



David G. "Dave" Powers

December 31, 1956 - November 7, 2017

David "Dave" Powers, loved, adored and admired by many suddenly passed away in the early evening on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Dave radiated family, loyalty, generosity, determination, and his beloved Bishop Moore Hornets.

Dave ventured on five wonderfully successful community-banking endeavors in Central Florida serving as President and CEO of his beloved United Group as well as consistently giving of his time and his talent. David whole-heartedly served on the Catholic School Board for the Diocese of Orlando, as well as the director of the Orlando Chapter of the University of Florida Foundation, the Ronald McDonald Foundation, the Florida Hospital Foundation, and as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Bishop Moore Catholic High School. Dave was also a recipient of the Papal Cross, which was awarded to him by the Vatican for his dedication in community service.

Dave found his 'home' in the early seventies as a student at Bishop Moore Catholic High School. He was an extremely avid member of the school band and after graduating in May of 1974, prided himself on having only missed two of Bishop Moore's football games in the last 43 years. Through Dave's love of music, he was able to single-handedly keep the band and beat alive at Bishop Moore and continued to joyously march with his snare drum strapped on, at each and every annual Homecoming football game. He is credited with

bringing the College Park community together by reestablishing the rivalry between Bishop Moore and its neighborhood rival, Edgewater High School with “The Battle of College Park” which gathers hundreds of fans together every year for a tremendous football game – Bishop Moore has defeated Edgewater since it has begun, and Dave could not have been more proud of his alma mater. Bishop Moore Catholic High School was a true testament to Dave.

Dave was as humble of a man as he was a great one. He believed every single person he encountered went before him always. He enjoyed, valued and loved every minute of his life. Dave instilled the same qualities in his four children and of all of his accomplishments they were his greatest. His legacy will continue to live on through them.

Dave is survived by his wife Aida, his children, Amanda, Allison, Angela, and David II; stepchildren, Destiny and Antonio Ellenwood; granddaughter, Alyssa; parents Gene and Judith Powers; sister Angela (Bob) Ward and their six children.

In lieu of flowers, the Powers family has requested memorial donations to be made to the Music Department at Bishop Moore Catholic High School
http://www.bishopmoore.org/Music_Department

Previous Events

Public Visitation for Family and Friends

NOV **13.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Ave
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Funeral Mass

NOV **14.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AP

“ *Not a day goes by without you crossing my mind. I still have yet to accept or grasp the reality that you're gone. I'm dreading the day I do. Love always.*

angie powers - February 05, 2018 at 03:50 AM

BK

“ *Bob Kaplus purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David G. "Dave" Powers.*



Bob Kaplus - November 13, 2017 at 12:35 PM

MS

“ *I am terrifically saddened by Dave's death. He has been such a joy to be friends with since high school and adulthood. He definitely was a great Hornet. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his personal family as well as his BMHS family. He has created a great void in our lives.*

MARGIE SMITH SUM - November 12, 2017 at 09:52 PM

JO

“ *I have been an employee of Mr Powers for almost 14 years, all I can say is. this is a huge loss to the local community he was an absolute great man to work for, he gave me the opportunity to grow with his bank and be a part of his service to all. David gave back to not only his family but to the entire community he will be missed by all. Jane and Tom O'Connor.*

Jane O'Connor - November 12, 2017 at 08:48 AM

TG

“ I met David over 11 years ago when I first got into the banking business. Through St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church and Bishop Moore Catholic High School I got to know David on both a professional and personal level. David was kind enough to always take my call and looked for ways to help me anyway he could. I recently saw and talked to him at the SMM Community Fest and again his words were "call me, I will help you anyway I can." That just was David! I also am glad my wife and I were able to see and talk to him at the Bishop Moore Gala last Saturday night. I will miss him but am thankful that I was able to know him.

Tom Grzeszczak

Tom Grzeszczak - November 11, 2017 at 09:46 PM

TC

“ Dave,

You taught me my Life. 32 Years of Dedication, Loyalty, and Joy. You allowed me to be me. I still remember when you gave me a promotion, and said "treat it like you do the Bible and you will do well". - I asked myself what would Dave want me to do. He would want me to keep sharing, keep loving, and keep walking in the Legacy.

When someone leaves us it reminds us of the fragility of our own life. We question what was the last thing we said or we ask could we have done more. The answer is simple. We have spoken all we could and we simply cannot go back in time. But we can stand up today and remember every laugh, every conversation, every cry, every angered word or feeling. The person is gone but somehow they left something more powerful than ourselves. They left Love. Something many don't get to experience, and something that never dies. Love bears all things, Believes all things, Hopes all things, Endures all things, Love never fails. Love will never fail us. We don't have more time but those of us that are left have more time to share the Love God is. For God is Love. So this day as we shed many tears, laughs, and memories we have to remember to walk in the Legacy we began with. So as Dave would always say until the next one.... See you then.....

Simply Tarita

Tarita Colon - November 11, 2017 at 06:16 PM

JP

“ I first met Dave as the "too cool" lead drummer of the BMHS Band. With his non-compliant haircut and barely compliant grey corduroys (and, as I recall it, bowling shoes) he was a non-confrontational non-conformist. Yet, he provided the rhythm for all of us, leading from the rear. Seeing him morph into a pillar of the banking community and leader of the school only mildly surprised me. He still was leading without putting himself out front. imagine what we would have been without him? I don't want to. Thanks, Dave.
Jack Pelzer

Jack Pelzer - November 10, 2017 at 06:52 PM

BS

“ Brian, Genevieve, Ashley, and Samantha purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of David G. "Dave" Powers.



Brian, Genevieve, Ashley, and Samantha - November 10, 2017 at 12:05 PM

AD

“ So this is what I know...DAVE POWERS is FAMILY. DAVE POWERS is a FATHER. DAVE POWERS is a HUSBAND. DAVE POWERS is a SON. DAVE POWERS is a BROTHER. DAVE POWERS is a MENTOR. DAVE POWERS is a FRIEND. DAVE POWERS is UNITED LEGACY BANK. DAVE POWERS is a HORNET. DAVE POWERS is a GATOR. DAVE POWERS is a GIVER TO ALL. Most of all DAVE POWERS LOVES THE LORD. I LOVE YOU!

FROM MY HEART TO YOURS!

Andrea Dolce

andrea dolce - November 10, 2017 at 10:36 AM

DF

“ Although we have known Dave for only a short time, our relationship has been inspired by his dedication to his family and to the Black & Gold Brigade of Bishop Moore Catholic High School. He will be missed by many of us who have had the privilege of being one of his friends. Our sincere sympathy & condolences to Aida, Destiny, Antonio, and his other family members. May Our Lord grant him everlasting peace & happiness

Dennis & Lynda Franko and Lisa & Connor Minton

Dennis Franko - November 09, 2017 at 05:47 PM

TA

“ David, I have so many memories of visiting you all every summer. I loved your dry sense of humor, and how we would go back and forth on politics. Just a few weeks ago we were debating on fb messenger about politics. I loved our yearly trivial pursuit rematches, even if you were the reigning champ. You were such a great dad. I remember playing trivial pursuit, Amanda was about 3 at the time. She wanted to play, so you gave her a empty pie and let her roll the dice. You asked her questions "How old are you?" She would answer 3 and you would give her a pie slice. Then you asked "What is your favorite color?" and She said "Pink!" and you said "Im sorry honey, that is wrong, your favorite color is purple" and Cheryl said "David???" and you said "She has to learn that she won't always be right." You were as funny as you were thoughtful. You made an impact on so many lives, will be missed. Rest in peace.

Tara - November 09, 2017 at 04:28 PM

DD

“ Dr Larry Duffy and Dr Kyle Duffy purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David G. "Dave" Powers.



Dr Larry Duffy and Dr Kyle Duffy - November 09, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David G. "Dave" Powers.



November 09, 2017 at 02:02 PM

AP

“ Dad--

you've always told me to march to the beat of my own drum and I haven't stopped since. You taught me to dribble a basketball between my legs practically before I could walk. You honestly were the best teacher dad. You'd drive me around for hours just to get me to sleep, Showed me my love for the empty road when I was in my terrible twos. You taught me to drum roll on a snare, and paradiddle on a high-hat. You were my biggest supporter and my number one fan, even if that meant arriving to practice an hour early. You are so loved by everyone around you and anyone that was ever lucky enough to cross your path. I wish we could go back. Play Match in the pool again and "monstermash" on the way home from a Friday night hornet game. I wish we could walk the coquina paved roads of st George street. Just one more game of solitaire. One more Stephen king book. You have taught me so much and with you I've grown. You have left behind one hell of a legacy. We will reunite again with the promise of forever. Rest easy dad. I'll always be your little girl.

"...With faith that's everlasting and love that's ever true.."

angie powers - November 09, 2017 at 10:35 AM

CH

*Love you Angie my thoughts and prayers are with you
Peace aunt carol*

carol ann hurley - November 09, 2017 at 04:36 PM

BV

*David was a selfless man, an excellent banker and a true pillar of the
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church community. He will be missed.
Barbara Vaught*

Barbara Vaught - November 11, 2017 at 02:35 PM

TL

I was in David's class at Bishop Moore, the the measure of a man's wealth in life are not the material accumulations but the lives you touched and made better. The memories made and shared with all who knew you. My prayers to Aida and the family for peace and comfort. As i was looking through the many photos of David , i saw a man who had a great life and in all the pictures of David and Aida Just look how happy he was and how he looked at Aida. That was a man who was in love and how a lot of women wished their spouses looked at them with such adoration. We have lost a true friend and alum, Rest well my friend. Tom Love ..

tom love - November 11, 2017 at 05:38 PM

FD

God created a very special man when David Powers entered this world. There are not enough good adjectives to describe this gentle man. He has left a wonderful legacy that will live on by his many, many good deeds. I know by now, you and Bob are having, yet again, another one of your great conversations. Thank you, thank you for being a part of the Dolce family , and when we see each other once again, I promise to wear BLACK and GOLD, not my traditional red and white. We Love You, Fran Dolce and Family

fran dolce - November 12, 2017 at 11:29 AM



I am truly shocked, and I have learned so much in the past 15 minutes as I read the above comments. I first met Dave in 1984 when I decided to start a new manufacturing business in Longwood. Quite by random, I chose to walk into Freedom Bank on Hwy. 434 to see someone about opening a small business account. Dave was a young manager there, and I didn't know what to expect since my experience was in service businesses, and I had never been involved with manufacturing. David immediately made me feel very comfortable, and our negotiations were very easy. Back then, \$100,000 was still a lot of money, and when I asked for a \$100,000 line of credit, he didn't look shocked, or ask a lot of quick questions. He just asked me about the business I wanted to start. It happened to be a specialty vehicle manufacturing business, which interested him immediately. He asked me how much money we had to raise for the start-up, and I told him none. I said, "if I open a small business account, and deposit \$75,000 in it, and sign as personal guaranter, can I get the line of credit I want so we can floor plan the vehicles we will be building?" He smiled warmly, and said, "That's a very admirable thing to do. You must trust your partners a lot". I told him that I had not known them for long, but they were the two best innovative engineers in the industry, and could build anything on wheels that you could possibly want. I then told him that my first two customers were Bill Kennedy, the founder of Rotech, Inc., and the owners of Full Sail, both of which were hardly known then, but are both very successful companies now. He asked about our marketing plan, and I said I was it. He said, Mr. Hudson, I think you will do very well, and I will be glad to help you with whatever banking business you need.

What I am shocked about is first, since I have not talked to Dave in a few years, I had no idea he was gone. I just happened to be thinking about business and banking in general, and decided to Google him to see what he was up to lately. The second thing that shocked me was to learn more about his personal life, because he and I only knew each other through business and banking. My son was a musician and played in the marching band at Lake Mary High School, then at UCF, where he majored in music education, and who is now band leader and music teacher at a Catholic School, and who is married to a girl who was in the marching band at Bishop Moore. Now I wish that I had spent more time talking about personal things with Dave. He helped me get my start as an entrepreneur, and since I first met him and negotiated my first business banking deal with him, I have gone on to do 8 startups over the years, and none of the rest have been in manufacturing, but I'll always remember the great feeling I had with my first banking experience with David Powers, the manager of Freedom Bank in Longwood. It was a great experience at that stage of my business development. RIP, David.

Ken Hudson
President
Global Power Reduction, Inc.

Kenneth Hudson - December 20, 2018 at 05:08 PM