



## REMEMBERING David PYSYK

April 6, 1955 - February 14, 2021



### **Tribute from Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel**

Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

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### **Tribute from Connie Tillapaugh (Borchuk)**

Relation: Old friend

Our Sincere Condolences to Evie and family. Cherish his wonderful memories. I haven't seen you Evie forever but hugs to you and family. Hope the comfort from friends and family help you through this most difficult time. Take care.

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### **Tribute from Betsy Lutgen**

Relation: Friend

My condolences to the Pysyk families on your loss of David . I new David from my younger years when his mom and dad got together with my parents from the same area. May you Rest In Peace. Betsy Lutgen(nee Shyian)

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### **Tribute from Dwayne & Betty Szymrko**

Relation: Family friends

We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. Grateful for all the memories.

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### **Tribute from Cliff Moroziuk**

Relation: Lived with David at St. John's Institute

I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to the Pysyk family. Although I have not seen David for a number of years I have met Terry at hockey games and he kept me informed as to how David was doing. My history with David goes back to 1974-75. I had the privilege of living with David at St. John's Institute in Edmonton. David had my back when I was experiencing some challenges and for that I will be eternally grateful for his support.

He was always a fun guy to be with and I will never forget the trip I went with him and three others to Hawaii in 1978. We had a fantastic time. I hope everyone else cherishes the many fond memories they have with David and may God grant him eternal rest. Veechnaya Pomyat.

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### **Tribute from Bill & Gloria Lechky**

Relation: Family Friends

To the Pysyk Families

Our heartfelt condolences go out to all of you as you mourn your loss and celebrate David's life. May his memory live on forever in your hearts!

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**Tribute from Leonard and Joanne Hrycun**

Relation: Through relatives

So sorry for your loss. May you cherish the memories forever.

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**Tribute from Linda Schroter (Chamzuk)**

Relation: Friend

My condolences to the Pysyk families on your loss. I knew David during the younger years as a neighbor and riding the school bus for 12 years. May the great memories eventually replace the loss you feel now.

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**Tribute from Lorraine Biittner**

Relation: I was Head Secretary when Dave was Principal at Graminia School.

Sincere condolences Evie, Parker and Oriana to you and your family at this very sad time. I worked with Dave when he was Principal at Graminia School, we had great times working together in the office. He was an awesome Principal but he was also a great friend.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Tribute from Fred Reinholt**

Relation: I was David's Boyle School Principal and Curling Coach

My condolences to Evie and David's siblings. I'm saddened to hear of David's passing and about the battle he fought with his declining health. My time with David and the Pysyk family are memorable. David always had a sense of humor and was a very settling influence for our curling team in Moncton. We drifted apart as we pursued our careers but I always knew he would be successful in his service to whatever career he'd choose. Take care Terry, Sonia and Pat.

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**Tribute from Colleen Bryant**

Relation: Past co worker and friend

Such a tragedy to lose this remarkable man way too soon. Sincere sympathy to Evie and family. Everyone who worked with Dave adored him, they just couldn't help themselves.

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**Tribute from Bob Garneau**

Relation: Friend and colleague

I had the pleasure and privilege to know David as a colleague and friend for nearly 40 years. We enjoyed collaborating on many education projects with our employer and shared a number of professional development experiences in a diverse range of locations. They always were opportunities to learn and have fun...and boy did we have fun! David and I (with others of our colleagues) shared a passion for learning (especially in relation to leadership), poker and golf. We did a lot of 'visioning' between poker hands and tee shots and laughed A LOT! I have always admired him for both his professionalism, dedication to his craft and his humanity. Luckily, none of us took himself/herself too

seriously, especially when someone would call 'bullshit!' when one of us got too 'preachy.' I missed spending time with him, once I retired and moved on to a new career and during his battles with cancer and the related complications. I last communicated with him in late January, finding him upbeat, despite some particularly challenging health issues in 2020, and we made plans to golf in the spring. It is a great tragedy that he has left us and we are denied his company and counsel; I take some solace in treasuring the great memories of better times. I have and will continue to pray for him every day and of course for Evie and their children and grand-children.

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**Tribute from Ronald and May Galagan**

Relation: Friend

Evie, Parker and Oriane;

You have, and all of us have, lost a good man. May and I are truly sorry for your loss. His legacy will leave an indelible mark on his contributions to our society.

We have a special memory of David which personally resonates with us. We remember when David had to take a leave of absence from teaching in order to get his doctorate, notwithstanding that he would receive no financial support from the school board, etc., even though he had a young family and was in the midst of his career. Very few people would make that sacrifice or put that high of importance on an education. That of course, also speaks to his character.

We could recount other instances when David received our admiration. There is no question that he was an outstanding member of St. Anthony's and was always an outstanding leader in the parish. And he was kind and accommodating in offering his help.

It seemed like a personal blow when David came down with cancer. Someone who had so much to offer to younger people and society in general, and who was subsequently precluded from doing so to the fullest extent of that which he was otherwise capable. For other not now relevant reasons we are personally aware that David was considered an excellent teacher and principal by his peers. He is truly a loss to all of us.

His memory will be shared by many; his loss will be felt by many. May his memory be eternal.

Ron and May Galagan

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**Tribute from JoAnn Grand**

Relation: Worked with him at Graminia School.

Dave was one of the best principals I ever worked with. Such a beautiful man. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was taken too soon.

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**Tribute from Pat Berlinguette**

Relation: distant relative and friend of the Popwich family.

My most sincere condolences go out to Evie and the entire Pysyk family! May the wonderful memories of David be a comfort in the days ahead. Take Care! Blessings

Pat Berlinguette (Borchuk)

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**Tribute from Don & Laurie Myles**

Relation: Family friends

We are saddened to hear of your loss. We can only express our hope and prayers that the family finds peace that David is no longer suffering, and at rest with having lived a fully wonderful life.

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**Tribute from Audrey Sonnenberg**

Relation: teacher

Words fail to express the loss of Dr. David Pysyk. But, I firmly believe, that even though his physical body has left us, his spirit is irrevocably attached to the thousands of students, teachers, friends, and family in ways that leave his legacy bright. And, his memory will always be a part of all of us. My sincerest condolences to the Pysyk family. Audrey Sonnenberg

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**Tribute from Louise Wunderlich**

Relation: Former neighbour of Evie and the Popowich family

Our sincere condolences to Evie on the loss of your husband. From the Ferris family -Lorraine (Koroluk) , Louise (Wunderlich), Colleen (George) and Michael Ferris

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**Tribute from Wendy Semeniuk**

Relation: He was married to my best school friend Evie.

A life, well-lived is a lasting inspiration. May Evie, Parker and Oriana hold dear in your hearts your treasured memories. With deepest sympathy.

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**Tribute from Wendy Nero**

Relation: Co-worker

I am so sorry for your loss. Dave was a kind and considerate person. He was able to put me at ease when I felt a little bit overwhelmed working as a facilitator. I ran into to him after he retired, and we had a long chat catching up. Always the same lovely person no matter what he was going through. He will be missed.

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**Tribute from Peggy Christopherson**

Relation: Lived at St John's the same time as David and Evie

Our heartfelt condolences to the Pysyk families on David's passing which was way too soon. His memory will live on in all lives he touched.

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**Tribute from Harry Wagner**

Dear Evie and family - I was very sorry to see that Dave has passed away. He was a good man. I valued the times that I worked with him in Parkland. He was a talented leader and really a model for all of us. I enjoyed the times I spent golfing with him. I think the last time was a few years ago and he came within a foot of a hole in one. I enjoyed conversations about Lac La Biche and Boyle and living in that area. He was certainly one of the good ones and I'm sorry that he's no longer with us.

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**Tribute from Adrian Besuyen**

Relation: He was my principal at SGCHS

My deepest sympathies to all the Pysyk family at this difficult time. David was a devoted educator, boss, and friend. His legacy will live on through all of us. Take care.

Adrian

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**Tribute from Pat Spence**

Relation: Friend of Evie.

My thoughts are with you, Evie and family. Hold on to your good memories.

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**Tribute from Rose & Rick Dehod**

Relation: Friends

Dear Evie and Family, we are sorry for your loss. David's passion for life, family, friends and his community will be a cherished memory for all of us that he touched. He will be dearly missed. Our deepest sympathies. Rick and Rose

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**Tribute from Barbara Petryshen-Kozak**

Relation: He was my principal at SGCHS

My deepest sympathy goes out to Evie and her family at this time. Dave was a great boss, was compassionate and will leave behind a great legacy. I will always remember Dave walking around the track at the tri-leisure. Your smile will be missed.

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**Tribute from Ruth Hessmann**

Relation: Friend

Dear Evie and family. My deepest sympathy to all of you. I think of all the great times we had when I taught with you Evie and the fun we had at staff gatherings. I will keep you all in my prayers.

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**Tribute from ruth bauer**

Relation: Dave was my principal at Graminia School

Dear Pysyk Family,

I had the privilege to work on the teaching staff when David was principal at Graminia School. He was a compassionate, humble man who always put the students and staff ahead of himself. I will always remember his ability to create a positive, warm climate where everyone felt valued and respected. May the beautiful memories you hold be of great comfort to you until you meet again.

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**Tribute from Terry and Chris Ostapiw**

Relation: Friend

Terry and I wish to express our sincere condolences to the whole family. We are so sorry to hear of Dave's passing and will cherish all the memories.

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**Tribute from Lisa Harris**

Relation: Friend

Sending my deepest condolences. I will miss his smile and great stories! He was such a great inspiration! Memories are forever .

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**Tribute from Chris McConnell**

Relation: David was my boss when he was principal in Smith

My thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. Dave was such an amazing man. I had so much fun working with Dave and Evie when you guys lived in Smith. So many great times. What a great couple! Condolences to the family.

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**Tribute from Tina Schell**

Relation: Former Student at Duffield School

Mr. Pysyk was my teacher and principal when I was a grade 7 student at Duffield School. He took pride in his work and made it very clear that he wanted his students to take their education seriously. He took pride in his school and his students. We bonded over our Ukrainian heritage. I remember him speaking frequently of Oriana and Parker. Years later, I felt it a privilege to be able to work with his brother Terry and son Parker at WestJet and tell them that I had him as a teacher.

Mr. Pysyk was one of those people who leave a positive mark in your life. My thoughts and prayers to the entire family.

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**Tribute from teresa Hewko**

Relation: friend

terry, patricia, sonia, evie, parker orianna. i remember many farm escapades while visiting in montecello. boz was a force early in his life, may god envelope you and lighten your grief. his sun is rising elsewhere

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**Tribute from Ken and Lil Werenka**

Relation: Former student and long time friend

To the Pysyk family., Lil and I were saddened to hear of David's passing. In the 60s I taught Physical Education in Boyle School. I taught all the Pysyk youngsters and, after I left Boyle school, I tried to keep up with the progress of the gang. Periodical updates saw through their achievements in their chosen careers. We lost track when we moved to Kelowna, but got back into the loop when we participated in a golf Tournament hosted by sister Sonia. It was a Pysyk reunion, and at that time we discovered that David was battling cancer. He put up a good fight, but lost the battle. A fighter to the end. David, rest in peace. Evie and family gain strength from your family and friends.

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**Tribute from Allison Beck**

Relation: St. Anthony's Church

Evie, Parker, and Oriana. I send you my heartfelt condolences for the loss of your husband & Dad. I will remember his strength and kind nature. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

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**Tribute from Cindy Mudryk**

Relation: From our church.

Evie our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. David was so kind and thoughtful, he always stopped to talk in church and he came to see Nicholas in the hospital which we will always remember. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Tribute from Ken and Sharon Cater**

Relation: college

Dave will be missed, however he inspired so many of us to do their best. He had a giving soul and optimism that was contagious. We send our condolences to Evie, Oriana, and Parker, and extended families. May he rest in peace.

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**Tribute from Eric and Jane Cameron**

Relation: friends

Our sincerest condolences to Evie, Parker, Oriana, and the extended Pysyk family. We will remember David as a genuinely kind person, proud of his family, a respected educator, and one who would take time to chat when our paths crossed.

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**Tribute from Linda Grabas**

Relation: Friend

Dear Evie and family. My deepest sympathy to all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Tribute from Mike and Medora Krill**

Relation: Friend

Our Deepest Condolences to Evie and your family. May His Memory Be Eternal.

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**Tribute from Elizabeth Blotski**

Evie & family

So sorry for the loss of your husband David. May all that you shared bring you peace and comfort in your time of sadness.

God Bless

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**Tribute from Judy Humeniuk**

Relation: Worked with Dave at Kitaskinaw School

Dave was a natural leader, a gem of a principal and such a down to earth man. I still can hear his hearty laugh! I am so sorry for your loss. My heartfelt condolences to the whole family.

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**Tribute from Bonnie Weiss and Family**

Our heartfelt condolences to Evie, Parker and Oriana. May all the wonderful memories you have of your husband/father be a comfort to you during this time.

