



## David S. Rohlfing

October 14, 1947 - February 10, 2019

David S. Rohlfing, aka Papa the Man, the Myth the Legend, 71, of Longwood, FL passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 10.

He was born in South Bend, IN to Shirley and Ralph Rohlfing. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother John.

He lived most of his life in Terrace Park, Ohio before settling his family in the Wekiva area of Longwood, FL. He was known to many as charismatic, bright, and his wit was as quick as the broad smirk on his face was long. He attended Miami University where he earned his Bachelors degree in Business Management and was a proud member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. During his college shenanigans he was lucky enough to meet his wife, Charlene. Dave and Charlene went on to have three daughters. Dave provided for his family by working at Navistar/International trucking for over 30 years. He retired in 2002, thus flourishing his long tradition of watching Young & The Restless further. His proudest of accomplishment and strength came on July 2nd 2006 when a good friend drove him to a meeting.

Dave was a dog whisper, lawn mower, car washer, a money tree to his girls as he would say, and Saturday game watcher. He enjoyed sunsets on the balcony with his family and his love, Charlene.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 48 ½ years Charlene , daughters Amity

(Robert) Grable, Jessica (Phillip) Martin, and Erika Rohlring. He cherished his grandchildren - Ada Martin, Lyla Martin, Cecilia Grable, and Luke Grable. His brother Eric (Celeste) Rohlring and their daughters Meg and Anne Rohlring.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society <https://www.cancer.org/>, American Diabetes Association <http://www.diabetes.org/>, or American Heart Association [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) If you are a friend of Bob, we encourage you to make donations in his honor at your next meeting.

A memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in the Parish Hall, 2140 W State Road 434, Longwood, FL 32779.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the life of Dave Rohlring who would enjoy such a gathering of friends and family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephen Lutheran Church  
2140 W. State Rd. 434  
Longwood, FL 32779

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ Robert W Kittle purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of David S. Rohlifing.



Robert W Kittle - February 15, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David S. Rohlifing.



February 15, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David S. Rohlifing.



February 15, 2019 at 03:38 PM

ER

“ 1 file added to the album Dave and his GTO



Eric Rohlifing - February 15, 2019 at 09:48 AM

ER

*A 1964 Pontiac GTO, with a four speed manual transmission with a Hurst shifter. Charlene was the love of his life, but this care might have been his first love. It was partially wrecked by tree damage from a tornado that ripped through Terrace Park in August, 1969. A limb smashed the roof down to the driver's seat. Dave had just started out of the house to move the car when the limb fell.*

Eric Rohlving - February 15, 2019 at 11:23 AM

LJ

*I remember that car....and Dave looking just like that!*

Lynn Johnson - February 18, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David S. Rohlving.



February 15, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of David S. Rohlving.



February 14, 2019 at 02:44 PM

JM

“ I remember Papa sent the best Christmas poems each year, I really looked forward to them, they told the story of what all his children and grandchildren had been doing that year. Very informative. He also sent great jokes and stories via email. Some of them were funny and some of the political ones of years gone by were so true today. We will miss you greatly Papa, but now you are at rest.

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**Jean Martin** - February 14, 2019 at 02:07 PM

CW

“ Charlene and the girls - Dave was my brother by another Mother. His friendship and love of me over the years occupies a special place in my heart. As it always is, it is now the memories of the wonderful times we spent together in Mississippi and Florida that are etched in me. Many of the great times we had together involved the weeks we spent in the Keys each Spring. Special times out on the water riding along and talking. His wisdom and demeanor was a building block in my career with the company we both worked for. I also admired the tenacity he showed us during the time after he lost his leg and how he found his way to the meetings after that. As I saw mentioned already, his wit was quick and if you were not "tuned in" it would race by you like a scientific equation zooming over a sock monkey's head. It was a special gift just like having the secret recipe for the "secret sauce" (sorry David Harden). I also learned never to play poker with him since he told me early on that he read my face like a large print Dick and Jane book. It was my "pleasure" (I think) to have handed my money over to my brother. I will miss my Brother and pray that you and the entire family of "Papa the Man" will be covered by grace from above as you grieve. As I said on my Facebook post about my Brother, the last time I spoke with him in January I told him that I loved him. Truer words could not have been spoken. See you on the other side my Brother.

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**Chuck Whitlow** - February 14, 2019 at 12:42 PM

LA

“ Dave is very much missed. . He was a corner stone of strength and inspiration. His quiet humor, and honest, heartfelt messages will live long in the rooms he frequented. I'm thankful to have known him. He touched many, and played a big part in many small ways. He “trudged the road” , and Passed it On....My heartfelt condolences to all the family. Linda Ahlberg



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**Linda M Ahlberg** - February 14, 2019 at 08:35 AM

JB

“ I was only able to be with Dave a few times but do remember his kindness and sense of humor. Charlene, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you.

*Jane Bodem*

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**Jane Bodem** - February 13, 2019 at 08:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David S. Rohlfig.



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February 13, 2019 at 07:59 PM

PB

“ My condolences to Charlene, Ericka, Amity, Jessica and family . Uncle Dave gave so many great memories for you to share but there will always be that hole in your hearts. He will never be forgotten 🙏 Rest In Peace

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**Patricia Blair** - February 13, 2019 at 07:37 PM

DH

“ So I remember a day that Dave and I were driving to Belle Glade and Dave was driving and of course I was sleeping with my head against the window.

*Dave always kept the car so cold to close the vents that blew directly on me.*

*This time of the year is when they burn off the sugar cane fields and so Big R decided he was going to get me for sleeping...again!*

*He was driving in the curb lane as close as he could without hitting the curb. The fires were burning so hot I was sweating against the window. He jerked the car a little bit to wake me and when I opened my eyes all I saw was fire and yelled Fire! Big R started laughing so hard the car swerved and I cussed him.*

*What a great memory...What a great Friend  
David Harden*

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**David Harden** - February 13, 2019 at 06:20 PM