



## David George Arthur Brown

May 7, 2024

October 8, 1949 - May 7, 2024

Often called "my Renaissance man" by his wife Dagmar Busshoff, Dave explored his diverse talents, interests, and creativity throughout his 74 years.

As an artist, he produced amazing works in a range of media including stone, wood, metal, and photography.

As a consumer of adventures, Dave enjoyed scuba diving, golfing, motorcycle riding, woodworking, world travels, and nature.

As an educator, Dave was encouraging and patient, inspiring creativity in his students of all ages.


His friends and family recall his wicked sense of humour, his big heart, and his easy laughter.

Dave will be deeply missed by his wife, Dagmar, his siblings, his in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Fare thee well, Dave.



# Tribute Wall



Kathy  
Howard

“ Dear Dagmar,

*David, myself, Debbie, Steven and Amanda would like to send our sincere condolences during this sad time of missing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. David, loved working along side your David at the former CDCI East, and recalls the time they went scuba diving in Kingston together as a great adventure. He also enjoyed his visits to his classroom after his retirement. For a time it felt like he missed being there on a regular basis. Our children, Debbie, Steven and Amanda loved him as their art teacher, and considered him a friend. Steven and Amanda remembered enjoying shoveling your driveway/ parking lot at your home in Cobourg a joy. I too enjoyed the gatherings at Christmas and after the school year was over. If there is anything we can do we are here.*

*Sincerely the Howard Family*

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**Kathy Howard** - May 19, 2024 at 10:15 PM

SF

“ I have been thinking back to when we all met in 1982 . . . rookie teachers at Port Hope High School . . . Dave Brown, me, and Dave Treliving. We learned from each other, socialized together with our significant others, Dagmar, Ron and Rita and grew to care about each other and develop deep friendships that I treasure.

*I enjoyed spending time in Dave and Dagmar's various homes in Port Hope, Canton, Cobourg, Newcastle and New Port Richey. Oh what times we all had. Memories were made and I will always cherish those memories.*

*“Each of us can look back upon someone who made a great difference in our lives, someone whose wisdom or simple acts of caring made an impression upon us. In all likelihood it was someone who sought no recognition for their deed other than the joy of knowing that, by their hand, another's life had been made better.”  
...Stephen M. Wolf*

*This is how I feel about you, Dave. I am a better person for knowing you. Until we meet again my friend... Sandy and Ron Fischl*



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**Sandy Fischl** - May 18, 2024 at 04:21 AM

DT

“ I wrote this email to Dave hoping he would have a chance to read it. It is a short collection of some of the simple memories I have of Dave and me.

Writing this email is difficult. I don't want to say all the cliché things, I'd rather talk about some of the memories of the good times. I will always remember meeting Dave and becoming friends right away. That first summer together Dave taught me how to lay interlocking bricks, and we spent the summer putting in driveways. I remember the first days at Port Hope High, working together to develop our shop classes. I remember Sel Shields coming to us and asking us to put together a budget for the following year. Dave and I had no idea what was expected, so we asked for everything. We spent a long time putting together a list of things that would make our program even better, and we submitted it thinking that was easy. Then getting the same amount of money as the program got the year before.

I remember the staff parties we went to, the laughs, the beer, meeting more friends together. I remember Dave and I driving out to the staff party north of Cobourg in my new Honda with all the staff gifts and crashing into another car on the way.

I remember teaching the same math course as Dave. Rita would teach the lesson, pass it on to me, and then I would pass it along to Dave.

We got married the same year. I remember meeting Dagmar, and of course her famous cheese cakes.

We got roasted at the same stag. They fed us so much liquor that I don't remember.

You were in my wedding party and helped me celebrate my marriage.

I remember travelling to Orillia for your wedding.

I remember coming out to see your first house, and how proud you were of it.

I remember the times we crossed paths at Sandy's house, and the fun catching up on all our news.

There are more memories than I listed, some are fading in our past,

*and others we can still remember as if they were yesterday.  
Our memories will always be with us, I'm glad the ones I have of  
you are all happy ones.*

*Thinking about you.*

*Dave*



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**David Treliving** - May 16, 2024 at 08:17 PM

SM

“*Dave’s talents, generosity and kindness will be remembered by all who knew him. He lived a full life with Dagmar, the love of his life. We miss you Dave. May our memories of you inspire us and guide us.*”



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**Stan Muldoon** - May 15, 2024 at 03:47 PM

KD

“ *These are just a few of the many smiling faces who gather every Friday to play in the Can Am league in Florida. All of Dave’s friends will greatly miss seeing that smile.*

*Our personal memories include our excursions to shows at the University of Tampa and Dave’s willingness and ability to solve our tech problems with the TV, internet, and computers as well his handy man skills. He was always ready and willing to pitch in and help whenever he could.*

*Here’s to our friend who always enjoyed a toast of scotch and a good cigar to celebrate those hole in one events and other golfing achievements.*

*Our love goes out to Dagmar, Renee and Harold and all of his family.*

*We will miss you Dave.*

*Kerri & Ken Delehanty*



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**Kerri & Ken Delehanty** - May 15, 2024 at 09:45 AM

MB

“ *The world is a better place for having had you in it. I'll miss you my other brother.*



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**Marilyn Brown** - May 14, 2024 at 07:26 PM

AN

“ Forever grateful for this friendship. Thank you David, for being a wonderful second parent to me. When I first moved to Canada at age 17, you both helped me move into my dorm, always checked in, and have been in my corner for as long as I can remember. So grateful, and heartbroken. See you on the flip side. Love always, Andrea



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andrea - May 14, 2024 at 06:15 PM

RL

“ We are very saddened to have lost our “Davey”. Dave was an awesome brother-in-law who was more of a brother than an in-law to Harold & I. We were so fortunate to have cherished memories of our times together in Florida & our amazing travels with you & Dagmar. You will always be in our hearts & we will never forget you.

Our Love 4-Ever.....Renee & Harold



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R H Leiher - May 14, 2024 at 06:06 PM

HL

“ Dave, you were an awesome brother-in-law, more like a brother than an In-law to Harold & I. We will always remember the great times we had in Florida & our travels with you & Dagmar. You are always in our hearts & you will never be forgotten 💕💕💕



HR Leiher - May 14, 2024 at 05:17 PM

DC

“ I am very sorry to learn of Dave’s passing. It was a shock, as Dave was one of those people who seemed invincible. A friend for many years and so admired for all his talents, kindness and laughter. Dave was one very cool guy and I feel lucky to have known him. Love to Dagmar and family as you work your way through your next days....

Diane Cancilla - May 14, 2024 at 05:08 PM

KF

*Previous comment from Ken and Wendy*

Ken Ferris/We - May 14, 2024 at 08:41 PM

PO

*I was privileged to teach with Dave at CDCI East. He was a good teacher and friend. My sympathy to Dagmar and his family.*

Pauline O'Dwyer - May 15, 2024 at 12:42 PM

  
Karen  
Peters

*Dagmar, my sympathy to you and the rest of David's family. I always enjoyed visiting with him at East Highschool events. It seemed as if we had known him forever..*

Karen Peters - May 15, 2024 at 01:22 PM



*My earliest memories of Dave are when he was a new teacher at the East Collegiate and I was a new administrator. Dave was one of the first on staff to learn of and share how new technology could change our daily routines and our lives. When Dave demonstrated how we no longer had to arduously "type" out graduation programs and then proof them ad nauseam, he became the office hero. He enjoyed the challenge so much, that he even keyed all the information and did the necessary spell-check and grammar checking. We were all in amazement and awe of his talent. Dave brought many of us into the then new world of technology and shared with us all the miracles it could perform. He was a saint in our eyes and throughout his career, he continued to offer support and innovation within our community of educators. I can remember running back and forth from the office to his classroom, to clarify if I was following tech procedures properly and he had infinite patience as he explained and re-explained. He was a real gem and will be missed by all who knew him. We are so saddened by his passing and our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.*  
*Fondly Caroline and Brian McNamara*

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**Brian McNamara** - May 15, 2024 at 08:54 PM

RJ

*My deepest condolences, Dagmar.*

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**Ron Jacques** - May 16, 2024 at 08:44 AM

PK

*Dear Dagmar, we will miss Dave so much. We have so many great memories with Dave that we will hold in our hearts forever. He was a great man, kind soul and a great brother-in-law. I have already found a few dimes around the house so I know Dave youre going to keep communicating with us and I'm hoping that your tech savviness will connect and bridge the two worlds, so we can hear more from the other side. Take care Dave shake it up a bit up there, we love you and miss you.*  
*Petra and Mike*💕

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**Petra Kion** - May 16, 2024 at 12:07 PM