



David Arthur Otto

February 22, 2018

David Arthur Otto, 70, of New Britain, CT, died, February 22, 2018, at his home. Born on April 21, 1947 in Elizabeth, NJ, the son of the late Herbert and Marguerite (McClure) Otto, he was raised in Westfield, NJ, where he was active in the Boy Scouts and graduated from Westfield Senior High School. He attended Waynesburg College and was a fraternity brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

In 1968, he took a hiatus from his college studies for a tour of duty in the Vietnam War, where he served in the US Army from 1968-1974 and became a decorated veteran.

He later returned to the states and received his bachelor's degree in Finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, NJ. David began his career as an accountant for Beneficial Corporation in Morristown, NJ, where he became the beloved coach of the woman's softball team. He later worked as a controller at Phillips Credit Corp in New York City and Champion Mortgage in Parsippany, NJ.

As a dedicated father, he spent many weekends camping, canoeing, coaching sports and sitting through the occasional dance competition. He was an avid bridge player who competed weekly for over 40 years in the Friday Night Men's Bridge League in Florham Park, NJ and more recently, played in tournaments at The Montclair Golf Club in West Orange, NJ, receiving multiple master points. He also enjoyed fresh-water fishing and was a loyal fan to the NY Mets, even in the 1990s. He was a classic movie buff, enjoyed

the music of great storytellers such as Neil Diamond and Billy Joel and was never without a package of peppermint Mentos.

Over the last two years, he spent most of his time relishing in the precious moments and memories made with his only grandson.

He is survived by his two daughters, Jennifer Otto of New Britain, CT, Meredith Otto of Port Orange, FL; his grandson, Wesley Otto of New Britain, CT; two brothers, Robert Otto and his wife Virginia of Wellesley, MA, Richard Otto and his wife Elaine of Cumberland, RI; five nephews, Robert Otto, Matthew Otto, Andrew Otto, William Collingwood and Christopher Collingwood; three nieces, Kate Chebly, Diana Fitzgerald and Tami Collingwood; a cousin, Nancy LaBahn; his former spouse, Rosemarie Collingwood-Cole; and dear friend, Theri Japko.

Calling hours will be Tuesday, February 27th, from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT. (860) 232-1322. A private funeral service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Charitable Service Trust, which supports physical and psychological rehabilitation programs that provide direct service to ill, injured, or wounded veterans.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ My Dearest David... Too many wonderful memories to list. But I will share two.

*He was my second boss when I was 21 and we have been great friends ever since. We started a girls softball team, and he was the coach. We were not good at all to say the least, but we had such a great time. This one game, the pitcher did not show up. So he had me pitch. It was awful. But the ones I did get them to hit, went thru the infield, thru the outfield, and then into the duck pond. Over and Over. David went an sat on the bench with the other team (teasingly of course) and told the coach - YOUR BUYIN>!!!
Very Davie.!!*

The other, he was the Controller at Parliament Leasing, at that time a new branch of Beneficial. He was just so busy so many people waiting to see him - I thought - HMMMMM -" OTTO MATIC". So I made him one for his desk that said "Now Serving" and on for the outside of his office that said "Take a ticket". He had that for years and years.

My dearest friend will be so missed. But I will remember "how blessed I was to have the most wonderful, kind friend for all those years...

Jennifer & Meredith. He was so proud of you both.... And every time we spoke of you, you could hear the pride in his voice. You are both so different, and he was so proud of your individual qualities. He loved you guys so much..

*We will keep his spirit alive in our hearts. And I will talk to him everyday...
Love Theri*

Theri Japko - February 28, 2018 at 05:41 PM

JM

“ *Our Heavy Hearts go out to Merideth and Jennifer. Live Love Remeber.*



Joel Murphy - February 27, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of David Arthur Otto.*



February 26, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Arthur Otto.*



February 26, 2018 at 08:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Arthur Otto.*



February 26, 2018 at 08:23 AM

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“ With our deepest sympathy to the family. On the few occasions when we had the pleasure to spend time with David, we always walked away having learned something new and having laughed long and hard. He was a pleasure to have known and he will be missed.

Phil & Denise Carlucci

phil carlucci - February 25, 2018 at 09:28 PM

NL

*Dear Family,
I send my love and condolences to all of you on the passing of your Dad and brother and friend. Dave was a man of great courage and humility; a sharp mind and a big heart.
We grew up as cousins and became good friends. I remember celebrating his 65th birthday revisiting the old Petersen's hot dog stand on our way to Point Pleasant where we walked the boardwalk and reminisced about life while sharing an appreciation for the shore.
Dave's presence in our lives will be greatly missed but our hearts are joyful knowing he has found peace in the house of our Lord forever.*

*Love,
Nancy LaBahn and family
Dave and Amie LaBahn
Dan and Haley LaBshn
Tim and Kathleen LaBahn*

Nancy LaBahn - February 27, 2018 at 09:01 AM

JO

“ 15 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Jennifer Otto - February 24, 2018 at 11:17 AM