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David Richard Kidd, age 72, of Byron Center, Michigan, formerly of Decatur, IL, died on Friday, November 24, 2017, in Hermitage, TN. David was born July 23, 1945 in Peru, IL, the son of Robert Alexander Kidd and Mary Lucille (Harvey) Kidd. He married Louise Wallace on October 12, 1985 in Decatur, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, Louise, of Byron Center, MI. His children were the light of his life; Laura Elizabeth Davis and her husband, Travis, of Chatham, IL and Alexander Wallace Kidd and his fiancée, Ashley Knierim, of Hermitage, TN. He is also survived by his brother, James Robert Kidd and his wife, Mary, of Big Rock, IL, his niece Allison Probst, and her husband, Steve of Shabbona, IL and nephew, Robb Kidd of Plano, IL.

He graduated from LaSalle-Peru High School in 1963, Millikin University in 1968 and received his master's degree from the University of Illinois.

David worked 32 years for Decatur Public Schools, retiring in 2001. He was a 6th grade teacher at Stevenson Elementary School, math teacher and dean of boys at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, a psychology teacher and counselor at MacArthur High School, and a principal at South Shores Elementary School. He also worked from 1977- 1987 for the Macon County CETA/JTPA programs, managing the summer youth employment programs. After his retirement from education, he became the coordinator of the Y.E.S. (Youth Engagement Strategy, a W.K Kellogg Foundation Grant), through Decatur Memorial Hospital, followed by Richland Community College. In 2004 he began his work in the Macon County State's Attorney's Office as the director of Teen Court. He



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retired again in 2013 when he and Louise moved to Michigan. David was a “cradle-Episcopalian,” having been raised in St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in LaSalle, IL. He was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Decatur, IL and for the last few years was a member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids, MI, where he served on the Vestry, Finance Ministry and the Healing Racism Ministry. He was also an usher and committed to many other aspects of the Parish’s life. David was a committed advocate for social justice issues. At the heart of his being, he was always a counselor, wanting to understand other people and their life stories.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 30 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

At St. John’s Episcopal Church, 130 W. Eldorado St., Decatur, IL. A funeral mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 1 at St. John’s. Burial will follow at Friend’s Creek Cemetery, Argenta, IL.

Memorial gifts are suggested to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 134 Division Ave. N, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or St. John’s Episcopal Church, 130 W. Eldorado St., Decatur IL 62522.

Arrangements by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, IL. View the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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TT

Terry Taylor posted:

my family and i will greatly miss David. He had a huge impact on my children, at Macrthur h.s. and South Shores. We loved him and know that Heaven has recieved a beautiful soul.

December 21 at 1:54 PM

JS

John Savara posted:

We extend our heart felt condolences to David's family. He had such a positive impact on an astounding number of lives. His time with us, though far to short to our way of thinking, was very well lived. He helped a great many people. May his memory be eternal. John Savara and family.

December 4 at 12:22 PM

MM

Mario Morgan posted:

Lit a candle in memory of David Richard Kidd

December 2 at 9:16 AM

MB

Mary Bolton posted:

David was a person people should aspire to be. I wanted to be like him. His heart, his hopes for his students, his "get going on to be what you can be" were a lighthouse beacon which I have endeavored to perpetuate in my life. Within two weeks, I have lost two beacons—a mother, and a dear friend who was a lodestone for "the right thing to do." I will miss you very much, my friend. Godspeed. Mary Bolton

December 1 at 7:27 PM

MG

Marta Grothe posted:

Louise, I am so sorry for your loss. I've always been grateful to your David for his guidance to my daughter Holly. She wouldn't have gone to college without his help and encouragement. And working for you at DAAC and sharing your engagement and wedding has been a lovely memory. I also lost my darling husband, Dave this year. I know your pain and sadness and will keep you in my thoughts. Marta Edgcomb Grothe

November 30 at 12:13 PM



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LS

Larry Sittler posted:

Louise Wallace-Kidd, We mutually surprised each other on a Sunday morning 4 years ago in middle of summer 2013, when in route home to Michigan you and David had stopped to attend Mass at his childhood church, St. Paul's Episcopal in LaSalle, Illinois. In Peanuts comic strip Schroeder is the musical prodigy. You, however, found the "Round-Headed Kid" you had worked so diligently with to put on "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" in March 1979 at Neil A. Armstrong, Jr. High School in Jacksonville, Illinois, was the church organist that day! Amazing how God had our paths unexpectedly cross after 34 years. Amazement in the past, gave way to sadness when I opened the "LaSalle-News Tribune" newspaper Monday night and learned God had called David to his "home" in heaven. Way back in winter of 1979, the audition music everyone had to take a turn singing as a solo was "Happiness." So, it is my prayer at this sad time you may find some comfort in the lyrics that announce, "Happiness is walking hand in hand . . . Happiness is coming home again . . ." and, "For happiness is anyone and anything at all that's loved by you." Hope very much good memories provide you happiness for "I don't think it's good for a team's morale to see their manager cry." God bless."Your Friend,Charlie Brown"(a/k/a Larry Sittler)

November 30 at 11:33 AM

DB

Dena Berry posted:

I was a student at Jefferson when Mr. Kidd was there in 1971. He was always so kind to me and I've never forgotten that in all these years. I pray for God's peace and comfort for his family.

November 30 at 11:13 AM

MK

Michel And Lisa Ter Kuile posted:

Dear Louise, Alex and Ashley, Laura and Travis, The first neighbor to greet us when we moved in the neighborhood was David. We immediately knew that this was a very special man, warm, friendly and intelligent with a great sense of humor. Often we would see David take Maddie out for a yard walk, or warming up the oil in his Porsche, and we would take the time to have our fun neighborly conversations. David's humor was great when John (other neighbor friend) and I would be working in the front yard and all three of us giving each other a "hard" but fun time. David was a huge part of our little neighborhood area; it will never be the same without him and he will be greatly missed by all of us. We are very sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Hugs of strength, Michel and Lisa ter Kuile

November 30 at 5:11 AM



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MD

Mark And Julie Doyle posted:

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Mark and Julie Doyle

November 29 at 6:59 AM

MP

Marilyn Parker posted:

Louise and Family, I am so sorry for your tragic and sudden loss. I pray that the arms of comfort enfold you from above and through family and friends. David's contribution to the education and welfare of children live on through those children. I am a close friend of a relative and of a friend and have heard from them all that David, you and your children meant to them. Marilyn Parker

November 29 at 5:14 AM

KK

Karen Rees Kerber posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family as you go through these difficult times. Please remember all the great family and friend memories as the days pass by. I meet your family through my Cousins the Keil's. I Always enjoyed visiting with everyone. Peace be with your entire family. Karen Rees Kerber

November 28 at 2:30 PM

HD

Hugh And Margery Dickinson posted:

Though knowing David for only a couple of years, we came to hold him in high regard as a fellow church member, person of faith, and dedicated humanitarian. We extend heartfelt condolences to Louise and the family. If it's possible for the Kingdom to become even richer, David's presence will make it so. Fondly, Margery and Hugh Dickinson

November 28 at 1:40 PM

MS

Marianne See posted:

Louise and family.....Jim and I are so sorry for your loss. David, and you were friends to our family....David helped to educate our 3 kids at Jefferson Middle School! Always enjoyed our socializing over the years.....what a nice surprise to see you, David and Alex at the Decatur Club while you were checking on your daughter's reception setup! We were having lunch with Grahams. We have wonderful memories.....! Jim and Marianne See Ft Myers FL

November 28 at 6:28 AM



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JL

Julie Duncan Lorson posted:

So very sorry to hear of Mr. Kidd's passing at such a young age. I was in Mr. Kidd's 6th grade class at Stevenson Elementary, his first class. He took over when the original teacher went on maternity leave. What I remember about him, other than being my first male teacher was he would play classical music records in class. My first exposure and I have enjoyed classical music from that time forward. Your loved one did make a difference in my life by opening up my world to classical music. Blessings to you. Julie Duncan Lorson Decatur, IL

November 28 at 6:02 AM

JF

Judy Fetterhoff posted:

I was fortunate to know David and am so sorry for his early passing. He was a warm and caring person and always willing to step in where needed. He will be missed by many! May wonderful cherished memories of David help to sustain his family and friends at this very difficult time. Judy Fetterhoff

November 28 at 5:15 AM

KT

Kimberly Tracy posted:

I'm so sorry for the loss of MR Kidd he was my principal at southshores rest in peace

November 27 at 7:14 PM

JC

Julie Connors posted:

We are going to miss David so very much at St. Mark's. He was tireless in his commitment to social justice and was a remarkable encourager. I feel lucky to have known him and will think of him whenever I am tempted to let others do the work. I send my heartfelt condolences to Louise and the family. Julie Connors

November 27 at 3:04 PM

KG

Kristina Gash posted:

Mr. Kidd – I want to thank you for all the mentoring, insight, and laughs you brought to my life during our days at Teen Court. Thanks for everything and you'll be greatly missed. -Kristina

November 27 at 2:17 PM



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JM

June Mann posted:

I was touched by the line in this obituary that in his heart he was always a counselor. As a fellow high school counselor, I served with David on numerous regional committees and teams. One day, during an especially stressful task, he told me that I always said what he was thinking. I took that as a compliment! I hope it is comforting for the family to know the impact of David's life on this community. June Mann

November 27 at 1:16 PM

CA

Chloe Albert posted:

I owe my current career to David, because of him I work for the program he lifted off the ground. He had faith in me my freshman year when I was extremely shy and reserved but he helped me find my voice. David not only touched the Earth, he made an impacting dent. I pray for the strength of your family during this devastating time.

November 27 at 10:55 AM

CB

Christian F. Brocato posted:

Our dear parishioner and friend, David, will be greatly missed. He was a key participant in our life at St. Mark's in Grand Rapids. His wise counsel has benefitted many of us and various ministries as well. His passion for justice, especially racial justice, was a guiding force for our Healing Racism Ministry. His love for beautiful music was evident in his support for our music program especially the Sacred Sounds Concert Series. He now rests in peace and my prayer for Louise, Laura, Alex and all who loved him is that they will somehow be able to embrace the comfort and love of God in these difficult and sad days. ~ Fr. Christian Brocato, Rector of St. Mark's

November 27 at 8:48 AM

JD

John Dhermy posted:

I remember when Mr. Kidd had his Charger I think it was a 69, every boy in the school wanted it. There was one day I don't remember why but he took me home in that car. I remember that to this day. R.I.P. Mr. Kidd John Dhermy

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BD

Bill Dow posted:

When I was a starving Millikin U. college student and a Kappa Sig, David and Louise hired me at the CETA/JTPA Summer Youth Employment Program. There were several of us, (Liz, Ronnell, Tammy, Nancy, and others) and we had the best times. This was in the early eighties, right about the time that David and Louise got engaged. For that time we were all family. We had two questions. 1.) Would David ever pull the trigger and get engaged, and 2.) Who was the boss? (We all knew it was Louise.) I have never had a more rewarding experience in my life than the opportunity I was given by the two of you to teach a work ethic to those kids. We also had a great time outside of work! With the exception of Louise, I have never known a better person than David Kidd. My deepest sympathies are with you and your family. Bill Dow Rensselaer, NY

November 27 at 8:38 AM

KT

Kapora Tyus posted:

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Kidd. He was my high school counselor and i also spent lots of time with him during YES. There will never be another David Kidd. RIH

November 27 at 7:39 AM

RM

Rachel Milliman posted:

I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. I had opportunity to get to know David while working for the court system in Macon County. He was always a pleasure to work with and pleasant be around. I pray you feel God's loving arms surround you in the coming days.

November 27 at 6:30 AM

TS

Tina Loury Strickland posted:

Mr. Kidd was a counselor at MacArthur High School when I attended. Although he wasn't my counselor, he was always there to talk to the students. I had to privilege of getting to know him when I worked in the Guidance Office during my Senior year. My prayers go out to his family and friends.

November 27 at 6:27 AM



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ML

Melanie Long posted:

Dear Louise, Laura and Alex, I was speaking of your family as I drove home from Mt Pleasant, Michigan on Saturday and rode past the exit for Byron. Little did I know that David was gone at that time. My sincere condolences to all of you for his passing. He was a man who valued and knew how to live life well. It was my honor to get to work with him in many phases of his career and twice to work with him closely at Macarthur and the State's Attorney's office. I know you will all miss his spark and humor every day. Melanie Long

November 27 at 4:47 AM

FR

Fr. Cj Reischman posted:

Dear Kidd Family, I am saddened by your loss, and we are praying for the love and kindness of our Saviour to surround you all during this time of loss. Please know of our love and care for you all, though we are not there to be with you. May the peace of Christ fill your hearts during this difficult time. Fr. Chuck Reischman, Gina, David, Matthew, and Anna Reischman

November 26 at 5:30 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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