



David McNutt M.D.

July 1, 1937 - June 12, 2022

David Richard McNutt, MD, MSc, MPH, former resident of Santa Cruz, California, passed away at age 84 in Toledo, Ohio on June 12, 2022. He was born on July 1, 1937, to Dorothy Lillian (Mellus) McNutt and David Francis McNutt, in Toledo, Ohio.

A graduate of DeVilbiss High School, Dave obtained his bachelor of arts degree on full scholarship from Columbia University, his Master of Science (Microbiology) and Doctor of Medicine from Ohio State University, and his Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. While at Columbia, he loved New York City and was quite a party boy, and as a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, he served two terms as president (Consul). He was stroke oarsman of the lightweight rowing team for four years, and received his Varsity C letter. He was elected to the Society of Nacoms. He was chosen to be Chairman of the Senior Week Graduation activities, and was Master of Ceremonies for the Commencement Exercise.

At Ohio State, he was a member of Nu Sigma Nu Medical Fraternity, and was elected to Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society for his graduate schoolwork and to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society for his medical school studies.

Dave completed his internal medicine training at Tulane and Vanderbilt, a

second residency in preventive medicine at Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Johns Hopkins, and a fellowship in hematology and immunology at the University of California, San Francisco. He was certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

Dave and future wife Kristen Wallwork met in the cafeteria at Vanderbilt University in 1967, where Kristen was completing her PhD in biochemistry. They married on September 13, 1969 and lived in San Francisco while both of them completed post-doctoral studies at the University of California.

Dave then served two years in the US Air Force as a Major, Medical Corps, stationed at bases in Okinawa and Tucson. Kristen and Dave volunteered with Project HOPE in Natal, Brazil in 1972, where Dave was Chief of Internal Medicine. Kristen taught nutrition at the dental school. Dave's peripatetic career positions included: Commander in the US Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Corps; Deputy Commissioner of Health for the City of Chicago; Executive Director, The New York Academy of Medicine; Clinical Professor of Public Health at Cornell University College of Medicine; Senior Attending Physician at Cook County Hospital, Chicago; and Health Officer/Medical Services Director of Washtenaw County, MI and DuPage County IL. In 2000, Dave and Kristen moved to Santa Cruz where Dave served as Health Officer and Medical Services Director for the County of Santa Cruz until retiring in 2005 and they lived there until 2015.

Dave authored, co-authored or otherwise had responsibility for many publications in his bibliography including hematologic case reports, basics of immunology, physician manpower analyses, and he proudly served as second author of his wife's college-level nutrition textbook, Making Food Choices.

Kristen and Dave enjoyed their extensive travels throughout a good bit of the world, both for pleasure and business. Some trips included family and often

their dear friend, Colonel Keith Barber whom Kristen first met at Columbia at a reception for President Dwight Eisenhower.

In retirement, Dave and Kristen volunteered for five years as full-time coordinators for the Santa Cruz County Medical Reserve Corps - a national medical preparedness organization under the US Surgeon General. The McNutts enjoyed hosting the MRC leadership at dinner meetings at their Santa Cruz Mountain home and the camaraderie of the members at many training events and disaster response exercises. They especially valued their involvement with the American Red Cross and United Way of Santa Cruz County.

Dave and Kristen's loving relationships with their mini-Schnauzers, Hansel, Gretel and King Arthur over sixteen years was a source of constant happiness and contentment. The dogs accompanied them on RV and camping trips, and were always a prominent feature in The McNutt Chronicle – their Holiday newsletters.

Dave was diagnosed with prostate cancer in January 2015 and after prolonged treatment, he regained much of his independence. Kristen - who was diagnosed with lung cancer at this time, and Dave moved to Toledo to be closer to Dave's family in 2015, where Kristen died soon thereafter.

Dave treasured being close to his brother and his family, and living independently in his retirement communities in Toledo until his death.

We remember Dave for his quest for new opportunities and challenges; his love of travel; and, like Kristen, their treasured long-term friendships, many from elementary school. Dave was proud that his favorite professor of medicine at Vanderbilt, many years later, accused him of never outgrowing his

“academic adolescence.”

Dave was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 45 years, Kristen. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Lynne McNutt of Temperance, MI, and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. J. Caleb and Kathryn Wallwork of Brentwood, TN, and eight nieces and nephews.

Dave did not want a funeral or memorial service, and he chose to have his remains cremated. We thank the Ansberg-West funeral directors and staff for final arrangements. Those wishing to memorialize Dave may make a contribution to their preferred charity.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ Tom and Lynn and family, please, accept my condolences for the loss of your brother. It was a blessing that you got to be closer to him geographically in the last few years.
Barb Longenbarger

Barb Longenbarger - June 17, 2022 at 09:31 AM

TM

Barb, are you still in Dundee? I wanted to stop several times thought you moved to be closer to your kids.

thomas mcnut - June 17, 2022 at 05:46 PM

JW

“ Visiting uncle Dave was the sweet memories that we will cherish forever. Celebrating wedmart and I wedding anniversary and uncle Dave's birthday, although he doesn't like to celebrate birthday. He would've been 85 in July 1st. 💕

Jocelyn Wallwork - June 17, 2022 at 03:22 AM



“ I had the opportunity and privilege to work with Dave when he was Health Officer at County of Santa Cruz. He was always kind, interesting and funny. After he retired we kept in touch. He even came out of retirement to be part of our Public Health drills. He was a sweet guy.

Kennedy Cosker - June 16, 2022 at 10:54 PM

CB

“ *What a dear man. I remember meeting him and it being Santa Cruz, I couldn't help but note his white dress shirt (short-sleeved) and tie. He was nothing less than professional but he had a twinkle in his eye and he emanated kindness and wisdom. I remember his laugh.*

My condolences to all who knew him and will miss him. He was lovely.

Celia Barry - June 16, 2022 at 10:43 PM

MK

“ *I had the pleasure of working for Dave as his Realtor when he sold his home in SC after Kristen passed and he had already relocated back to Ohio. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a pleasure to work for, by far one of my favorite clients.*

Maria Kelly - June 16, 2022 at 05:56 PM

RL

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Roger Lippincott - June 16, 2022 at 10:19 AM

RL

Dave & I had lunch at Ricks City Diner June 1, 2022. I'm so glad we did and shared so many fond memories of our days together at DeVilbiss High School. That morning we'd finished filming a segment of a memorial tribute at the High School for another classmate. Dave was a super trooper and will be remembered as a favorite classmate and posthumously famous star of that memorial. May he rest in peace.

Roger Lippincott - June 16, 2022 at 10:29 AM

PB

My heart breaks today in the loss of a special friend, a dedicated doctor, and a warm and caring human being. Dave followed my silly Facebook posts, offered advice without hesitation when I asked medical questions, and was the kind of friend I wanted to have around forever. I am so very sad and at the same time joyful for the extraordinary privilege of knowing this man.

Pamela Burnham - June 16, 2022 at 01:06 PM

TF

“ Terry McNutt Freeman lit a candle in memory of David McNutt M.D.



Terry McNutt Freeman - June 15, 2022 at 07:39 PM

TF

So sorry to hear this. We loved his stories and the fun times he had

Terry McNutt Freeman - June 15, 2022 at 07:40 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. McNutt. He was such a wonderful part of the Santa Cruz Chapter of the Red Cross for many years.

Camilla Boolootian - June 15, 2022 at 06:51 PM

RU

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family.
I worked with Dave in Santa Cruz. He was a great health officer.*

I remember one day Dave came into my office and could see steam/smoke out my window. He asked me if the building was on fire = I said no it was just the laboratory downstairs cooking up some good food!

Such a great guy and doctor!

Ruth - June 15, 2022 at 06:13 PM

PS

“ *Dave and Kristen purchased Hansel and Greta (mini Schnauzers) from me and from that became friends as they always sent their Christmas letters which I enjoyed many years. Great caring people.*

Phyllis Simmons - June 15, 2022 at 05:17 PM

KS

“ *Always a treat to visit David and Kristen in NY, Chicago, or Santa Cruz. Two of my favorite people!*

Kent Smith - June 15, 2022 at 05:05 PM

SM

“ *As a child I was always in awe of my uncle Dave. That never changed even as an adult. He will be missed and no family dinner will be the same without him.*

Stephen McNutt - June 15, 2022 at 04:32 PM