



David J. Deresienski

August 21, 2024

David (Dave) Joseph Deresienski, 61, of West Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on August 21, 2024. He was born in Hartford, CT, on March 19, 1963, to Peter and Beatrice (Forino) Deresienski. Dave grew up in Windsor, CT, completing his undergraduate studies at Northeastern University in Boston, MA in 1986 before earning his M.B.A. at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Hartford, CT in 1996. Dave began his career in finance for Digital Equipment Corporation in Massachusetts, then during the 1990's transitioned into a strategic Human Resources and Transformation leader, holding positions spanning three decades at Aetna, The Hartford, Day Pitney LLP, Travelers, and Xerox, before establishing HR Performance Consulting LLC in 2018. In 2022, he continued his career as Senior Director of Human Resources at Shipman & Goodwin LLP.

Dave had passions for gardening and horticulture and was gifted with an extraordinary green thumb. He created a suburban sanctuary in his yard in West Hartford, growing a vast array of trees, shrubs, and grasses from all over the world that became home to a variety of native wildlife. Always one to put others before himself, his strong Catholic faith was apparent in the way Dave inspired and helped everyone. His outgoing and enthusiastic nature was appreciated by all who knew him.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Linda, with whom he was

inseparable for 36 years, sons Brett and Blake of Connecticut, and sister Diane Deresienski and her husband Gregory A. Lewbart of Marshallberg, NC.

His family will receive friends on Thursday August 29 from 4-7 pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT, 06119. The funeral mass will be held on Friday August 30 at 10 am at St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 872 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT, 06119.

In lieu of flowers, as much as he loved them, Dave would hope that you will do an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for a stranger in his memory.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of David J. Deresienski*



Molloy Funeral Home - August 29, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ *Your friends and colleagues at Shipman & Goodwin planted a grove of 50 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.*

Your friends and colleagues at Shipman & Goodwin - December 02, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *I was so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I didn't learn until well after the services were held. My deepest sympathy to his wife, sons and family. What an incredible colleague and human being!*

Joelle Murchison - November 11, 2024 at 04:11 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My deepest condolences to the entire family. I worked with Dave at The Hartford, and I know he will be greatly missed.*

Mark Zacchio - September 04, 2024 at 07:11 AM

CG

“ So very sorry for your loss Diane and family. David sounds like he made a huge impact on the world.

Cathy Moreton Gray - September 02, 2024 at 01:29 PM

KB

“ We were lucky to have been neighbors and friends with his parents, Pete and Bea. Through them, we're luck yo meet David snd Diane. We're so sorry for your loss and so very sorry that we were unable to see you. I'll always remember David bringing me a lovely bottle of his infused Raspberry Vodka, and the instructions to make my own! He was always a breath of fresh air. With love, Kathy and Robert

Kathy Benard - August 30, 2024 at 04:46 PM

LS

“ We have lost a friend who brought light and love into this world. It was an honor to work with him- he always had a smile and kind word for everyone. He would do anything to help his team and colleagues. May his memory be a blessing.



Lorna Sedor - August 30, 2024 at 11:13 AM

DB

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Having experienced the sudden passing of both of my parents, I appreciate the unfathomable loss you must be feeling. The "boys" eulogy was beautiful and a fitting remembrance of Dave's kind and gentle being. My thoughts are with you all.

Donna Brooks

Donna Brooks - August 30, 2024 at 11:04 AM

RO

“ Robbie lit a candle in memory of David J. Deresienski



Robbie - August 30, 2024 at 11:02 AM

AL

“ Analie Laville-Reid lit a candle in memory of David J. Deresienski



Analie Laville-Reid - August 30, 2024 at 10:36 AM

CM

“ Claire, Caroline, And Michael lit a candle in memory of David J. Deresienski



Claire, Caroline, and Michael - August 30, 2024 at 09:39 AM

JM

“ John Madigan lit a candle in memory of David J. Deresienski



John Madigan - August 29, 2024 at 08:34 PM

JM

“ I was so sad to hear of Dave's passing. He leaves us much too soon of course. I will miss our conversations which usually led to plenty of laughs. Dave has been a dear friend, devoted colleague, passionate HR executive and an advisor to many. We will miss his kindness, empathy and good nature. We all mourn with his family and hope they find comfort in the good wishes of the many people who love Dave.

John Madigan - August 29, 2024 at 08:33 PM

PC

“ Philip C. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Philip C. - August 29, 2024 at 07:48 PM

JW

“ Jacob W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Jacob W. - August 29, 2024 at 03:53 PM

EP

“ Dave was a warm soul with a quick wit. He was instrumental in helping me think through launching my consulting practice. He brightened any room he was in. I am so sorry for your loss. I was lucky to know him. Eric

Eric Kevin Pritchard - August 29, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of David J. Deresienski.



August 29, 2024 at 09:01 AM



“ Dave was an incredibly human being who was always there to support others. We spent many great years as colleges at Aetna. He made a huge impact at an interim HR assignment with Sarah Inc on the shoreline. He will be remembered as someone who always was there to help others succeed. He was also a caring and involved family man. Thank you Dave for always making life a better place. You will be missed.

Debra Palmer - August 28, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ Andrew D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Andrew D. - August 28, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ Mack purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of David J. Deresienski.



Mack - August 28, 2024 at 02:39 PM

MA

“ Mack planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Mack - August 28, 2024 at 02:39 PM

AF

“ Alexander F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Alexander F. - August 28, 2024 at 01:49 PM

CN

“ Connor N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Connor N. - August 28, 2024 at 10:15 AM

KB

“ Kayrnn B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Kayrnn B. - August 27, 2024 at 11:20 PM

KB

“ Kayrnn Bochicchio lit a candle in memory of David J. Deresienski



Kayrnn Bochicchio - August 27, 2024 at 11:13 PM

EH

“ Edward J Hebebrand lit a candle in memory of David J. Deresienski



Edward J Hebebrand - August 27, 2024 at 08:44 PM

EH

“ David has been a great friend for over 40 years you could never count the many who will think of him ever time they walk in there yard or the park may you rest in pece Edward J . Hebebrand

Edward J Hebebrand - August 27, 2024 at 08:41 PM

MA

“ Mariea & Ashley-Marie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David J. Deresienski.



Mariea & Ashley-Marie - August 27, 2024 at 08:33 PM

KQ

“ Kevin Quintiliano lit a candle in memory of David J. Deresienski



Kevin Quintiliano - August 27, 2024 at 06:20 PM

KQ

Very saddened to hear of Dave's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Linda, Brett, Blake & Diane

Kevin Quintiliano - August 27, 2024 at 06:22 PM

HC

“ I was so saddened to learn of Dave's passing. I had the pleasure of working closely with him at The Hartford. He was one of the best - a highly skilled HR leader who forged strong relationships within HR and the business areas he supported. Most importantly, he was a kind and gracious man. He will be missed.

Helen Conaty - August 27, 2024 at 01:07 PM

IS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Dave was always an upbeat person. Dave will be missed by many. My condolences to you and your entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. India S. (Shipman)



India S. - August 27, 2024 at 12:23 PM

DM

“ I am heart broken to hear of Dave's passing. Such a kind and supportive friend. I always had a smile on my face whenever I was in his presence. He will be sorely missed. Linda, Brett and Blake, my heart goes out to you. May his memory be eternal.

Dorothy Meggie - August 27, 2024 at 10:04 AM

GG

“ Hoping u find the gardens of your dreams. I'll think of u tending to the fig plants u gave me.



Gregg Gabinelle - August 26, 2024 at 08:28 PM

AZ

“ Condolences to Linda and the boys!!! We still have the peach tree in our backyard that Dave gave us!! What a beautiful soul, may he Rest In Peace! What a pleasure to have known Dave!!

Anna Zapata-Carabello and Family!

Anna Zapata - August 26, 2024 at 06:02 PM

KL

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Karen and Russell Laribee - August 26, 2024 at 05:34 PM

KL

“ Karen And Russell Laribee lit a candle in memory of David J. Deresienski



Karen and Russell Laribee - August 26, 2024 at 05:05 PM

KL

Sending all of our love, hugs and prayers to Linda, Brett, Blake and Diane during this most sorrowful time. Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences for your great loss.

Karen and Russell Laribee - August 27, 2024 at 07:30 PM

CD

My deepest condolences on Dave's passing. I had the pleasure and honor of working with Dave at The Hartford as a colleague in HR. Dave was always a kind, caring and thoughtful person in his approach to working with people at all levels. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word and I always looked forward to working on projects together. We stayed in touch over the years and although it has been a few years since we connected, I am very saddened to learn that the world lost a wonderful, caring person much too soon! Cindy Pallman-David

Cynthia Pallman David - August 28, 2024 at 03:48 PM

KL

“ We are so deeply grateful and thankful that we had the opportunity to rekindle special longtime friendships going back decades with both Linda and Dave after moving out of New England for a decade and then returning again. We will remember Dave as one of our most kindhearted, down-to-earth friends with a heart of gold. He was always willing to lend an ear and help you sort out a problem. We were always so impressed with his immense knowledge of flowers, plants and trees—no need for an App to identify it, just ask Dave! His stunning and admirable flowerbeds and his flourishing yearly vegetable gardens sharing the fruits of his labor also reflected his treasured hobby. His love of nature and appreciation of its beauty along with birdwatching and wildlife watching also a commonality we had. We will also cherish his sense of humor, laughter we’ve shared together and his most memorable funny ‘Buster’ story leaving us with such an everlasting smile to remember him by. We will miss you so, so darn much, you dear special guy and beloved friend. God Bless—sending you strength, prayers and hugs to comfort all of you—to the Deresienski Family. Karen and Russell Laribee

Karen and Russell Laribee - August 26, 2024 at 05:05 PM

JS

“ John S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

John S. - August 26, 2024 at 12:37 PM

DG

“ Darin G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Darin G. - August 26, 2024 at 12:35 PM

RZ

“ Ray Z. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Ray Z. - August 26, 2024 at 12:30 PM

MS

“ Matt S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Matt S. - August 26, 2024 at 12:25 PM

TD

“ Tyler D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Tyler D. - August 26, 2024 at 12:08 PM

JF

“ Joan F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Joan F. - August 26, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of David J. Deresienski.



August 26, 2024 at 10:54 AM

YR

“ Your colleagues at Robinson+Cole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Your colleagues at Robinson+Cole - August 26, 2024 at 10:54 AM

DG

“ We will always remember Dave for his kindness, warm smile and passion for gardening and wildlife. We only knew Dave for 8 years but we cherished his friendship and loved being with Linda and Dave sharing laughs and fun times in West Hartford and more recently in westerly, RI. Truly a beautiful soul and wonderful friend that we were so privileged to know. Gregg and Deb Gabinelle

Deb Gabinelle - August 26, 2024 at 10:32 AM

AS

“ Andrew S. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David J. Deresienski.



Andrew S. - August 26, 2024 at 10:27 AM

AS

“ Andrew S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.

Andrew S. - August 26, 2024 at 10:27 AM

SG

“ *Shawn G. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of David J. Deresienski.*



Shawn G. - August 26, 2024 at 10:22 AM

ZV

“ *Zach Vega purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David J. Deresienski.*



Zach Vega - August 26, 2024 at 10:14 AM

ZV

“ *Zach Vega planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David J. Deresienski.*

Zach Vega - August 26, 2024 at 10:14 AM