was drafted after two years during the Lebanon crisis (Private First Class 103rd Medical Battalion as dental assistant in Germany). Dave graduated from dental school in 1961, opening his pediatric dentistry practice in Lancaster. Dave specialized in pediatric dentistry due to his passion for children and their dental health.

For children whose families had an inability to pay for dental care, he never refused and quite often treated these children free of charge. In support of the dignity and care he bestowed upon these families, he became the primary dentist for Lancaster Head Start Program. He was an active member of the American Dental Association, PA Dental Association, Lancaster County Dental Society (Dental Health Chairman) and American Society of Dentistry for Children. He volunteered at the Hershey School for Boys, as well as speaking publicly to parent and children's groups on the value of good dental health. Dave greatly contributed and enjoyed his membership with the Lancaster Rotary Club over many decades (President 1980-81).

Dave will be missed by his children; Michael; Laura Goldy (husband Peter Brown); Pamela Goldy Rudy (husband Troy); Patricia Hirsch (husband Lenny Zwick); Gina Goldy Woods (husband Doug). He will be missed by his 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to attend Dave's Mass of Christian Burial on

Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 11AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 2427 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster with Rev. Peter E. Hahn as celebrant. Friends will be received at the church from 10AM to 11AM prior to Mass. Interment will be held at the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Bausman, immediately following Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17601-4125. For other information, please call 717-393-1779 or to submit an online condolence visit www.melaniebscheidfh.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Josephs Catholic Cemetery

175 Charles Road
Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
2427 Marietta Avenue
Lancaster , PA 17603

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ To Dave and Gloria's Family,
Our hearts are heavy with Dave's passing and remember him well,
not only as our children's dentist years ago but as a friend from St.
Philip's years ago and someone, either your mom or dad who went
to high school and graduated with and knew my Aunt Peggy Ryder
Campbell from Williamsport High School. We treasured their
friendship and valued your Dad's dedication to his practice and
patients. We know you all are in our thoughts and prayers and
unfortunately because of illness we are unable to attend services.
May he and your mother rest in peace 🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️

John and Nancy Straw - February 01, 2025 at 10:57 AM

KC

“ My condolences to all Goldy kids. Although I didn't know your dad
very well, the wonderful family he helped raise, speaks enough
about his contribution towards a better world.

Kim Trout Crothamel (Mim)

Kimberly Crothamel - January 31, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David J. Goldy.

January 30, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David J. Goldy.*



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“ *The Hoff Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David J. Goldy.*



The Hoff Family - January 30, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *The Perla Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David J. Goldy.*



The Perla Family - January 26, 2025 at 10:46 AM

EW

“ Dear Mike, Laura, Pam, Pat, and Gina,

*My remembrance of your Dad is that he always had a smile and kind words for this kid, whether I was in the kitchen eating Grandma Vannucci's pasta e fagioli (yum!) or whether he was working in the yard while all us neighborhood kids were playing. Dr. Goldy was a fine example of devotion- as a concerned neighbor, a steadfast partner to your Mom, an involved father, a dedicated professional. He was committed to the happiness of those he cared for. A life well lived, we should all aspire to the same.
Thinking of you all, Betsy Siefken Wall*

Elizabeth Wall - January 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM

PF

“ Your dad was our neighbor on Lititz Pike for a long time and one of our favorite people! He always made us feel very special and welcome in your home and was so much fun to be with when our neighborhood got together. I know you will miss him terribly. I know you miss your mother, too, another of our favorite people.. Gere and they are probably all together singing away "up there." I may not be up to coming to his service but I will if I'm able.. I just want all you "Goldie kids" to know I'm thinking of you and sharing your heartbreak, and offering you my very deepest sympathy and prayers for comfort. Peggy Frailey

Peggy Frailey - January 17, 2025 at 09:55 PM

PR

“ My father was loved by his family, friends and patients. He was the most selfless person I ever met. Give mother a hug and kiss from me. Until we are together again... love you, Pam

Pam goldy rudy - January 08, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MS

Heartfelt condolences from the sons and daughter of Merrill and Charlotte Snyder, fellow classmates of Dave. Dr. Goldy was our dentist for many years. In hindsight, those are fond memories of the dentist visits and all those cavities I had filled by him.

God bless.

Matthew Snyder

Matt Snyder - January 17, 2025 at 06:06 PM

RP

“ *I remember Dave and Gloria warmly welcoming me into the family when I married their niece Chris 52 plus years ago. My family when we had young children attended the Goldy weddings which were always memorable happy events. I enjoyed my conversations with Uncle Dave who was one of the best listeners I ever knew. He was interested in your life and was always engaging. He left you feeling that you mattered. David may you rest in peace with your Gloria.*

Randy Perla

Randall Perla - January 07, 2025 at 09:37 PM

FB

“ *From, [The Bunko Babes](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Goldy.*

From, The Bunko Babes - January 07, 2025 at 06:53 PM

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LG

“ I first met Mr. Goldy at one of his daughter’s home. Laura, funny, kind, strong and smart had obviously inherited these qualities from her parents. Mr. Goldy had the best and brightest smile. He shared some memories with me which intersected with my own roots in the Sunbury area and our days at the dental school. Although we were at Penn at different times, I was warmed by the idea that we had something in common. I was thankful to know this resilient man. He was a loving man. A good father. Brave and kind. He will not be forgotten. May he rest in peace with his beloved. My condolences to his family and all those who knew this great man.

Linda Greenwood - January 07, 2025 at 10:34 AM