



David Charles Seppala

February 6, 1944 - April 12, 2024

David Charles Seppala passed away on April 12, 2024, at the age of 80. He was born February 6, 1944, in Crystal Falls, MI, to Victor & Kathryn (Ondrus) Seppala. He grew up in Amasa and attended the Amasa School until its closing.

Being the shortest kid in high school didn't stop Dave – he was a good basketball player and an exceptionally-fast athlete, which earned him a chance at an Olympic tryout. Unfortunately, the financial constraints of living in a small UP town prevented him from making that dream come true. Dave traveled south after high school for work in the big city and found himself in Waukegan, IL, where boys from the U.P. were prized for their work ethic but sometimes turned away because they unsurprisingly disappeared for the opening week of deer season. He did land a job working for Abbott Laboratories, but a desk job was not his style, so his next stop was working for a Pontiac car dealership in the parts department where he could run around all day. This is where he obtained his legendary 1964 GTO, the fastest car this side of the Mississippi. He then returned home to Crystal Falls and worked for Malkin & Sons IHC in the parts department for 19 years until he purchased the NAPA auto parts store in Crystal Falls from the Leonard family. He sold that store after 16 years in business and then worked for Rex Angeli Motors in the Parts and Service Department until his retirement.

Dave was known by many and had a keen sense of humor. He was an avid fisherman and hunter through most of his life and enjoyed woodworking in his retirement. With the help of his family and friends, he established Seppala's Buck-Horn Lodge north of Amasa where many prized whitetail have been taken, the Fence River Blonde frequented from the Tin-shack a little farther up north, and many bird hunt after-parties originating from the Legendary Hotel Bar concluded the day - a fun place for all. He especially loved to fish with his family and friends on weekends, with many a prized pike taken with Bill "Wilho" Mackie, Art Villeneuve, and John West. Dave enjoyed fishing and fixing up deer camp with his brother Bob until his passing. He also enjoyed fishing trips to Canada with other friends and his sons - many good times and memories.

He leaves behind his wife, Joanne (Martin) Seppala, and his canine companion, Tessa; his sons, Jeff (Teresa) Seppala and Steven (Kerry) Seppala; a stepson, Dean (Heidi) Hilbert; stepdaughters, Deanne Vinson and Gina (Stephen) Jones; his grandchildren, Caitlin (Ross) Miller, Sammy, Lauren and Benny Seppala, Dida, Hannah, Al, Nathan, Kate and Hayley; his cousin, Nancy (Ondrus) Wright; a sister-in-law, Aida (Bandaccari) Seppala; a niece, Debbie (Ray) Edmond; and nephews, Brian (Carla) Seppala and Brad (Jill) Seppala.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor & Kathryn (Ondrus) Seppala; his older brother, Robert Seppala; and his prized little dog, Laci, with whom he will be buried.

Visitation will be Friday, April 19, 2024, from 12:00 noon until time of services at 1:00 PM at the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls. Pastor Vicky Prewitt will officiate. Burial will take place at Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Dave's memory.

Condolences to the family of David C. Seppala may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 North Third St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Funeral Service

APR 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Bill and Denny Curtis Families and camp purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Charles Seppala.*



Bill and Denny Curtis Families and camp - April 17, 2024 at 01:41 PM

BH

“ *So sorry to hear of Uncle Dave’s passing. One of my favorite memories was he made me an amazing bookshelf for all of my prized books. He was also smiling and loved to tease me.*

Betsy Hoida - April 16, 2024 at 06:16 PM

NP

“ *Nancy, Collette, Wayne, Chloe and Paula purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Charles Seppala.*



Nancy, Collette, Wayne, Chloe and Paula - April 16, 2024 at 02:14 PM

LS

“ *Joanne and Family: Connie and I were. saddened to hear of Dave's passing. We had a friendship dating back to high school. Dave was great guy with a great*

personality. Our last visit was at Carl Lind's camp along with Paul Palo. Unfortunately Carl has passed since then. They will be missed greatly.

Larry Sandri - April 16, 2024 at 12:32 PM

RG

“ *My deepest sympathy on the passing of Dave. A great neighbor always.*

Rosemary Paulsen Guerra

Rosemary P Guerra - April 16, 2024 at 10:22 AM

AF

“ *Aida, Debbie, Brian, Brad and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles Seppala.*

Aida, Debbie, Brian, Brad and families - April 15, 2024 at 08:54 PM

AF

“ *Aida, Debbie, Brian, Brad and families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David Charles Seppala.*



Aida, Debbie, Brian, Brad and families - April 15, 2024 at 08:54 PM

RA

“ How fortunate was I to have had Dave as both a friend, and an employee. He could run circles around people half his age. He was a one in a million-type guy, and I will never forget him. May God bless him and your families, Sincerely, Rex.

Rex Angeli - April 15, 2024 at 08:46 PM

LS

“ Grandpa Dave, I will never forget all the times I've spent in your yard playing with Laci, inside watching TV, and eating delicious food with you at your house. You were a warm and hilarious presence in my life, and you persevered through everything the world threw at you. Even in the hardest of times, you always knew how to make us laugh. You are so missed, and you were so loved. Rest in peace, Grandpa.

Lauren Seppala - April 15, 2024 at 05:48 PM

SG

“ My condolences to the family. May he rest in peace. Hugs and prayers to all of you!!

Sheree Graham - April 15, 2024 at 04:01 PM

RB

“ Our sympathy to all, on the loss of a very special friend. May your memories remain in your hearts always. Rest in Peace, dear Dave..
Bob and Eileen Burnson and family

Robert Burnson - April 15, 2024 at 02:27 PM

MP

“ *Our sincere sympathy for the loss of a great man. We had so many great times. He will be missed by many.*



Martin (Mort) and Kathy Phelan - April 15, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Charles Seppala.*



April 15, 2024 at 12:20 PM