



David Benjamin Hadley Jr

June 14, 1939 - July 14, 2024

David Benjamin Hadley Jr. passed away Sunday, July 14, 2024 at Westerwood Rehabilitation where he died of breathing trouble complicated by covid. He was born June 14, 1939, on Ann Street, Columbus, Ohio, to David and Helen Hadley who preceded him in death. David graduated from Harrod High School in the class of 1957 and remained active in the Harrod High School Alumni Association. While in high school he was the editor-in-chief of the high school newspaper called the "Breeze" He sang in the choir and was proficient at playing the trombone in the marching band. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Ohio University and a Master of Arts Degree from the Ohio State University. David taught Math in both Logan City Schools and Worthington City Schools. In addition to teaching math at Worthingway Middle School, David also coached and organized the annual Gary Smith Track and Field Invitational. He was a Worthingway Cardinal for 30 years. After retiring from teaching, he became a Chartreux Cat breeder. He was a member of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., Cleveland Persian Society, and the Columbus Cat Club, where he was secretary. David's Lecompanion Cattery produced several Grand Champion Chartreux cats including Valentino and Sampson. He had other cats attain Championship status as well. A lifelong member of the Methodist Church, David was active at the Worthington location. He held the role of the Church Historian and was active in many church organizations, including the Outreach Committee, Stephen Ministries, and Interfaith Hospitality Network. He also sang in the

choir and brought homemade baked goods for the congregation to enjoy during coffee hour. David was known for his baking skills. He was a perfectionist when baking cookies, cakes, and pies. One of his best known cookie recipes was from a relative and known as "Aunt Ora's Raisin Filled Cookies." He would hand out the recipe when serving these cookies at events. David used math and science applications to make the perfect pie crust for his "famous" cream pies. He also enjoyed fishing, taking trips to the Upper Peninsula to fish in addition to going to local fishing spots. David was a "big brother" to Bob Hadley, Karen (Hadley) Khan, Suzan (Hadley) and Jim George, Carmen, and Mark and Michelle Hadley. He was an inspiration to his brothers and sisters by being the first to tackle the financial obstacles toward attaining a secondary degree. With David's encouragement, all of his siblings graduated from higher education institutions. David had no children of his own but was "Uncle" to sixteen nieces and nephews. A celebration of life service will be held at a later time. David will be laid to rest next to his parents in East Lawn Cemetery, Sugarcreek, Ohio. Memorial contributions are appreciated and may be made to the Worthington United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ The family of David will be having a Celebration of Life service at 1:00 PM on Tuesday September 17, 2024. It will be held in the Potter Chapel of Worthington United Methodist Church, where David attended for 60 years.

Mark Hadley - August 17, 2024 at 09:57 AM

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“ Rest in Peace Mr Hadley. Remember my Worthingway days fondly. May pleasant memories of days gone by, aide your family & friends in the days to come.
- Peace be with you,
Lynn 🏛️ Church-Akin, WHS'74



Lynn Church-Akin - July 21, 2024 at 11:08 PM

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“ Mr. Hadley was my 8th grade math teacher, track coach, and neighbor. I will always remember him as a very kind man, and most patient (I was horrible at math). He was always willing to take time to give extra help when needed. Some of my fondest memories as a school kid were from middle school track. Our 8th grade team didn't win many meets, but Mr. Hadley insisted that we worked hard, won with grace, and lost with dignity. As an adult, I always enjoyed stopping and chatting with him, while he worked in his yard. Thank you, Mr. Hadley, for all of the lessons you taught in the classroom and on the track. My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Hadley's family.

Jim Higgins - July 21, 2024 at 08:15 PM

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*I adopted my dear Nanette from David Hadley. Because I was a senior I think he had some reservations but he Trusted me with her. She has become my dearest friend And is loved and spoiled by anyone who meets her. I wanted to thank him for his trust and kindness and reassure him Nanette is thriving. I couldn't find him in time to tell him thank you . He brought joy to Many people. God bless him.
Nancy Funk ,
Evanston, IL*

Nancy Funk - October 30, 2024 at 07:40 PM