



# David W. Matyseck Memorial Scholarship

David W. Matyseck was a loving husband, father and grandfather who worked hard his entire life to be the best person he could be for himself and his family.

He was a lifelong resident of Westfield who graduated from Westfield High School in 1966. During his time there he was a proud member of the National Honor Society, and a recipient of the Bookkeeping Award. Dave later attended Holyoke Community College and graduated from American International College in 1970 with a degree in business.

In October 1973, Dave married his high school sweetheart, Sandy Nagorka. Their family grew with the birth of their daughter Tracy and later, their son Thomas. Dave loved his family with all his heart and he worked hard to provide for them. He became a proud grandfather to Dominic, Dustin, Franco and Tyler.

As much as he cherished his family life, Dave had a lifetime passion for all cars and trucks—especially Classic Cars. His 1971 Chevelle was his pride and joy, and he named her “Dixie.” Dave even carried a photo of Dixie in his wallet! He enjoyed taking her to car shows to “show her off.” We both loved taking the car for a ride and bringing a picnic lunch to our destination. What brought Dave even greater joy was taking our beloved grandsons for a ride in Dixie—they were all so proud! Additionally, our grandsons knew that Grandpa would be delighted with every admiring “thumbs up” or “Nice car!” comment from other drivers or people walking past them. Dave and his grandsons treasured these special outings!

In May of 2016, Dave retired from Parts Services International to spend his “golden years” enjoying time with his wife, children and grandchildren. However, just six months later, Dave was killed tragically by a drunk driver in November 2016.

We experienced a loss that was unexpected and gut wrenching. During our most difficult times of need, the community of Westfield showed an outpouring of support that helped us attempt to navigate a life without our patriarch. As a family, we would like to say “Thank you” and give back to the community that showered us with love when we needed it the most. Dave would be proud to know this scholarship is a tribute to him and his legacy. Our family is pleased to recognize that the David W. Matyseck Memorial Scholarship is being given to a deserving student. Like Dave, the recipient of this award understands the importance of working hard to be the best that he or she can be as they continue their education at the college level.

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