



## David Roger Filar

November 2, 1943 - January 4, 2026

FILAR, DAVID ROGER, age 82 passed away Sunday evening, January 4th in Henderson, NV, with his loving wife and two daughters by his side.

Born on November 2, 1943, in Detroit, Michigan, Dave was the son of Andrew and Sabina (Siracki) Filar. He was the beloved husband of Paula Filar, with whom he shared 58 years of marriage. Dave was the devoted father of Michelle (Doug) Turk and Mary Filar, and a proud grandfather to Ryan, Nathan, Graham, and Vivienne Turk. Hailing from a large family, Dave was a cherished brother to the late Dolores, Ed, Bob, the late Stan, Chuck, the late Tom, Jerry, Ron, Dan, John, Joanne, and Mary Ann. He was also a loving presence to his many in-laws, nieces, and nephews, each of whom held a special place in his heart.

In his formative years, Dave attended St. Thomas Catholic School, where he developed friendships that he treasured the whole of his lifetime. He enlisted and served in the National Guard of the U.S. Army and served through his honorable discharge until 1971. He married the love of his life, Paula Calvaruso on September 29, 1967 in Detroit surrounded by both families and many friends. Dave began his career as a Master Electrician and incorporated his own business as Filar Electric in 1970. He is responsible for many commercial developments and restaurants in the Metro Detroit Area, with the most notable, the lighting at the top of the historical Michigan Consolidated

## Gas Building.

David's greatest pride was his home and family. He devoted himself to meticulously maintaining his four-acre property in Shelby Township – home to more than 175 trees – where he and Paula lived for 51 years and raised their beloved girls. Not everyone in Shelby knew Dave, but they knew his beautiful estate. After selling the beloved property on 24 Mile Road, Dave took great joy in building his and Paula's dream home in Rochester and wintering at their house in Las Vegas, NV.

A man who embraced life fully, Dave's many hobbies were plentiful. He loved snow skiing, boating and the traditional crafts of making Italian wine and sausage. He was a devoted Notre Dame football fan and could often be found watching past broadcasts when a live game wasn't scheduled. Dave also cherished his frequent trips to California, visiting his daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren over the span of the last 28 years.

Dave was a friend to so many, a mentor to the young, and all who knew him loved his stories. He had a true gift for making friends. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather and uncle, and family meant everything to him. Dave enjoyed life to the fullest, always ready with a smile, and his memory will bring comfort to the many who knew and loved him dearly.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2026 from 3:00-8:30pm, with 7:00pm Scripture Service and 7:15pm Sharing of Memories at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. (SHELBY TOWNSHIP). Funeral Friday, January 23, 2026 Instate 10:30am at St. Andrew Church 1400 Inglewood (E of Rochester Rd. & N. of Parkdale) until time of Mass at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in David's memory to

either the Notre Dame Knute Rockne Football David Filar Memorial Fund (<http://giving.nd.edu/FilarMemorial>), or toward a memorial bench to be dedicated in his name at Heritage Gardens, located on the grounds of the Shelby Township Municipal Center, overlooking the lake.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Sharing of Memories

JAN 22. 7:15 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Instate / Funeral Mass

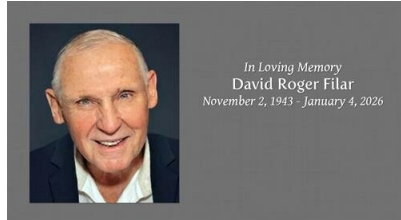
JAN 23. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew Catholic Church  
1400 Inglewood  
Rochester, MI 48307-1518

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of David Roger Filar*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - January 21 at 03:10 PM

BW

“ *May David Rest in Peace! He was always such a fun person! I went to school with David from 1st grade thru 12th. We use to meet on Van Dyke and walk to school together. God Bless your family.*

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**Barbara Dempz Wlodek** - January 23 at 04:22 PM

JC

“*Dave Filar was a great man—someone who felt like a second dad to me. He didn't just show up; he taught, guided, and quietly shaped who I became. The skills he passed down are ones I still use today, not just with my hands, but in how I approach life: showing up, working hard, and taking pride in what you do.*

*Some of my best memories with Dave are the simple ones. Cutting his grass and burning leaves taught me responsibility and work ethic long before I understood those words. In the winter, snowmobiling with him felt like pure freedom—cold air, loud engines, and a lot of laughter. In the warmer months, boating together was about more than being on the water; it was about time, conversation, and learning just by being there.*

*Dave had a way of teaching without ever making it feel like a lesson. He led by example, with patience, humor, and a steady presence. I'll always be grateful for the memories we shared and the man he helped me become. His influence is still with me every day.*



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**Jeff Cergel** - January 22 at 03:49 PM

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*What a beautiful tribute Jeff.*

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**Stacy Cergel** - January 23 at 09:28 AM

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*Thank you Jeff ! Love the photos and your kind words* ☐☐ 🙏🙏

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**Michelle Turk** - January 25 at 12:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David Roger Filar.



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January 22 at 10:49 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of David Roger Filar.



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January 20 at 01:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of David Roger Filar.



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January 20 at 08:36 AM



“ *Dave was such a kind and generous man, and will be sorely missed. He always had a smile and willing to help others.*

*Rest in Peace my Friend,*

*Brian and Heidi*

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**Brian and Heidi** - January 19 at 08:36 AM



“ *Uncle Dave was an amazing individual and he will be truly missed. Shannon, Asher and I are sending prayers out to the family and wishing all the best.*

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**Chris Churilla** - January 14 at 12:58 PM