

Dave Graboski Memorial Scholarship



“Living the Dream!” “What can I do for ya?” Dave would often ask his friends and he meant it. He was always willing to help out: anyone, anytime, anywhere.

Dave was 59 years old when he passed away suddenly on May 21, 2019. Dave was a 1977 graduate of Pittston Area High School and a proud Navy veteran. He was employed at Lehigh Construction Company in Exeter for 15 years. He was a truck driver delivering concrete supplies throughout eastern parts of the United States. Married to the former Sharon Jackson since 2007, she and a close, dear friend - Denise Evans - are offering this scholarship in Dave’s memory. Sadly Dave’s mom with whom he had a very close loving relationship died one week before Dave.



Dave was an active member of the Pittston Lithuanian Club for ten years and recently served as its President of the Pittston Lithuanian Club for the four years before his death. Dave was very active in the club's activities whether it was being Master of Ceremonies to running meetings, helping out in the kitchen, being the lead man for the Club in the annual Pittston St Patrick’s Day parade and helping with various fundraisers for local families with seriously ill members. He also helped place new American flags for Veteran’s Day at the local cemeteries on the graves of our Veterans in November every year. He would help out whenever or wherever he could, giving you the “shirt off his back”.

Dave was very proud of his Lithuanian heritage and hosted the Knights of Lithuania at a luncheon at the Lithuanian Club to celebrate Lithuanian Heritage Day after raising their flag in Pittston every year in February. Dave was also a social member of the VFW of Dupont and the Pittston American Legion. He was a “SAL” (son of an American Legion member).



Some of Dave’s favorite things to do were: Taking his mother and Sharon to Tony’s Pizza every Friday, having weekly card games with his Mother, getting dressed up every year with Sharon for Halloween, going for ice cream, watching football games and of course hanging out at the Lithuania Club. Dave spent every October for his birthday in New York at Fire Island with his family. Dave’s favorite sports teams were the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Cincinnati Reds. He enjoyed attending several Steelers’ games as well as watching them on TV.

This scholarship was started to keep Dave's memory out there, allowing us to give to others especially those pursuing some type of post high school education. He would want us to do this.

"Dave: you left us too soon, but you will never be forgotten."



This award is all about community and helping your fellow man.

CRITERIA: Applicant must be a graduating Wyoming Area senior who has been successful in high school and who plans on attending a 2 or 4 year college/university. Financial Need will be considered. ALL Majors will be considered.

REQUIREMENTS:

In a solid essay of at least 500 words, select one of the following prompts and indicate which one you selected in the first sentence of your essay:

1. Tell us about a volunteer experience you have had in your community and how did it influence your behavior.
2. Why did you select this specific scholarship to apply for?
3. What one trait of Dave's do you feel you possess. Tell us what it is and how you feel you developed it.
4. Dave was a kind, caring, helpful person. Tell us about a person in your life like Dave and how has that person influenced you. Give specific examples.
5. Dave was very proud of his heritage. Tell us about your heritage and why you are proud of it. OR what makes you proud of your heritage.