



David G. McClimans Sr.

February 1, 1940 - October 8, 2022

Ships are safe in harbor, but that's not what ships are for, a mantra lived by David McClimans Sr., 82, of Eastlake Ohio who passed away peacefully on October 8, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Surviving is his wife Patricia (nee Rupnow) of 45 years.

Born in New Castle Pennsylvania on February 1, 1940, he was the youngest of 4 children to the late Paul and Rose (nee Miketa) McClimans.

Dave was an entrepreneur who co-founded Hi Tech Productions, an Emmy Award winning video production company, with his wife. He previously retired with nearly 30 years of service from Chanel 8, WJW Cleveland as a nationally lauded television engineer.

Dave was an accomplished blue water sailor who sailed the America's for over 20 years with his First Mate (Patricia). In 1992 Dave was the Commodore of Lake County Yacht Club, and was an active member of Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club since 2012. Dave also professionally raced boats and with his co-pilot Thomas "TC" Goldenberke ran a successful campaign of the race boat Thunder Buzzard, sponsored by 100.7 WMMS Cleveland in the Great Lakes Offshore Powerboat Racing Association. Dave was voted Driver of the Year (3rd runner up) in 1980 by his peers.

Dave's competitive spirit was alive in all he did. He was a nationally ranked downhill ski racer. An avid drag racer who was the Ohio State Champion 2 years running and a holder of multiple track records.

This obituary would not be complete without the acknowledgement that Dave was a true Browns fan.

All told he wasn't afraid to slow down either. He would often be found giving rides on sunny Sunday afternoons in his Jaguar roadster, walking around his club with a cold Heineken helping friends tinker on their boats or grabbing his guitar and entertaining family and friends.

Loving father and grandfather survived by his 3 sons: Daniel Rupnow and his children Paige and Bobby; David (Jen) Rupnow and their children Katy and Kyle; and David (Jennifer) McClimans Jr and his son David III. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra Lee Bartol in 2005.

WXV/31-40 (Dave's marine radio call sign) signing off for the last time. Fair Winds and Following Seas Captain Dave.

The family will formally receive friends on Sunday, November 6, 2022 from 2 - 6 pm at Monreal Srnick Funerals and Cremations, 35400 Curtis Blvd. Eastlake, OH 44095. A funeral service will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 10am at the funeral home. Burial to immediately follow at Mentor Cemetery.

The family requests contributions be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michealjfox.org to accelerate the next generation of Parkinson's disease treatments.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Road
Mentor, OH 44060

Tribute Wall



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