



Mr. David Michael Voss

October 9, 1940 - August 14, 2022

David Michael Voss, 81, passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at home with his family by his side. He was born October 9, 1940, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Andrew Peter and Mildred Theresa Voss. David grew up in Milwaukee attending St. Leo's Catholic School and graduating from Marquette High School. He then went on to attend and graduate from Marquette University in 1961 with a B.A. in History and a Minor in Philosophy. In 1965, David received a Master's in American History from Marquette University. He also worked toward a Doctorate in American History at Indiana University, completing all requirements for the degree, but then a fulltime job offer in Florida interrupted the completion of the dissertation.

David and his wife Susan moved to Florida in 1969, with their two daughters, Rosemarie and Theresa, to begin a new life in warm, sunny Florida and a long career as a professor and administrator at Florida A&M University.

A third daughter, Christina, would be born a year later in September 1970. While at Florida A&M, David held many positions throughout his 35 year career: 1969-1989, Assistant Professor of History; 1982-1985, Assistant to the Dean of General Studies; 1985-1987, Assistant Dean of General Studies; 1987-1997, Associate Dean of General Studies; 1987-2004, President's Representative for Contract Representative; 1997-2001, Academic Administrator, International Programs and Summer Sessions; and 2001-2004,

Assistant to the Provost. David retired in 2004, yet was asked to return in 2007 for the position of Acting Director of Labor Relations for a couple of years.

David served in the Air Force Reserves from 1961 until he was honorably discharged in 1967. He was called up to active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

David was a Master Gardener who loved growing vegetables from seed and planting them in his 20x40 backyard garden. His children and grandchildren loved exploring this garden and enjoying the many veggies he grew over the years. The love of gardening was shared by his wife, Susan, of 59 years. As they spent time traveling throughout the United States, they always enjoyed the botanical gardens in the area they were visiting.

David was an avid sports fan. Even though he lived in Florida for over 50 years, he continued to support his beloved teams from Wisconsin: The Green Bay Packers, The Milwaukee Brewers, The Milwaukee Bucks and The Marquette Warriors.

David was a member of Blessed Sacrament and St. Thomas More Catholic churches while living in Florida.

David is preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Mildred Voss.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; daughters, Rosemarie Terbrueggen (Tony), Theresa Helms (Greg) and Tina Karszen (Mike); six grandchildren, Megan, Mandy, Sammie (James), Heather (Ron), Luci and David.

Visitation is from 5:30 until 7:00 PM, Friday, August 19, 2022, at Abbey

Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial is 10:00 AM, Saturday, August 20, 2022, at Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Private interment will take place at Tallahassee Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either Big Bend Hospice or to a charity of your choosing in David's memory.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
abbeyfh@comcast.net

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More
900 West Tennessee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32304
(850) 222-9630

Tribute Wall

AL

“ I vividly remember how I first met Dave. It was 1980 - I had just left New Jersey and started my first real job at Florida A & M. Left-handed products of urban environments who despise the New York Yankees and who had been schooled by the Jesuits tend to gravitate towards each other, because soon thereafter, we met after work on a Friday afternoon at some bar on Gaines Street. After a couple of cold ones, Dave told me he had to leave because it was his 40th birthday and he was going to celebrate with his family. When he left, I ordered another Miller Lite and thought, Jesus that guy Voss is really old! You tend to think that when you're only 26.

That initial meeting was certainly not our last, as over the next two-and-a-half years Dave and I developed a solid friendship and at the same time managed to solve most of the world's problems over adult beverages at Al's Friendly Tavern, at lunchtime buffets at the Western Sizzlin', or at 958 Richardson Road over grilled brats and carrot cake. He introduced me to his beautiful family and brought me into his home when mine was a thousand miles away, and for that I always will be grateful to him. He also introduced me to his poker buddies, who wanted to evict me from the first game I attended because I recommended we use wild cards. Dave rushed to my defense and I learned not to suggest wild cards ever again. Ever.

When I returned to New Jersey in 1983, our bar sessions, work lunches and home visits were replaced by phone calls, \$10 dollar bets on New York – Wisconsin sporting events, e-mail and the Internet. However, over the years and regardless of the means of communication, one thing remains constant: our friendship and the deep respect I had for Dave.

You were a lifelong friend and you will be missed. Requiescat in pace, Dave.

Anthony Luzzi
Rutherford, New Jersey

Anthony Luzzi - August 25, 2022 at 06:44 PM

KD

“ *David was my cousin and I was a bridesmaid at this wedding to Susan. I remember going to Nana's house and David Uncle Andy and Auntie Milles lived upstairs. There were always card games. And a lot of yelling when they played sheepshead. Dave loved playing with his train set. I have very fond memories of him.*

Karen Dockerty - August 22, 2022 at 01:29 PM

RR

“ *R. Renee Reams lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Michael Voss*



R. Renee Reams - August 21, 2022 at 10:20 PM

GP

“ *My deepest condolences to the Voss family. I had the pleasure of working with Dave in the Provost's Office at Florida A&M University and have good memories of our time there. David had the wonderful ability to handle any difficult issues that came up in his line of work with fairness and composure and seemed always upbeat.*
with my sympathies,
Gita Wijesinghe Pitter

Gita Wijesinghe Pitter - August 20, 2022 at 05:35 PM

CF

“ *Claudette Farmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Michael Voss*



Claudette Farmer - August 20, 2022 at 02:13 PM

CF

“ *Sending deepest sympathy and condolences to Mrs. Voss, Tina and the rest of the family. He was a devoted husband and father and I treasured him for supporting the Girls Basketball & Volleyball teams at Rickards . I could always count on his fatherly presence in the stands, which meant a lot. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. May God bless and keep you and the memories sustain you.*

Claudette Farmer - August 20, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. David Michael Voss.*



August 18, 2022 at 03:28 PM

NM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Voss family. I will hold the memories we shared together so close to my heart.*

-Nichole Murry

Nichole Murry - August 18, 2022 at 02:00 PM

BR

“ Susan & Family, Greg and I were so sorry to hear of David's passing. Y'all were such great neighbors when we lived next door. We are so sorry that we won't be able to attend the service for David. We are out of town, in Denver, till Tuesday. Please know you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. ❤️ Greg & Becky Rudzik

Becky Rudzik - August 18, 2022 at 12:57 PM

PW

“ To the Voss Family: While I didn't know David, it is so obvious how much love he had for his sweet wife and family. I am so very sorry for your loss and will be praying for you in the days ahead.

Phyllis West - August 18, 2022 at 11:22 AM

PJ

“ Paige ,Joe , Dave and Jane purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. David Michael Voss.



Paige ,Joe , Dave and Jane - August 18, 2022 at 09:44 AM

GG

“ My dear Susan, Peg and I send out sincere regrets on the news of David's death. I was blessed to have known him and to have been the recipient of his seed borne plants these last few years. May the peace of the Lord be with you and all who loved him as you did.

Gary Griffin - August 18, 2022 at 02:06 AM



“ *Terresa Grosvenor lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Michael Voss*



Terresa Grosvenor - August 17, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *23 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - August 17, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. David Michael Voss.*



August 17, 2022 at 10:46 AM

JB

“ *What a beautiful tribute to Mr. Voss. I am so thankful for he and Susan's generous neighborly spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.*

Jamie Marie Bassett - August 17, 2022 at 10:36 AM

AH

“ *Florida A&M University Office of Human Resources extends our deepest sympathy to you following the passing of your beloved family member, Mr. David Voss. We will miss him, and services that he rendered to this great institution. His legacy will live always, because of his compassion for others. A imprint he left on our hearts and may God continue to uplift and bless each of you during this difficult time.*



Angela Henry - August 17, 2022 at 08:46 AM

PG

“ *To the Voss Family: My Prayers and Love are extended to you all for your strength during your loss. It was a pleasure being in the presence of Mr. Voss while we worked at Florida A&M University. God bless. Pat Gallon*

Patricia H Gallon - August 16, 2022 at 08:48 PM

PC

I did not know about David going to the Lord until it was announced at mass this evening in the intentions. Please know I will be praying for his soul and the healing of your hearts. Peggy Clark

Peggy Clark - August 20, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - August 16, 2022 at 03:16 PM