



David H. Apling

April 30, 1941 - December 14, 2014

ADRIAN – David H. Apling, age 73 of Adrian, passed away Sunday, December 14, 2014, at Cambrian Assisted Living.

He was born April 30, 1941 in Port Clinton, Ohio to Loyd and Margaret (Newbury) Apling. After graduating from Whitmer High School, he went to the University of Toledo on a wrestling scholarship where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in business.

On November 23, 1963, Dave married his high school sweetheart, Donna Patrick, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Toledo, and she survives.

Dave's career began in sales of pharmaceuticals, dental equipment and imaging medical equipment. After many successful years, he chose to leave behind wearing a suit and tie and being away from his family in favor of Sperry's and time on the water. In February of 1983 he, along with his wife Donna, opened Devil's Lake Water Sports. Devil's Lake Water Sports has grown, changed locations and now has the third generation involved in the business. Dave loved boating and pioneered an endurance pontoon boat trip on the Great Circle Waterway around Northern Michigan to Marco Island, Florida where he and Donna enjoyed many winters.

In addition to Donna, his wife of 51 years, he is survived by their sons, Michael (Elizabeth) and Patrick (Laurie) Apling, both of Hudson; three grandchildren, Andrew (Jade Huffman) Apling, Katie and Thomas Apling; and siblings, Dan (Deanna) Apling of Columbus, Ohio and Manna Lou (Robert) Bruckner of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services for Dave will take place on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Dave may be made to Hospice of Lenawee.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *David H. Apling*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Apling family - We are so sorry for your loss. We only knew Dave through Devil's Lake Water Sports, but what a genuine, sincere guy he always appeared to be. Someone you liked doing business with. Mike and Pat had a great mentor and are as sincere and genuine as their father. We sold our cottage a couple years ago, so I miss seeing everyone but we'll never forget the kindness and warmth felt when dealing with Dave or one of the boys. I'm sorry I never had a chance to meet you Donna, but I'm sure you are just as special as well.*

Peter and Donna Pollex Najarian

Donna Pollex Najarian - December 21, 2014 at 09:00 PM



“ *Gale and I are so sorry to hear about Dave's passing. We always enjoyed conversations with Dave over the years. We certainly appreciate his hard work in making Devils Lake Watersports the great place it has become. Our sincere condolences to all of the family.*

Darlene & Gale Heller

Darlene Heller - December 19, 2014 at 11:49 AM

JT

“ Dear Donna, We so sorry that we are unable to be with you today at Dave's funeral, but Ilo has the flu and is not feeling up to leaving the house. and we did not want to spread the germ to others. David's obituary was well written and informative. I know that you both had some tough times with some hard decisions to make, but I think that you made the correct ones. Dave had a great life due to your presents, so you need take credit for that and look to your two sons for help if you need it. We love you and are looking forward to having dinner when we can. Jim & Ilo Toncre

Jim and Ilo Toncre - December 18, 2014 at 12:15 PM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David H. Apling.



December 17, 2014 at 03:32 PM



“ I am so blessed to have had Dave as a mentor and a boss at the most crucial and defining point in my life. I learned so much from work ethic, trust and how to smile under pressure to the importance of family and community relationships. My deepest condolences to Mike, Pat, Donna and family. Dave will be deeply missed.
Ben Leonard

Ben Leonard - December 17, 2014 at 01:48 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David H. Apling.



December 17, 2014 at 12:51 PM



“ The Coumoundouros Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David H. Apling.



The Coumoundouros Family - December 17, 2014 at 09:26 AM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of David H. Apling.



December 17, 2014 at 08:35 AM



“ Mike, Pat and families. We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Gary and Lisa Humberger

Gary Humberger - December 17, 2014 at 06:59 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David H. Apling.*



December 17, 2014 at 06:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David H. Apling.*



December 16, 2014 at 10:42 PM



“ *Donna, Mary and I are sorry to hear of Dave's passing. It's been a long time since our days at Whitmer. We'll remember both of you in our prayers.*

John and Mary Turkal

John Turkal - December 16, 2014 at 08:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David H. Apling.*



December 16, 2014 at 04:55 PM

SL

“ Mike, sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You have our deepest sympathy.

*Helen Enos
Scott & Judy Looney*

Scott Looney - December 16, 2014 at 01:58 PM

JL

“ We are so sad to learn of Dave's passing. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family, especially his loving wife, Donna, and sons, Pat and Mike...Dave has been an icon in the community for many years and his remarkable presence will be sadly missed by all who knew him. With our deepest sympathy, Jim and Shirley Lindau

Jim Lindau - December 16, 2014 at 01:18 PM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of David H. Apling.



December 16, 2014 at 12:32 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss of Dave. He certainly left a great legacy in the Irish Hills that has had a positive impact on many people starting with your family and many employees over so many years. We will always remember Dave and all of your family for always being fair to deal with and always standing behind your products and service. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time of mourning. Ann and Bill Waters

Bill Waters - December 16, 2014 at 12:15 PM

CW

“ *Chuck and Sue Whitbread purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David H. Apling.*



Chuck and Sue Whitbread - December 16, 2014 at 10:13 AM

TC

“ *We will miss you Dave and we give our love to all of the Aplings. Your neighbors and friends, ~the Coumoundouros'*



Tara Coumoundouros - December 16, 2014 at 06:38 AM

RN

“ *Rhonda North lit a candle in memory of David H. Apling*



Rhonda North - December 16, 2014 at 05:15 AM

RN

Pat and Laurie...thoughts and prayers to you and your family..

Rhonda North - December 16, 2014 at 05:16 AM

BK

Donna, Mike and Pat.. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family. A great man that will be missed by all who got the chance to know him.

Bob Kaye - December 16, 2014 at 02:20 PM

SG

“ Donna and family So sorry to hear the passing of Dave. May you find comfort in all the great memories you all have. With deepest sympathies, Bruce and Sue Goldsen

Sue Goldsen - December 16, 2014 at 04:14 AM

LN

“ Dear family please know you are in our thoughts...We are so thankful to of known Dave, truly enjoyed to stories between him & Clark. Sending you warm hugs Donna, Mike, Liz, Pat, Laurie & the rest of family & friends.

linda neill - December 15, 2014 at 07:51 PM

CY

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Apling family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Colleen Yoder - December 15, 2014 at 05:44 PM

CY

“ Share a memory of David H. Apling or send condolences to the family.

Colleen Yoder - December 15, 2014 at 05:41 PM



Patricia Reeder

“ So sorry to hear about Dave. Holding you and your family close in our thoughts and prayers! If there's anything we can do please call.

Bob and Pat Reeder



Patricia Reeder - December 15, 2014 at 05:33 PM

SR

“ *Sincerely, Bob and Pat Reeder purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David H. Apling.*



Sincerely, Bob and Pat Reeder - December 15, 2014 at 05:21 PM

PC

“ *I'm sorry to learn of Dave's passing. He enjoyed his life and I rarely met him when he didn't have a smile on his face. He loved his family and he made our community a better place to live and play. My sympathy to Donna, Mike and Pat and their family and friends.*

Patty Clark - December 15, 2014 at 02:20 PM