



David Scott McCurdy

September 11, 1949 - August 22, 2024

David Scott McCurdy of Cadillac passed away, August 22, 2024 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 74. Dave was born September 11, 1949 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Donald L. and Sally A. (DeVries) McCurdy and they preceded him in death.

Dave graduated from Guilford High School in Rockford, Illinois in 1967. After completing his undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Illinois, Dave moved to Cadillac at age 24 and joined Don Samardich to form Samardich and McCurdy, P.C. It was one of the best decisions he ever made. Don became a lifelong best friend, and Dave helped build their law practice over 48 years. He ushered it through many iterations, finally retiring in 2023 from McCurdy, Wotilia and Porteous. He also co-founded Lakeside Title in 1978, and sold it in 2022.

Dave enjoyed the outdoors over his lifetime: hiking, camping and backpacking, canoeing rivers from the mellow Manistee to the mighty Batchewana, and piloting his pontoon around Lake Mitchell while wearing his signature captain's hat. An avid skier, Dave could often be found cruising groomers at Caberfae Peaks during the winter months, and he treasured family ski trips to Big Sky, MT. He also enjoyed playing and watching tennis; tennis was a huge part of his social life in his early Cadillac years.

Dave was a voracious reader of news, getting a multitude of newspapers to stay current. He loved to try new restaurants, enjoy good wine, and travel to new and exciting places around the world with his family, friends and book club. An excellent entertainer, Dave and his wife Kathy loved bringing people together for a meal, and he'd always keep your wine glass filled.

He was a friend, advisor, mentor and champion to innumerable people, young and old. In his law practice, he guided many people through the hardest time of their lives. He always knew just what to say, and he navigated difficult situations with grace. He made those around him feel that he was genuinely interested in them and cared about them; he was a people person and energetic 'hype man' who found the best in others.

A civic leader, Dave cared deeply about Cadillac and was involved in many boards and committees. Along with serving as the attorney for the city of Cadillac, he served on the Cadillac Area Public Schools Board, the Cadillac City Council, the Cadillac Downtown Development Association board, the Cadillac Area Community Foundation board, the Fifth Third Bank board, Mercy Hospital Cadillac board, and in recent years he loved serving with the 'geniuses' on the Munson Healthcare board.

On June 17, 1972 in Rockford, Illinois he married the lovely Katherine D. Slattery and they enjoyed 52 years of marriage. Kathy survives him along with their children: Katie (Nick Perez) McCurdy of Burlington, Vermont, Brian (Dalton) McCurdy of Bozeman, Montana, Mollie (Oliver) Yee of Rancho Palos Verdes, California; grandchildren: Lola, Juniper, Fiona, Penelope, and Jackson; siblings Bob McCurdy of Nokomis, Florida, Bo McCurdy (Pat) of Cadillac and nieces, Kelly and Megan McCurdy. Dave loved to talk about his kids' and grandkids' accomplishments, big or small, and his grandkids loved their 'Geeka.'

A visitation and celebration of life will be held Thursday, September 5th, 2024 at Fox Hill Event Center in Cadillac from 3-7pm, with a brief memorial service at 5pm. Dave wanted a short service and a long party.

In lieu of flowers, David suggested that memorial contributions may be made to Munson Cadillac Hospital Foundation, the Cadillac Area Backpack Program, or the Cadillac Area Community Foundation. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fox Hill Event Center
7640 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601

Memorial Service will be at 5:00 PM

Tribute Wall

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“ Dave and Kathy share a very important memory as we moved to Cadillac to begin our adulting life. We had no kids yet and lots of dreams and plans between us. I actually remember the day Dave started his law practice and the day they bought their house on the lake. My heart is broken for my dear friend, Kathy's heartbreak and I will hold my memories of Dave dear throughout my life.

Beth Manderfield (Zm - January 07, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ We were sad to hear about Dave. He always had a wonderful smile with a story to be told. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will truly be missed.
Paul & Julie Keller, Elaine Keller-Joynt

Julie Keller - September 05, 2024 at 07:53 PM

JG

“ Dear McCurdy family, when you do business with someone and he feels more like a friend, there's something very right with that person! 💕💕

Jan and Larry Galgoci - September 05, 2024 at 09:32 AM

VD

“ Victoria D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Scott McCurdy.

Victoria D. - September 04, 2024 at 07:39 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Scott McCurdy.*



September 03, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *Wendy Divozzo and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Scott McCurdy.*

Wendy Divozzo and Family - September 03, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *Chris K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Scott McCurdy.*

Chris K. - September 03, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *David was always so kind and talkative. I enjoyed his positive outlook and he was a true pleasure to talk with. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*



Allison Jackson - September 03, 2024 at 09:01 AM

BD

“ My condolences to the McCurdy Family. Dave had an important and very positive role in the lives of my family members, starting with my grandparents many years ago. We greatly respected and admired Dave. He was a source of guidance, understanding and comfort. We will miss his ever-present smile. Bart deBie (son of Sue VanDellen)

Bart J deBie - August 26, 2024 at 11:47 AM

CP

“ My condolences to the entire McCurdy family, as well as his many friends. May all the wonderful memories of Dave sustain you and bring you strength, and comfort you through the days ahead.

Christine Potter - August 26, 2024 at 10:05 AM

DH

“ My condolences to the entire McCurdy family. Dave was truly a great man and loved Cadillac & serving his community. He'd been my attorney for many years and a good friend. He will truly be missed by so many, especially his family. My thoughts & prayers are with Kathy and his family as they navigate life without Dave being physically here on earth. He'll always be with you in your heart & all your memories Di Haines

dianna haines - August 26, 2024 at 09:07 AM

AC

“ I have so many great memories of Dave: from working with him and the staff at McCurdy & Wotila, to meeting with him to update our trust, running into him at events around Cadillac. One thing was for sure: he was always the same gentleman: always positive; always thoughtful and genuine; always interested in what people had to say; always willing to offer an interesting perspective; always a man who you knew loved his family and his community very much. He had a calm reassuring nature and always had kind words to share. I am very grateful I had to opportunity to chat with him earlier this summer at Lakeside Charlies. Kathy and family: I am so sorry for your loss. Dave was an irreplaceable man. Wishing you peace and comfort during this time.

Ann Clous - August 26, 2024 at 08:31 AM

CM

“ So sorry to her of the loss of Dave. He was a great and caring person who will be geatly missed by all who knew him. I was a former employee of Dave's at Lake Side Title.



Cheryl (Yager) Mapes - August 26, 2024 at 08:08 AM

JB

“ Many great memories always a soft tone & great smile. So kind David answered my call while sking at Caberfea. Lovely words of pride & joy for his family & grandkids. The gentle Giant will be sadly missed



Jan & Mike Boyd - August 25, 2024 at 10:19 PM

WA

“ *We hope your sorrow will ease and the wonderful memories provide some measure of comfort.*

Wendy Armstrong - August 25, 2024 at 09:06 PM

SB

“ *I'm so sad to hear about Dave. He was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be sincerely missed.*

Sandy Bengelink - August 25, 2024 at 04:39 PM