



## David A. Hudson

December 16, 1947 - May 22, 2018

David A. Hudson, age 70, of Gobles, passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in Grand Rapids. Dave was born December 16, 1947 in Sturgis, the son of the late Clifford and Genevieve Hudson. Dave graduated from Burr Oak High School in 1966 and then went on to graduate from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's and eventually his master's degree in education. He served as a teacher and coach his entire career at Gobles High School, retiring after 33 years of dedicated service. Dave was inducted into the MHSAA football and baseball coaches halls of fame. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening and almost anything outdoors. More than anything Dave cherished his family and time spent together. Surviving is his wife of 48 years, Karen; 3 children, Melissa (Steve) Schmidt, Celeste Hudson and Matthew (Amy) Hudson; grandchildren, Genna, Hunter, and Logan; brother, Clifford (Jeanine) Hudson; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter; 2 brothers, Arlen and Roland "Gus" Hudson. The family will meet friends on Friday, June 1st from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Funeral services will take place Saturday, 11 AM at the Gobles Middle School Gym. Interment will take place at a later date in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Gobles Public Schools Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Cemetery

809 W. Chicago St.  
Coldwater, MI 49036

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel  
208 West Main Street  
Gobles, MI

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JUN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gobles Middle School Gymnasium  
409 N. State St.  
Gobles, MI 49055



# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David A. Hudson.



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June 01, 2018 at 01:18 PM



“ *Dave was my classmate, my friend, my athlete extraordinaire. All state honorable mention in basketball our senior year. The "one two punch" that took little Burr Oak to second in the state for a short period. He was a great person, personality, ambassador to this little town. His friendship and just his being is a memory I cherish and will always hold him close to my heart. "Styx in 66" will miss you my friend.*

*Bill Harwood*

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**bill harwood** - May 31, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David A. Hudson.



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May 30, 2018 at 10:04 AM

SB

“ *Celeste, I just learned of the passing of your Father today. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I know that you cherish your family, so cling tight to one another as you move through this journey together.*

*Much love, Sue Barber*

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**Sue Barber** - May 27, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David A. Hudson.*



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May 25, 2018 at 01:29 PM

VH

“ *Vicki Hunter lit a candle in memory of David A. Hudson*



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**Vicki Hunter** - May 24, 2018 at 09:13 PM

JP

“ *RIP coach..*

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**Jeff Price** - May 24, 2018 at 07:55 AM

JL

“Karen, Missy, Celeste, and Matt – my deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers to you and your family. I’m sure there are many in Mr. Hudson’s (always Mr. Hudson to me) years of influence in the lives of young men and women, just like me. He impacted our lives in ways that he never realized. I considered him not just a coach or teacher, but a mentor to an awkward teen progressing into adulthood. I have so many fond memories of him that it would take a book to capture them all, but there is one memory that stands out. I remember him saying to me, as I sat in the back of his car on the way to a baseball game (with Chad Ferry), that it’s not about wins and losses or the grades, it’s about the athlete that you are; the student that you are. I know that as a teen, I had no idea what he meant, but as I matured I think I understood what he meant. The wins and the losses and the grades will all one day fade away in our sea of history, but who we are as a person, will walk with us forever. I’ve carried that with me for my entire life and know that I’m such a better man because of it. Your husband, and dad, was a man who walked a life that inspired and encouraged so many people and I am just one in that long line. I am truly blessed to have known him as and when I did.

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**Jeff Lawson** - May 23, 2018 at 08:33 PM

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“Vicky Souza lit a candle in memory of David A. Hudson



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**Vicky Souza** - May 23, 2018 at 06:39 PM

JC

“ *Karen and Family, My heart breaks for your family. Dave was a wonderful man who will be missed by many. His gifts to our community and it's children were abundant.He will never be forgotten.*

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**Jan Crawford** - May 23, 2018 at 06:05 PM