



## David Alan Kraus

July 12, 1950 - December 11, 2022

David Alan Kraus, 72, of Parker, CO and formerly of Racine, passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center in Aurora, CO.

He was born in Racine, WI on July 12, 1950, to Donald and Helen (nee: Maysian) Kraus.

David was united in marriage to Peggy Degenhart on April 30, 1983, at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee, IL.

David was a devoted father and husband and enjoyed spending time with his family more than anything else. He will be remembered for his wit and his compassion for everyone. He loved to travel, especially to historic places. David retired from ConAgra Foods in 2018 and mentored many professional colleagues throughout his forty-year career in healthcare security. He was a member of several professional organizations, including the American Society of Industrial Security, where he received a Certified Protection Professional designation.

He was very proud of his acceptance to the national history academic honor society Phi Alpha Theta while in college, and that he passed his love of history on to his sons. He was also an avid sports fan, known for his passionate support for his Wisconsin teams.

David is survived by his wife, Peggy; sons, Colin (Angie) Kraus, Jeffrey (Ali Schippel) Kraus and Matthew Kraus, all of Denver, CO; brother, Kenneth (Barbara) Kraus of Georgetown, Texas; sisters, Debra (Johnnie) Sanders, and

Kimberly (Randall) Guzman all of Racine; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert (Mary) Degenhart and Randall (Sue) Degenhart and mother-in-law Leila Degenhart of Illinois. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

David was preceded in death by his beloved parents, an infant son, Cameron Kraus, and a niece, Elena Guzman.

Funeral service for David will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Visitation to be held from 2:00 p.m. until time of service.

A memorial fund has been established in his name to fund scholarships for students attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, his alma mater.

To make a memorial gift online, please visit [www.give.uwm.edu/HistorySchol](http://www.give.uwm.edu/HistorySchol)

The family wishes to express a special thank you to the medical professionals at the University Colorado Hospital, especially the trauma and surgical ICU team, for all their compassion and care.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

## Service

DEC 19. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Alan Kraus*



**Sturino Funeral Home** - January 06, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of David Alan Kraus*



**Sturino Funeral Home** - December 16, 2022 at 01:37 PM

BK

*I am married to David's brother Ken. David loved both his and Peggy's family so much. Wherever they were living they tried to visit Racine and Kankakee every year. Both David and Ken would recycle the jokes from Donald Kraus—they still made you laugh even though you heard it many times!! He loved his boys and Peggy so much—along with their Scottie dogs! God must have decided it was time for him to take care of baby Cameron, niece Elena, both of his parents and all the other relatives, and Peggy's dad. They are all having a party in heaven! We will miss him ❤️*

**Barb Kraus** - December 18, 2022 at 03:05 PM

KK

“ You were my brother<sup>[SEP]</sup> and my best friend.<sup>[SEP]</sup>

*I will always love you,<sup>[SEP]</sup> no matter how long it's been!*

*Ken Kraus*

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**Ken Kraus** - December 24, 2022 at 12:15 PM

MA

“ We will miss David's take on politics, his insights on social justice and his genuine warmth. But we are comforted that much of his humanity lives on in his sons. Sincere condolences to the entire family with a special hug for Peggy. Love, Marcia and Ed Austin

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**Marcia S Austin** - December 19, 2022 at 11:16 AM

JS

“ We will miss our dear friend, David. David always had a joyful smile and a twinkle in his eye. Sometimes leading to mischief. He was always fun to be around. We enjoyed margarita nights and hanging out with David, Peggy and friends, talking about everything. David always had something interesting and novel to share. He made us feel at home. Sending love and condolences to Peggy, Colin & Angie, Jeff & Ali, Matthew and all of David's family.

*- JoEllen & Dan Sciallo*

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**JoEllen Sciallo** - December 17, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David Alan Kraus.



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December 17, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of David Alan Kraus.



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December 17, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of David Alan Kraus.



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December 17, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Mark and Carole Kasak* purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of David Alan Kraus.



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**Mark and Carole Kasak** - December 17, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David Alan Kraus.*



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December 17, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ *Marsha Dodd purchased the Fairest of All for the family of David Alan Kraus.*



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**Marsha Dodd** - December 16, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Alan Kraus.*



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December 16, 2022 at 07:40 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Alan Kraus.*



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December 15, 2022 at 10:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Alan Kraus.*



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December 15, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ *Grandma Lee, Randy & Sue, Megan & Julie purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of David Alan Kraus.*



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**Grandma Lee, Randy & Sue, Megan & Julie** - December 15, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *I remember as a kid in the late 60's growing up on Ohio St. Racine, WI. My brothers and I were playing catch football with David and his friends across the street from where we live! I thought it was pretty cool that he took the time to play catch with us as we were younger kids. It is so sad to hear of his passing. God bless him and his family.*

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**Ted Chacon** - December 15, 2022 at 02:37 PM

BW

“ We’ve so enjoyed getting to know David and socializing with him and his dear wife, Peggy, after moving to Colorado in 2016. From attending movies, concerts and plays together to winning prizes at rousing trivia games at local bars, he was always a delight. David was our “ace in the hole” for trivia questions about history, sports and current events! He loved sharing stories about traveling and work, but most of all he lit up when talking about his boys – he was their biggest fan – and his deep adoration for Peggy always shined through. We’ll miss his stories, jokes and wit and we send our condolences to Peggy, their boys – Colin, Jeff and Matthew – and to all his loved ones.

*Budd and Marlene Wagner*

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**Budd Wagner** - December 15, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David Alan Kraus.



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December 14, 2022 at 07:48 PM

JS

“ I am a relatively recent David Krause fan, but a fan indeed. 🙄  
David and I worked together part time this year. I am so sad he has passed.

*May I please say, What a fantastic human being! I really enjoyed his company at work.*

*David would sometimes hypnotize his coworkers (including me) with exciting stories of things historic - he had read this interesting story or did we know this fact?! A Walking history encyclopedia - and he actually made it all interesting and fun! Great storyteller.*

*David also seemed to have a fabulous memory. So nice - I noticed he always remembered some personal detail a coworker might have mentioned in passing and would ask them person about it.*

*Made you feel 'seen' by David even at "just a part time job". I am a Nebr Cornhusker fan. After this year's 🏈 Neb/Wisc game (Wisc won of course) he kiddingly tried to console me. Especially when his phone rang and played "On Wisconsin"! Ha. SUCH A NICE PERSON. Always made us laugh.*

*David often told stories about their travels, Security stories (Russians visiting a plant) and the boys. David's deep love for the boys and his pride in their adventures and achievements was so obvious. In every word you could hear his joy. 😊*

*David, it was my great honor to have shared a teeny tiny bit of your life. Your laughter, your stories and your big heart for others and your genuineness will surely be missed.*

*Please accept my condolences Krause family and loved ones. I'm so sorry. Thanks for sharing David with us.*

*Heaven got lucky on Dec 11, 2022.*

*Rest easy, David.*

*Jan*

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**Jan Stanard** - December 14, 2022 at 07:31 PM

DS

*I am David's younger sister, Debra. Our family thanks you Jan for capturing such a beautiful summary of who our brother Dave was. He was a walking true life version of wisdom and humanity. Thank you for your kind and beautiful words. Heaven is indeed in extreme celebration of welcoming David Kraus*

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**Debra Sanders** - December 16, 2022 at 10:44 AM

JS

*I'm ❤️ for you all.*

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**Jan Stanard** - December 19, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of David Alan Kraus.*



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December 14, 2022 at 12:47 PM