



## David Milner

October 7, 1975 - June 12, 2013

David Milner, 37, of Napa died on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Raised in North Stonington, CT, David graduated from St. Bernard High School, Uncasville, CT, and received his BA from St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH in 1998. For the past 15 years, David fully enjoyed living in the Napa Valley. He was employed by Downtown Joe's, the Perfect Puree, State Farm Insurance and Napa Valley Limousine Services.

A natural athlete, David loved biking, kayaking, archery, tennis, swimming, sport fishing, hiking, and was an avid golfer. He excelled as a team player in basketball, soccer, and baseball. Always ready for adventure, he traveled extensively in the US, Europe and the Pacific Islands. He loved gathering with friends and was known for preparing delicious creations of his own, grilling anything to perfection, or arriving with the best fresh local breads and desserts.

David's generous and engaging personality and ease of conversation with all he met turned acquaintances into friends everywhere he went. He was a loyal friend to a tight core of high school and college friends, golfing buddies and coworkers.

David is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Aleta (Lee) Milner of Surprise, AZ; sister Karen and brother-in-law Richard DeShon of Williamston, MI;

grandmother Mabel Savino of Wausau, WI; uncles and aunts Carol Milner of Killeen, TX, Ronald Savino and Dan Neverett of Carson City, NV and Mark and Maria Savino of Wausau, WI; cousin Christopher Brindley of Killeen, TX; nephews Ezekiel (Zeke) and Isaac DeShon of Williamston, MI. He was predeceased by grandparents Earl and Marguerite Milner of Milwaukee, WI and Frank Savino of Wausau, WI.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in David's memory to Saint Anselm College (100 Saint Anselm Drive, Box 1738 Manchester, NH 03102, or [www.anselm.edu/giving](http://www.anselm.edu/giving) with "in Memory of Dave Milner" in the comments box).

Family and friends will celebrate Dave's life at a public funeral service at 2:00 pm, Friday, June 21, at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home, 1975 Main St., Napa, CA. Friends are also welcome at the reception to follow at Embassy Suites, 1075 California Blvd., Napa.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 21. 2:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home  
1975 Main Street  
Napa, CA 94559  
(707) 224-5210  
[services@claffeyandrota.com](mailto:services@claffeyandrota.com)  
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Milner*

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September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *David Milner*

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September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dear Lee, Ken and Karen,*

*My sincere sympathy to all of you. What a terrible tragedy. No kind words of all your friends can help ease your pain. Only the Good Lord in his mercy can comfort you. I will remember him in my prayers and you also. God bless you in your sorrow. Your Friend,  
Helen Marsh*

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**Helen A Marsh** - July 05, 2013 at 03:07 PM

ER

“ *Mr. & Mrs Milner & Karen,*

*I was stunned when I first heard the news & can only imagine how you guys feel.*

*But when I thought about all the the good times Dave and I had growing up; basketball, WWF, and the "complete baseball games in the backyard" - I just had to smile.*

*In my book , Dave always was and always will be a Class Act.*

*I'm also so glad that we had the chance to hang out with you guys in Napa a few years back. More great memories for sure :-)*

*Best wishes & know that all of you are in our prayers.  
Take care, Erik*

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**Erik** - June 24, 2013 at 03:19 PM

AG

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Milner and Karen,  
It has taken me all week to post here, I think because I felt that if I didn't post that somehow the news of David's death wouldn't be true. It has been many, many years since I saw Dave in person (possibly on the same road trip during which the picture with Karen on the Photos tab was taken - 1997? he stopped out at ND), but just a few since we last spoke. I had the pleasure of being first an acquaintance, then friend, then girlfriend, (then ex-girlfriend), and most importantly, friend again. He was a great friend. Everyone from SBHS 1994 that has heard of his death has been heartbroken, expressing their grief, disbelief, and sadness, but when talking about Dave as a person, everyone says the same thing: He was one of the nicest people I have ever known.*

*A fellow classmate put words to what we are all feeling: It's hard to imagine Dave not being on this earth.*

*I am so sorry that I could not make it out to services today. If there was a way, I would be there.*

*Love and Prayers,  
Amy (McGann) Geddes*

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**Amy Geddes** - June 21, 2013 at 11:23 AM

LD

“ David has been my closest friend for over 20 years. He will be remembered by me as a loving friend and a phone call away to an uplifting reprieve from life.

*He held my hand and laughed with me through all my adventures, helped me assign blame to others when defeated :) and gave me a hearty pat on the back for my achievements. We were always proud to be each other's friend.*

*Dave, you were my brother. I hope you know how much I love you and how much you'll be missed. I will always do my best to honor you and our fondest memories.*

*To Dave's friends and family, I wish I could be there today to celebrate his memory and extend my deepest sympathies. I will be thinking of you with love and prayers.*

*Ken and Lee, thank you for parenting such a talented, giving and loving person.*

*All my love,*

*Leslie (Pastor) DiRisio*

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**Leslie (Pastor) DiRisio** - June 21, 2013 at 10:12 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of David Milner.*



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June 20, 2013 at 10:24 AM

ST

“ Davey and my husband rode on the back of a golf cart after Richard D. was married. Unfortunately, my husband fell off and sustained a traumatic brain injury. Davey drove from Napa to Santa Rosa and spent the entire night with us in the ICU waiting room. Whenever Terry would talk about him that memory always stood out. He didn't even really know us that well at the time. I will never forget that! God bless you all! With love and prayers, Staci O'Prey

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**staci** - June 19, 2013 at 11:30 AM

SD

“ Dear Lee, Ken, & Karen,

*I have so many wonderful memories of David growing up in North Stonington. I loved watching him play basketball at Saint Bernard High School, as well as his funny stories about playing golf with the elderly gentlemen in Westerly. I will always remember driving up to Saint A's, in the middle of a snow storm, to bring him a care package for finals only to find him playing in the snow with his friends.*

*The world seems a little darker because this amazing young man is no longer with us. I share your grief and send my heartfelt sympathy for your loss.*

*Love,*

*Shirley Dahlstrom*

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**Shirley Dahlstrom** - June 18, 2013 at 12:32 PM

KA

“ Just a day in the life of David Milner...  
Start with a long bike ride...30 miles or more. Happen upon a remote vineyard and stop for a rest and some conversation. Notice the possibility for adventure and charm the owners to allow the guy who showed up on a bike to hop on the tractor and plow the rows between the vines! Why not?  
Thank you to all who have been sharing memories and photos of David with our family.  
Dave's "Sista" Karen

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**Karen** - June 18, 2013 at 10:03 AM

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Karen,  
I am very sorry to hear about your brother David.  
I grew in North Stonington as well.

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**Viengamphay Amkhamavong (Pi)** - February 26, 2014 at 03:44 PM

KM

“ David was one of my favorite regulars at the Oxbow. He had an ability to make me laugh just when I needed and was a wonderful addition to our community. My heart goes out to his family and friends. I love him very much.

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**Kate Messmer** - June 18, 2013 at 09:10 AM

 Patrick  
Brown

“ Words cannot express how terribly sad I am to have learned of Dave's passing. My heart aches as I remember just how warm, caring, and considerate Dave was of everyone. He helped me in ways that he never knew, and for which I never offered him sufficient gratitude.

*My prayers to his mom and dad, who were always so welcoming to me when I used to flop at their house in high school, and to his sister, Karen, who he loved so much. I regret terribly that I will not be there with you to say goodbye on Friday. But please know that I'll be thinking and praying for you all in the weeks ahead.*

*May God Bless you during these dark days.*

*Patrick Brown*



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**Patrick Brown** - June 18, 2013 at 09:06 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss !!! My thoughts and prayers are with you and Dave!! He was a true gentleman as I found while coaching him in soccer at St. Bernards. He will be truly missed!!

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**Jim Culbertson** - June 18, 2013 at 08:53 AM

CM

“ *Carol Milner purchased the Comfort Foods Gourmet Gift Basket for the family of David Milner.*



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**Carol Milner** - June 18, 2013 at 07:32 AM