



David W. Valliant

September 26, 1923 - August 11, 2017

David W. Valliant, 93, of Cadillac, formerly of Punta Gorda, FL and now in the presence of the Lord, passed away on August 11, 2017 at Green Acres Assisted Living in Cadillac.

Dave was born on September 26, 1923 in Lohn, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WW II and was awarded the Purple Heart. Dave graduated from Michigan State University in 1948 and spent 33 years as a high school teacher in Michigan, working 20 of those years with special education students.

Dave met his future wife, Norma Jean Sworthwood of Corunna, through a letter he received from her during the war. Like many girls back home, Norma was fulfilling her patriotic duty by writing a soldier overseas. Dave opened the letter-and answered it. A courtship began through the mail and on October 29, 1945, they were married, sharing 64 wonderful years together prior to Norma's death in 2009.

Dave and Norma lived in Saginaw from 1954 to 2001 and started going to Lazy Lagoon Mobile Park in Punta Gorda, FL in 1991 as snowbirds, moving there permanently in 2001. They were long-term members of the Church of Christ in Michigan and Port Charlotte, Florida. Both were avid bridge players in Michigan and in Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte in Florida.

He is survived by a daughter, Sharon Tate of Cadillac; a son, Donald (Rosa) Valliant of Lemont, Illinois; three grandchildren (David Tate, Vanessa and Brigette Valliant); two great-grandchildren (Claire and Benedikt Tate); nieces and nephews.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Mary (Allen) Valliant and by all five brothers and sisters.

Dave will be interred with his beloved wife Norma in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan, where he will receive full military rites in a graveside service.

An online guest book is available at www.petersonsonfh.com where thoughts and prayers may be left for the family.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Sending prayers and deepest sympathy for your loss. Remembering all the times ya' ll came to Texas to visit. He will be missed.

Kay Hill and family - August 23, 2017 at 07:55 PM

SM

“ Our Sympathy. From all of us here at the PGI Bridge Club to Davids family. So lucky to have him in our midst. What a gentleman, bridge player & friend. Miss him dearly. Even a blind squirrel
Sympathies

Steve & Mary - August 21, 2017 at 09:34 AM

BM

“ I met David at the bridge table shortly after my own wife passed away. A few years later I was honored to have him as my regular Tuesday partner. He became more to than that to me. He became a friend. I so looked forward to the morning recaps I'd receive via email. Others can tell you how creative David was on the computer He'd break down the entire round, board by board mixing in words of wisdom and humor. We'd chat before games and during sit outs. He'd entertain me with stories from his past. His role in the military, as a teacher and as a husband. What an interesting and full life he led. There are so many bridge players and others here in Charlotte County whose lives were touched by David. I'm only one of a few. Words can't explain how much I missed him when his health required his move back north. Rest in peace, David

Bob Mohrbacher - August 21, 2017 at 08:43 AM

MS

“ Sharon and Donald i was saddened to learn of Your dear father' s passing, my deepest sympathies to you both and your respective families. I met your father while playing bridge in Port Charlotte. I often tell the story of our first game. During the game I asked him if he would mind if I bid aggressively. He pulled me aside when moving to the next table and said, " I was married for sixty something years to Norma and never fought so you play however you wish. I knew then I was going to enjoy playing with him. He was a delightful bridge partner, a wonderful human being, and a real gentleman. Everyone at the club thought highly of him. He will be missed.

Myra Sheppard - August 20, 2017 at 06:37 PM

JA

“ Sharon, we only knew your dad for a year and half while we attended Port Charlotte Church of Christ. To know him was to love him. He was a very dedicated Christian Man. We loved to hear him pray. It can be said of him, " He fought the good fight, he kept the faith.

Joe and Pat Arnold - August 18, 2017 at 10:05 AM

WT

“ We attended Port Charlotte Church of Christ with Dave for many years. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. He has won the race and is now with his beloved wife.

Wade & Betty Tullos - August 18, 2017 at 09:01 AM

BB

“ *Dave and Norma encouraged me greatly while they were in Punta Gorda and attending the Midway church of Christ. They were continual supporters of mission work in Ghana, West Africa. Both Dave and Norma will be missed.*

Bob Bauer - August 18, 2017 at 07:18 AM

NB

“ *Our prayer go out to the family of Dave. Dave was our example of a very righteous man.*

Neal & Shirley bradford - August 18, 2017 at 05:43 AM