

DAVID ANDREW DYDA



David was born on October 3, 1958, at Southside Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, the youngest child of Joseph Michael Dyda and Anna Victoria (Olewska aka Oleska) Dyda, who made their family home in Bethel Park, PA.

David loved everything mechanical, enjoyed playing his saxophone, and loved listening to music. David attended St. Anne Catholic School. He graduated from Bethel Park Senior High School, Bethel Park, PA on June 7, 1976. On July 6, 1976, he began his studies at Rosedale Technical Institute in Pittsburgh, PA, and received a diploma in Automotive and Diesel Technology on December 23, 1977. He also received a variety of certifications from the Community College of Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation.

During his career, he worked for various small businesses, corporations, dealerships and automotive centers in Bethel Park/Pittsburgh, PA and Edmond, OK. On February 3, 1979, David married Carol Catanzaro at St. Anne Catholic Church, Mt. Lebanon, PA thereafter becoming the proud father of Andrea Lynn Dyda and Joseph Richard Dyda.

David was a member of the Knights of Columbus. The family resided in Bethel Park, PA, Edmond, OK, and then back to Bethel Park. David and Carol divorced in 1991. In November 2019, David decided to join his mother, sister Marilyn and brother-in-law, James, in Oklahoma City, OK.

David became a victim of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic leading to his hospitalization with intense recovery struggles in isolated environments in July 2020. On September 16, 2020, David suffered cardiac arrest, was revived, and taken to the emergency room of St. Mary's Hospital in Enid, OK. Mark Gregory, M.D. worked to save his life while Fr. Mark E. Mason, Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, stood by in the ER to pray for, and with, David. Dr. Gregory called Marilyn immediately after David's passing to ask her how she knew of his imminent death and whether David had a close relationship with her. From the day David was born, Marilyn shared a close relationship with him. Fr. Mason called to inform Marilyn that he had anointed David with the oil of the dying and commended his Soul to God. Angels truly watched over David on September 16, as they had done throughout his life. His Catholic faith always helped him through life as he carried his Cross. Fr. Jerome Dunn, OFM Cap., Province of St. Augustine, Rev. Joseph B. Codori, Jr., St. Thomas More Catholic Church and Fr. Mason helped David with his Cross.

David was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Michael Dyda, his "big brother" cousin, Ronald Leon Daylitko, and his nephew, Andrew Michael Moore. David is survived by his mother, Anna Victoria (Olewska aka Oleska) Dyda of Oklahoma City, OK, his sister, Marilyn Ann Dyda Thomson and husband James Thomson of Oklahoma City, OK, and his sister, Jo Ann Dyda Moore and husband John Paul Moore of Venetia, PA. He is also survived by his daughter, Andrea L. McArdle, and his lovely granddaughters, Lily Mae McArdle and Violet Grace McArdle of Finleyville, PA; and son, Joseph Richard Dyda and wife Jacqueline and lovely granddaughter, Magdalena Brooks Dyda of Bethel Park, PA. David is survived by his Godson and nephew, Matthew P. Moore and wife Monica, and great-nephew, Calvin J. Moore and great-niece, Anna Rose Moore of Santa Monica, CA. Richard and Judy Catanzaro and their family members also survive him.

Contributions in David's memory may be made to St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 1924 West Willow Road, Enid, OK 73703; St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 126 Fort Couch Rd., Bethel Park, PA 15241 or the Capuchin Province of St. Augustine, 220 37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. The family of David Andrew Dyda requests people pray for the numerous victims and their families who suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic and for all healthcare providers.

On November 16, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. a Rosary will be said and at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Joe Codori will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 126 Fort Couch Rd., Bethel Park, PA 15241 with inurnment following at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 2900 Washington Rd., Canonsburg, PA 15317.

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