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David S. Hedlund, 76, of Dunedin, Fla., passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 2025, surrounded by his immediate family. David was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, veteran and well-respected professional who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

David was born in Worcester, Mass., on Feb. 21, 1948, son of Harold and Frances Hedlund. David was raised in a loving household in Holden, Mass., with his sister Patricia. David graduated from Wachusett Regional High School (WRHS) in 1966. He was vice president of his class and excelled at athletics, particularly baseball and basketball; he was later inducted into the WRHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Also at WRHS, he met the love of his life, Paula, of Rutland, Mass., who he married in 1971.

David attended Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., and later earned an associate degree from Worcester Junior College. David voluntarily enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1969, spending time at Parris Island and Camp Lejeune before serving as a Marine Corp Reserve. His service was a testament to his character and patriotism.

David was employed by Paragon Plumbing & Heating before working for himself as a sales representative in the law-enforcement industry. David ran D.S. Hedlund Inc. for almost five decades, continuing to work in the industry until his untimely death. He was one of the most well-respected salesmen in the industry and was honored as salesman of the year multiple times by Safariland. He was a hard worker.

David and Paula had two children, Steven and Ellen, who they raised in Oakdale, Mass., and Sterling, Mass., both graduating from Wachusett Regional High School and the University of Maine. David was the quintessential family man, always putting his wife and children before himself. His love and commitment to his family were the pillars of his life, and there was nothing he enjoyed more than spending time with his family, especially his beloved granddaughters, Annie and Madison, who loved him dearly.



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David and Paula resided in Sterling until semi-retiring to South Portland, Maine, and Dunedin, Fla., 13 years ago. In semi-retirement, David remained as on the go and active as ever, golfing, playing blackjack, going to the horse track, walking on the beach and in the neighborhood, running errands, and doing projects around the house and yard for himself and his neighbors.

David was personable and inquisitive, always making friends. He highly valued his relationships with his family and friends. David was even keeled and lighthearted, never taking himself too seriously. He was always smiling. David was kind, compassionate and unselfish, always quick to help others.

David is survived by his wife of 53 years, Paula J. (Quaranta) Hedlund of Dunedin, Fla.; son, Steven D. Hedlund; daughter-in-law, Stephanie (Wendel) Hedlund; and granddaughter, Annie of Saco, Maine; daughter, Ellen L. (Hedlund) Monteith; son-in-law, Allen Monteith; and granddaughter, Madison of Gorham, Maine; and eight nieces and nephews.

David is predeceased by his father, Harold A. Hedlund; mother, Frances M. (Youngstrom) Hedlund; and sister, Patricia E. (Hedlund) Givan.

There will be no memorial service. A celebration of David's life will be held in New England at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in David's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Children's.



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ES

Edward Steele posted:

Paula, Stephen and Ellen, So sorry to find out about Dave's passing. Dave and I became friends when we both assisted Mr G as coaches for the Tigers. Dave sometimes helped me out when I was coaching the Kickers. This friendship soon allowed us to go on some silly memorable field trips to Atlantic City. Mr G was always the star performer. For many years we continued to meet at Bob's condo for coffee, politics and gossip. Paula, as you know those slightly soiled cups drove Dave crazy. When I bought a new car Dave was sure to give me my first car cleaning kit. As everybody knows Dave's cars were immaculate. Throughout the years Dave and I played basket and golf together and enjoyed stories about family and friends. Paula, I have nothing but fond memories of Dave. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Ed Steele

August 13 at 3:43 PM

BB

Bob And Jeanne Barton posted:

Dear Paula, Ellen and Steven. Bob and I are truly sorry for your loss. We have lost a dear friend. Our memories will always make us laugh and smile. He was so funny and always there to help us. Friends like Dave are so few. He will be deeply missed by Bob and me. We will keep you all in our heart and prayers. Love to all of you.

January 25 at 11:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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