



## David Joseph Messer

February 13, 1957 - December 12, 2017

David Joseph Messer, age 60, of Willoughby, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2017. He was born on February 13, 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio to Howard Messer and the late Rosemary Kozlowski.

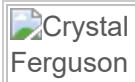
After David's career as a machinist for 29 years, he decided to share his programming knowledge with young minds by becoming a teacher. He proudly taught the tech-prep program for junior and senior high school students through Mentor City Schools on the Lakeland campus. David was a fan of all Cleveland sports teams, but was an avid Cleveland Browns fan. David's happy, kind, and joking personality could light up a room, especially with his warm smile. He was an amazing individual who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was the loving father of Sarah (Eric Suing) Worso; a proud son of Howard (Sylvia) Messer and the late Rosemary Kozlowski; the brother of Sandra (Doug) Sjoquist, the late Janet Jones, Donna (Jeff) Smith, Judith Hanmer, Rodney (Jennifer Sheffield) Messer, and Cathy (Cliff) Barnhouse; and an uncle, cousin and friend to many. He was also survived by his favorite cat Hundi.

Family will receive friends from 12 - 4 PM on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at the Monreal Funeral Home 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake. A funeral service will

immediately follow at 4 PM at the funeral home. The family requests that everyone wear their favorite Cleveland Browns attire to the visitation and service.

# Tribute Wall



Crystal  
Ferguson

“ Growing up at Dave's house was a huge part of my childhood memories. Sarah and I have been friends since 4th grade and Dave was always there for her. He loved her dearly and although as we were growing up and becoming young ladies, he didn't understand some "girl things" he was so funny and always smiling and supportive. I loved hanging out over there with him, Tammy and Sarah...so many great memories. I am sad that I live so far and cannot be there for my friend but she knows and understands that if I could I would. I'm there in spirit Sarah and I'm always rt here a phone call away. May he Rest Easy now with no more pain or discomfort, in God's hands.

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**Crystal Ferguson** - December 17, 2017 at 07:01 PM



Jl

“ Dave was a kind hearted man who was there for his daughter every step of the way. He will be missed.

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**jim** - December 16, 2017 at 08:27 PM



Devin  
Moulton

“ Mr. Messer was my tech teacher in high school. I would periodically stop by just to chat with him even after I graduated. I'm very saddened by this. I'm so sorry for your loss, he was a great man.

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**Devin Moulton** - December 16, 2017 at 07:11 PM

FF

“ From Heike Robinson and family. purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of David Joseph Messer.



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**From Heike Robinson and family.** - December 16, 2017 at 03:44 PM

JC

“ The first time I meet Dave was in a machine shop we both worked in . He was a great friend and I know he was very happy being a tech teacher at Lakeland college. I will really miss him he was a great guy .

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**John Cain** - December 16, 2017 at 07:37 AM

LB

“ David (Dad) will be missed by so many. Have so many great memories. Love to my Sarah and all her family.



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**Leslie Bloom** - December 15, 2017 at 10:27 PM

GL

“ My heartfelt condolences to Dave's family. I am so saddened by his passing. I will always remember the first time I met Dave when I interviewed him for his Tech Prep position at MHS/Lakeland. His desire to become a teacher was genuine and heartfelt. He worked diligently to be the best teacher possible. It was not an easy transition from the private sector. Dave's tenacity was such an inspiration. He gave so much more to his students than the skills of his trade. He deeply cared and tried to impart "life lessons" to teens who sometimes thought they knew everything about the "real world". Over the years we worked together, Dave always called me "boss". However, I will cherish him as my dear friend. I will miss his "short" stories, his sense of humor and wonderful smile.



Gale Leonard-Stawiery - December 15, 2017 at 10:17 PM

 Sarah Smile

His short stories! 😂😂😂😂 "Well, to make a long story short.... NOT!"..... Oh Gale, thank you so much for sharing your beautiful memories with us. Hr was very proud to be a teacher and adored his fellow co-workers.

Sarah Smile - December 15, 2017 at 10:35 PM

GL

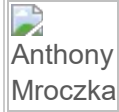
He loved you so much and was very proud of the young woman you have become.

Gale Leonard-Stawiery - December 15, 2017 at 10:44 PM

HR

Yes, Dave told me also a lot about you and was very proud of you!

Heike Robinson - December 16, 2017 at 03:47 PM



Anthony Mrocza

*Gale hit the nail on the head!  
I graduated from his class back in 2006 and still to this day i find myself saying "you gotta be the ball". Im so glad that i got back in touch with him a few months ago. Dave far from an ordinary teacher. He had a major influence on who I am today in which im very gratefull for. He will be missed.*

**Anthony Mrocza** - December 17, 2017 at 10:48 AM



*“ Dave & I were together for 13 years and were friends afterwards. He was a wonderful dad and a good man. His heart was always in the right place ♡ I love you and I will miss you!!!*

**Tammy Worso** - December 15, 2017 at 09:48 PM



PK

*“ Patty Noonan Knox lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Messer*



**Patty Noonan Knox** - December 15, 2017 at 08:40 PM



*We grew up from birth on, a month apart from each other! My sweet, sweet cousin Davy. Such sorrow, so young, such a hard life you had on earth. May you now be safe in the arms of Jesus.*

**Patty Noonan Knox** - December 15, 2017 at 08:44 PM

BC

“ We will miss you at our family get togethers.  
But you will be with us in spirit.



**Bonnie Cser** - December 15, 2017 at 03:46 PM



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**Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations** - December 15, 2017 at 03:02 PM



*That was beautiful!*

**Crystal Ferguson** - December 17, 2017 at 06:53 PM

KD

“ So sorry for your loss Sarah. God Bless you dear, Love Kathy  
Wright-Daciola

**Kathy Daciola** - December 15, 2017 at 02:26 PM

WD

“ with Sincere sympathy, the Career Tech  
department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi  
phyllum for the family of David Joseph Messer.



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December 15, 2017 at 09:31 AM