



David John Bryniak

October 28, 1944 - October 16, 2020

David John Bryniak, age 75, of Apex, NC, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 16, 2020 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

David was born on October 28, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio. He is the son of the late Samuel and Anne (Maruska) Bryniak. Cherished father of Amy (Eric) Jnah and Kevin (Carrie) Bryniak; beloved Pop-Pop of Mya and Ryan Jnah; loving brother of Pamela (Jack) Heaton; treasured uncle of Meribeth (Matt) Keesecker and Jonathan (Claire) Heaton; survived by the mother of his children and former spouse (Judith Bryniak).

David was the most talented, popular and loved music/band teacher for the Garfield Heights School System (1960s-1990s). He is remembered for sold out band concerts, frequently driving to work with his coffee mug sitting atop his vehicle, the "blue jacket" (windbreaker) that he wore every single day that he taught students (regardless of the weather), and sitting at the piano in his band room playing and singing his original song "Down in the Valley where the Green Grass Grows...". In his spare time, David enjoyed golfing, woodworking, drinking coffee with his buddies, listening to jazz music, and sitting in his blue oversized recliner chair while watching James Bond movies with the family dog. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Due to COVID-19, an in-person funeral service will take place in Spring 2021 (date/time TBD). Please contact Amy Jnah (apnconsult@gmail.com) for further information.

In lieu of flowers, monies can be directed to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Comments



“ Mr Bryniak was my music teacher when I was a student at Garfield Heights Middle School. He was such a positive influence on so many of us. He really was a champion for every student he taught. He will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Porco (Everett) - October 25, 2020 at 07:17 AM



“ Mr. Bryniak was one of my music teachers at William Foster until 1982. He was hands down my favorite teacher. He taught all of us how to play the recorder in 4th grade. He was also our band director when I was in 5th & 6th grade. I can remember playing “Arapaho Warrior” during band rehearsal while the other kids were outside at recess. He had a sense of humor when we sounded not our best and total jubilation when we sounded our best. We always played to a packed house and can still see him sitting among us playing the trumpet. I am still a musician today and a music teacher. I always remember his humor and patience when teaching my own students. Rest In Peace Mr. Bryniak.

Ron Broska - October 24, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ Dave and often connected in the hall to talk. He was always in a great mood and laughing. He made me feel good- we always chatted for a while before we returned to our loving students! Susan Lawther

Susan Lawther - October 24, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ I have fond memories of Mr. Bryniak from Garfield Heights. He was great! Not just some boring music teacher, he really knew how to talk to us kids at the time to get us interested in music. This is sad to hear of his passing. Rest in Peace Mr. Bryniak

Brian Palko - October 24, 2020 at 01:06 AM



“ I loved being in Mr. Bryniak’s orchestra/band at GHMS. He taught me to play violin, and made being in the GHMS orchestra such a wonderful experience. It was so fun and he was always full of jokes and very upbeat! I am so grateful for the music education I received during those years and the memories I still have of being a part of the music program!

Lana Baker - October 23, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ Mr. Bryniak was one of my favorite teachers, not just music teacher. His positivity, encouragement, never giving up on a single student are lessons not just in school but for life! Whenever I was struggling to play, he pushed me to the next level. If I needed someone to talk to, Mr. Bryniak dropped everything to listen. My passion for music and wanting to mentor kids was a direct result of his influence. You will be missed to so many! May you continue to conduct music in the heavens above!

Michael Venus - October 23, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Dave was the kindest man, musician, and teacher I had the opportunity of working with at Garfield Height Jr/Middle school. I laugh when I think that he was the only person I knew that was skinnier than me! We performed many a combined band and choir performances through the good year! Oh he could talk! He was a wonderful man and I will always remember him with respect and fondness.

Ronald Jones - October 23, 2020 at 12:28 PM



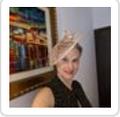
“ Mr Bryniak embodied what I think all music teachers strive to achieve. He was a bright shining positive influence on his students. He was funny and helpful. He was warm and motivating. He was the kind of teacher you were late to your next class for because you wanted to talk to him after rehearsal (and there were a few people inline ahead of you to talk to him). The man was just great. He will be missed.

Tom West - October 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ I adored Mr. Byrniak. He was an amazing teacher and human being. His memory will forever live on with those of us who knew him.

Stefanie(Chmielewski) Lange - October 23, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ Dear Dad, Thank you for welcoming me into the family 17 years ago. I loved our times golfing together, and will always remember to use your favorite phrase while putting, "Chicken with a puckered @£%shole". I'll fondly remember our trips to gamble in PA and how you reluctantly agreed to visit Amish Country because you knew it was something we enjoyed. :-)

I'll also never forget that you bought me my first and only John Deere mower so I could cut the lawn at our FL house. I made good use of that, you would have been proud! Thank you for letting me spend your last days with you. I'm so relieved that you are at peace. Say hello to Nana and Grandpa, along with my relatives who you are with now.

Much Love!

Carrie Bryniak



Carrie Bryniak - October 23, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ MR. Bryniak was a wonderful person and a teacher loved by all his students. Both my daughters were lucky to have him as their teacher while at the Garfield Heights Middle School. I send our most sincere sympathy.

Mary Ann Marshall - October 23, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ Mr. Bryniak was our ensemble director at Garfield Park Elementary School. He taught us so much more than music - how to use our imagination, how to find humor in almost anything and how to be kind and show care for others. I count myself as one of the fortunate ones who was honored to be his student.

Leonard DiCosimo - October 23, 2020 at 07:17 AM



“ Mr. Bryniak was our elementary band teacher at William Foster School. I remember his patience with all of us youngsters. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. The three band teachers that I had in the Garfield Hts schools, Mr. Bryniak, Mr. Husak and Mr. Shively are a big part of the reason I still play drums today.

Ron Burdzinski - October 23, 2020 at 12:01 PM