



David M. Huffstetler

April 6, 1941 - January 2, 2011

David M. Huffstetler, 69, of Toledo, Ohio passed away January 2, 2011 at home surrounded by his family. Dave was born April 6, 1941 in Maryville, Tennessee to Burl and Lucille Huffstetler. He received a bachelor's degree from Maryville College in 1964 and his Master's degree from Indiana University in 1965. Dave was preceded in death by his parents Burl and Lucille Huffstetler. He is survived by his wife, Anna T. Huffstetler, Toledo, his daughter Jenn (Pete) Byford, Greenville, SC, his son Scott (Frances) Huffstetler, Tacoma, WA, his grandchildren Anna Kate Byford and Pete Byford, his brother Wendell (Laura) Huffstetler, nieces Susan (Archie) Berry, Leigh Ann (Tim) Huffstetler. Dave retired from the University of Toledo in December of 2008 where he served as head athletic trainer for 25 years. Dave had previously spent 14 years as the head trainer at the University of South Carolina, one year as the head athletic trainer at Baylor University and two years as the head athletic trainer at Eastern Kentucky University. He was instrumental in the state of South Carolina granting licensure to athletic trainers in 1981. A member of the National Athletic Trainer's Association for 42 years, he was active on the state, regional, and national level. For over 4 decades, Dave was a mentor and friend to hundreds of student athletes, student athletic trainers, physicians, coaches, assistants and staff. He helped many assistant trainers in the advancement of their careers. He will always be remembered for his smile and calm demeanor. Dave was named an honorary member of the University Of South Carolina Association Of Lettermen. In

October of this year, it was announced that the training room in the Larimer Athletic Complex will be named in honor of Dave. In February, he will receive the University of Toledo Varsity T Club's Distinguished Service Award. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, January 5 at Gesu Church at 3:00 p.m. The family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the church. An additional service will be held in Columbia, SC on January 13 at Shandon Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Toledo Foundation for the benefit of the David M. Huffstetler Athletic Training Room and/or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. The family gives special thanks to Dianne from Hospice of Northwest Ohio for her wonderful care.

Tribute Wall

KI

“ I had the pleasure of working under Dave as a student athletic trainer at UT and the thing I enjoyed most was his patience and sense of humor he had with all of us. He was a valuable mentor to me in my life, not just in learning what the books don't teach about AT, but more importantly in how to effectively work with people. I was saddened to hear about his death, but for those who survived his VW van rides, a part of him lives on in all of us who had the pleasure to call him our mentor and friend.

Karen (Alessio) Ivey - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our condolences go to the family of David. He was our classmate at FHS. Class of '59.

Bobby J Collins & Evelyn Collins Clemmons - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Anna, I am so saddened by learning of Dave's death. Sorry I could not make the memorial service. Have been under the weather for 2 weeks and the inclement weather did not help at all. My condolence to you and your family. My love and special prayers are with you at this difficult time. I am still at 3324 Wilmot Avenue. Let me hear from you. We did share some good times at the "old bank" Fondly,
Lathan

Lathan Luna - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Anna, Jenn, and Scott, My condolences to all of you. My prayers and thoughts are with you. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Greg Skibinski - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Anna, you have been in my thoughts and prayers. May God provide you comfort as Dave is now at peace. My sympathy to you.

Carol Nof - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ David has not been physically close to those of us in his home church in Tennessee, but he has always remained near to our hearts. Anyone who knew David was touched by his life. To those of you who remain, he and you will be in our prayers. May God grant you comfort and peace!

Jim and Libby Ratledge - jar423@aol.com jar423@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Anna, Scott, and Jenn, Those we love never leave us.

Jill Wesolowski - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ May god hold you close during your time of sorrow

J. B. Houston - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Huffstetler Family, I only had the opportunity to meet Dave a couple of times and the thing that stuck with me and the people that knew him was he would always take time to speak with you no matter who you were. I truly don't think he ever met a stranger. What an Icon in our profession and an even better gentleman. Take Care you will be in my prayers.

David Jager - djager@eiu.edu djager@eiu.edu - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Anna, My condolences to you and your family;I was saddened to read of your loss in the paper. My sincere sympathy to you. Terry Carey

Terry Carey - terrycarey@sbcglobal.net terrycarey@sbcglobal.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dave was a great mentor to all athletic training students and also a great friend. He is going to be greatly missed.

Jeffrey Lahr - lahrj@winthrop.edu lahrj@winthrop.edu - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dave was a wonderful instructor with a very gentle and supportive way of teaching. How appropriate that his obituary made reference to his boyish smile and calm manner. I had used those exact words to describe him to a co-worker as I began reading the article in the Blade. The athletic training profession has lost a true gentleman. I extend my deepest sympathy to Dave's family. God Bless

Michael Yoder, MS., ATC, PTA - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ We all miss Dave. Dave has been a great friend. I called Dave a few times for his advice to keep me in shape even after I retired out here in CA. There is no one like Dave.

harold h. lee - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I have enjoyed working with Dave at many OATA meetings. It was always a pleasure to be with Dave and share his passion as an athletic trainer. Dave will be remembered as a true gentleman and a professional.

Dan Rasor - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I am an athletic trainer at BGSU and have known Dave for about 20 years. I am very sorry for your lost. Dave and I golfed together in a few MAC golf outings and it was always a pleasure golfing with him. He was always very kind and thoughtful. May God be with you and give you the strength that you need during these hard times.

Annette Davidson - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jenn and Scott, I am sorry to hear about your father. He will always be in my memories of the fantastic times we had with all of our high school friends. Getting to know and spend time with everyone's families was a great blessing to us all. Anna, I can't begin to understand how you must be feeling, but remember you for your strength and devotion to your family. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Jim Mickelson - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ David was an outstanding mentor and role model for many young professionals. As a MAC Athletic Trainer, he provided an anchor as the conference and educational programs underwent significant change. David will be remembered for his quiet demeanor and strong character. I will keep your family in my thoughts during this difficult time.

Kimberly Peer - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ It is with great sadness to learn of David's passing. As the former Ohio University Head Athletic Trainer I had many good times with Dave and had the greatest respect for his abilities and opinions. He was a true professional, educator and a strong member of the Mid-American Sports Medicine Association. I offer the family my most sincere condolence and my prayers are with you during this difficult time. Skip Vosler

Skip Vosler - charles.skip.vosler@gmail.com charles.skip.vosler@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of David. He was a friend and classmate from the Friendsville High School class of 1959. I remember him as being a great sportsman and nice to everyone he came in contact with. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Duane Jones Lea - djlea741@comcast.net djlea741@comcast.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Huffstetler Family- Although I do not know you personally I did know Dave professionally and would like to tell you how professionally he treated me as a young athletic trainer many years ago. I progressed to the NFL as the Head Athletic Trainer of the Indianapolis Colts for 26 years and I would call him yearly for information about his players. He always treated me with the same dignity that he did when I was at a small college in Maryland many years ago. He was a fine gentleman that represented his family, schools, and athletes in a superb manner. He will be surely missed by our profession. God Bless your family during your suffering. Hunter Smith Indianapolis , IN hsmith5@indy.rr.com

Hunter Smith - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ David was an unforgettable friend and classmate from the class of '59, FHS. My thoughts and prayers go with the family as you celebrate and honor a well spent life. God Bless.

Peggy H. Gilbert - pg37701@aol.com pg37701@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Condolences to Anna and the family. Dave you will be missed greatly. Thank you for everything you have taught me and I will never forget the road trips with the football team! R.I.P.

Aaron B - byler.aaron@yahoo.com byler.aaron@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Jenn and all the family is in our prayers.

Charles Huggins - charles@solli10th.com charles@solli10th.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM