



## David Bryers

August 29, 1928 - December 1, 2020

### David Bryers

A long time resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Dave departed this earth on the afternoon of December 1st, 2020. He was born in L'Anse Michigan to Faye and Leatha Bryers on August 29, 1928. He was preceded in death by his former wife Helen L. Bryers, son Sam E. Bryers, brothers Verne, James, Alan and sister Betty. He is survived by sisters Nina, Wilma and Winifred. Surviving children David M. Bryers, Mary M. Pauly and Steven J. Bryers; 9 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Raised in McMillan, Michigan, Dave spent much of his time hunting and fishing with his brothers along the Tahquamenon River. At the age of 14, Dave worked on the construction of the Soo Line Railroad and at the age of 16, as a Great Lakes Sailor shoveling coal into the steam fired engines. The majority of the money that he earned was sent home to his widowed mother to assist with the upbringing of his younger siblings.

A veteran of both WWII and the Korean War, Dave served his country in the U.S. Navy, as part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Amphibious Group Three, aboard the USS Stone County "Rolling Stone" LST-1141 being awarded the following citations: Combat Action Ribbon, WWII Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal Asia, National Defense Service Medal, China Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation Republic of Korea.

In the early 1950s, Dave and his young family located to the Soo where he

was employed as an Air Traffic Controller with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Flight Service Station at Sanderson Field. Some 20 years later, the Flight Service Station in the Soo was scheduled for decommissioning and Dave was faced with relocating his family from the "Soo" that had truly become his home (none of his children wanted to move). In order to remain in the Soo, Dave was able to transfer his government service to the International Bridge where he was employed as an U.S. Customs Inspector until he retired with over 40 years of government service. Over the years, Dave was active in the Sault Amateur Hockey Association, The Fraternal Order of Police International Lodge #115, and a life time member of the VFW Post 3676 and American Legion Post #3. An avid photographer, Dave has taken literally thousands of photographs of sailing vessels passing in front of his home on the beautiful St. Mary's River, as he would say "The Gem of North America"

A special thank you to John and Terri Ferroni for all of their love.

Smooth sailing Dad - Miko, Mary, and Steve.

Until we meet again

Due to the current public health crisis, a celebration of Dave's life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Wounded Warrior Project or Disabled American Veterans.

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ It's hard to realize that the last of my favorite Michigan uncles has passed away. Seeing Uncle Dave, Uncle Jim and Uncle Clyde were always happy parts of my childhood. Rest in peace, Lynn



Lynn Bryers Dubnoff - December 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Farewell to an old friend, we loved you Dave. We have many happy memories that we will treasure.

Chaseley Lounds and Doug Warren - December 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ The telephone picks up, "Dave Bryers." A friendly, consistent, sweet greeting from a father figure I needed as a young girl. Quite a guy, that Dave. So much love poured out through Dave Helen's family, to many. So grateful.

Therese F Curtis - December 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Rest well Dave i worked next door to you back in the times of North Central airlines miss those time rip

Stanley n Evelyn MacArthur - December 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I'll always cherish the memories of having served with you at U.S. Customs in Sault Ste. Marie.

David Bigelow - December 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I so badly wish you had met your great grandchildren Grandpa but trust that your memory will live on in them and all of us. Until we meet again, I love you.



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**Lindsay Seay** - December 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I know that you are resting comfortably now, you have earned that. I really miss our afternoon visits Dad, but I am fine and I know our visits will resume again. Until that day I will cherish all the happy memories I have of you. I miss you dearly

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**Steve Bryers** - December 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Dad, you will live on in our hearts and memories! I enjoyed your company on many trips and you, attending Bible study with me many Sunday eves. You will be missed but I know your having fun in heaven with Sam, Betty and the rest of the family that went before you! Enjoy your walks in heaven, love you and miss you❤️



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**Vicki Bryers** - December 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Our condolences.

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**Steve & Laurie North** - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Farewell and safe journey Mr. Bryers, wishing you following seas sir.

*To all your family, my sincerest condolences.*

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**bruce w beaudoin** - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dave, miss you and like we always told each other, love you, but we both know that. Don,t we?

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**Jerry buzaitis** - December 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM