



David Otto

August 28, 1954 - May 30, 2021

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Obituary

David Otto, 66, of Burlington, died Sunday, May 30, 2021 at the University of Iowa hospital.

Born August 28, 1954 in Burlington, Ia. He was the son of Lawrence "Larry" and Virginia (Bohlken) Otto. He married Joanne Zahn April 28, 1990 in St. Paul, MN. He was a 1973 graduate of Burlington High School. He went on to study briefly at SCC. He worked for the family business, Otto-Matic Water Specialists for 22 years and then for the City of Burlington, Waste Water Treatment Facility for over 20 years.

Dave was a lighthearted, generous man with a never-ending smile, who tried to make everyone he knew and met feel important. He would often deflect a compliment by turning it back to the other. He was well known for his smile, his ability to make people laugh, his willingness to help anyone in need, and his putting others ahead of himself. He always wanted to make a difference in people's lives. God gave him the ability to fix almost anything he put his mind to, and he enjoyed the challenge.

He was very loyal to his family. He loved spending time with his kids and cheered them on in their various school activities, including volunteering as a Scout Leader for his son's Boy Scout troop. As they got older, he enjoyed the time they shared together kayaking. He had a ability to fix almost anything he put his mind to, and he enjoyed the challenge.

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Dave is survived by his wife, Joanne; two children, Katherine and Josh Otto; three sisters, Susan (Terry) Donovan, Diane Shaffer, and Karen (Jimie Vance) Otto; one brother, Paul Otto; six nieces; three nephews, three great-nieces; and one great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The Celebration of Life for David will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 14th at Harmony Bible Church at the Danville campus. Pastor Chris Carr will officiate. The family will receive friends from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 13th at Harmony Bible Church at the Danville campus.

Because Dave was a casual man, most often seen in jeans and a blue shirt, please feel free to dress in casual clothes for the visitation and the celebration of his amazing life.

A memorial has been established for City Hope Foundation, PO Box 1235, Burlington, IA. 52601.

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