



## David Gorski

July 23, 2021

After being diagnosed with advanced congestive heart failure, David Gorski, 68, came home from the hospital for hospice care on June 23. It was his and his wife Mary's 37th wedding anniversary. Exactly a month later, on July 23, Dave died peacefully at home in his den with Mary, and his dog, Dewey, alongside him. In his last days he was surrounded by expressions of love from friends (a handmade blanket, a treasured NBA Finals hat, flowers, letters, cards, books, and art), as well as possessions that reflected his many passions, such as history and astronomy.

Originally from Milwaukee, Dave's parents were Donna (ne'e Thompson) and Roger Gorski. Besides his wife, Mary, Dave is survived by his brothers Timothy, Richard, Keith Alan, and Jerold, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his sister, Debbie Weis- Calvin, whom he came to know when they were both adults.

Dave had an eclectic life filled with a variety of interests. He played semi-pro football with the Chicago Broncos. He was a Ranger with the US Army. He worked as a high school football, track and swim coach, and as a trainer at the YMCA. He spent several years pushing a carpet cleaning machine. But his favorite job was his final one before retirement: being the canine cab driver for Central Bark Doggy Day Care. The dogs loved him and he loved the dogs.

Dave was well-known by many for his avocation as an amateur historian and researcher (with a special interest in the US Civil War), and for his support roles to various silent sport events, especially his many years as co-captain (with Mary) of the Tamarack Aid Station at the Kettle Moraine 100 ultrarun. He was a poet, a stargazer (often going outside to wave at the International Space Station when he knew it would be passing over the house), a gardener and a constant source of support to his wife in all of her crazy adventures.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 29, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, followed by a brief memorial service at 6:00 pm, at Northshore Funeral Services, 3601 N. Oakland Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211.

If desired, memorials are appreciated to organizations related to diabetes research and support, or to causes that support outdoor activities and/or the environment.

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Thanks Dennis, I just posted a message to the Bronco reunion group. Dave loved you guys!

Mary - August 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Our sincere sympathies to you and your family for your loss of Dave. What a great guy. I'll always remember the early days of triathlon when we'd see you and Dave at all the tris around WI. Hugs,Paula Larsen and Jim Reiher

Paula Larsen - July 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Football teammate. You can't get closer than that.

Dennis Condon - July 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I could always feel the joy of knowing you, Mary, and your dad and mother. To part so soon is hard to experience. Your 91 year old friend, Bill Farrell.

Bill Farrell - July 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy, Mary, with the death of Dave. Even though we are separated by distance, my heart is united with you, Mary and my heart is sending you lots and lots of supportive prayers and care. You have been there for all of us and please know, Mary, that we are there for you in whatever way we possibly can. In the heart of Christ,Peter McKenna, SCJ

Peter McKenna - July 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Dave was one of the nicest guys we have ever met. He always added another dimension to any athletic event / trip we took with Mary and Dave....we'll plant a tree in his honor. Dennis & Sue*

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**Dennis & Sue Webb** - July 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM