



## David L. Menzel

August 19, 1962 - January 7, 2013

David L. Menzel of Shelby Township passed away on January 7, 2013, at the age of 50, in Royal Oak. He was born on August 19, 1962 to Lee M. and Janet (Lewis) Menzel in Wyandotte. Loving husband of Kim. Loving father of Zachary and Jana Menzel. Survived by his sister, Deanna Menzel. Memorial service will be held on Saturday at 12 noon at the Royal Oak Church of Christ, 115 S. Campbell Rd. (S.E. Corner of 11 mile Rd.) Royal Oak. Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Breast Cancer Foundation and to Karmanos Hospice.

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## Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

JAN **12.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Royal Oak Church of Christ  
115 S. Campbell Rd.  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

AK

“ To Mrs.Menzel  
*I don't know if you remember me but I went to school and was friends with your daughter Dee. I was so saddened to read on the internet about the passing of David and your husband. My own father passed away in 2010 so I know the pain you are feeling. Do you have e-mail or a Facebook account? I would love to catch up. Peace always,  
April Keisel*

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**april keisel** - April 01, 2014 at 06:48 PM

TB

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**Tim Borowski** - January 17, 2013 at 09:33 AM



“ *Kim and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I just can't believe it. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys at this time. I just can't believe it, he was just a great guy. Take care of yourself and the kids, I am thinking about you all.*

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**Claudette Kokta** - January 17, 2013 at 03:05 AM

AS

“ I write this today for David Menzel's family with a heavy heart. I had the pleasure of working with David and his therapists while he did his PT and OT at Heartland Oakland in Troy. I would have to say that David was a very hard worker, very determined and a very caring and compasoniate person. He was a huge sports fan and we would talk about the Tigers while he took breaks in between walks in the parallel bars. He could always make us laugh, or make us smile, always had something nice to say and was a patient that we looked forward to seeing in the gym. David will be missed by many, but I know I will never forget our times in therapy and the many chats on what Leland was doing wrong. haha.

*Amanda Schmidt Rehab Tech*

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**Amanda Schmidt** - January 15, 2013 at 11:16 PM

BC

“ Menzel Family,

*I pray that God continues to comfort you family during the loss of your loved one. Continue to pull on God daily for continued strength, healing, and peace.*

*Banisa Carter*

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**Banisa Carter** - January 15, 2013 at 06:08 AM

SP

“ Kim and family,

*May God be with you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sara & Frank Peeters*

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**sara peeters** - January 13, 2013 at 09:15 PM

TW

“ Dave was always a thumbs up guy who was always quick to point out a good brew and believed in peace among all men. As all the comments show here along with the photos. Dave was a kind and caring man full of energy who always made me feel like a kid at heart. Dave always made time for people and would be willing to give the shirt off his back to make a difference. I can picture you now my friend with a table and chairs ready for your friends in the big pub in the sky. Dave was always that way in making sure his friends were taken care of. You will be missed my friend but will always be in my heart until we meet again.



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**Thomas Willard** - January 12, 2013 at 09:24 AM

EK

“ *Menzel Family,*

*I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers to all of you...I only recently met Dave while he was at rehab, and what an amazing, caring, and strong person he was. I worked along side him and his two therapists everyday. I remember his first day in the gym and the struggles he had, but the type of person he was, he never gave up and never wanted to quit. He was an inspiration to everyone who crossed his path during his stay with us. He will be remebered always.*

*Liz Karas*

*Rehab Technician, Heartland Oakland*

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**Elizabeth Karas** - January 12, 2013 at 08:40 AM

DK

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Denise King** - January 11, 2013 at 07:29 PM

MC

“ *Kim and Family,*

*There are no words that I can say that can comfort at this traumatic time in your lives. I knew you and Dave from different jobs here at TACOM, and Dave was a very friendly out going guy that everyone wanted to know. All time times on the baseball field and golfing, just a stand up all around guy. He will be missed by all. I will keep all of you in my prayers. Take one step at a time in the healing process.*

*Marcia Czar*

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**Marcia Czar** - January 11, 2013 at 03:53 PM



“ *17 files added to the album Memories over the past 25+ years*



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**Pam Demeulenaere** - January 11, 2013 at 03:15 PM

MR

“ *Dear Kim, Jana & Zachary, Our hearts and prayers are with you. We are so very sorry and we will always be here for your family. With love, Michelle, Joe, Jessica, Zachary & Julia Raccosta*

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**Michelle Raccosta** - January 11, 2013 at 02:55 PM

JL

“ My heart and prayers go out to the Menzel family. I'm at a loss of words. When I'm at a loss of words I usually pick up my guitar. Next Saturday my show will be dedicated to Dave and the Menzel family. I will rock out and have many beers for you Dave!!! I love you and will miss you always!!

...never thought I'd be crying sitting at my desk at TACOM...

*Jack Lingenfelter*

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**Jack Lingenfelter** - January 11, 2013 at 12:59 PM

JD

“ As with everyone that posted here, Dave was also my friend. Kim, kids I am so sorry for your loss. Dave and I first bonded when I first hired into TACOM, we worked some Abrams deals together. Dave took the time to show me how to get things done and introduced me to a lot of his friends, all great people. As I look back, I recall laughing with the guy on every single occasion that we spoke together. I also recall that the guy knew where all of the best places were for lunch. He was simply put, a really cool guy. I hope to see Dave again and when I do, i am sure that he will again show me the ropes and introduce me to a lot of great people. Rest easy my friend.

*Joe Delfrate*

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**Joe Delfrate** - January 11, 2013 at 11:05 AM



PT

“ My heart breaks for the entire Menzel family. I hope that time and memories heal the pain that you're all going through right now. I know what it feels like to lose a close family member. I hope this poem helps you as much as it helped me get through my difficult time when I lost my sister.

*" The Broken Chain"*

*We little knew that morning  
that God was going  
to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone;  
for part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide,  
and though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us  
one by one  
the chain will link again.*

*R.I.P Dave. TACOM will never be the same.....*

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**Pam Toczylowski** - January 10, 2013 at 12:28 PM

SO

“ I remember meeting Dave and family at the Thelen house when I was a young lad. Was always nice, caring, and full of laughter. He will be missed. To the Menzel family, especially Dave's children, if you ever need someone to talk to (I lost my Dad at age 21 to a sudden heart attack) please don't hesistate to contact me (shawnfo neill@hotmail.com). Sadly, I know loss and pain (I recently lost my 17 month old daughter to a terminal illness). Time will heal.

*Best,*

*Shawn O'Neill*

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**Shawn O'Neill** - January 10, 2013 at 08:56 AM

RL

“Dave is going to be greatly missed. I started working with Dave about seven years ago. As a newbie to the organization I did not have many people to talk with or hang out. Dave was one of the few people that came over and introduced himself to me and loved to talk sports. As I got to know Dave through the years he was a pretty routine and simple guy with a great laugh. He showed up to work about 8AM with the Macomb Daily in his hand, walked around from 9-10AM to catch up with people, and finally called me at 10:45 to go to lunch. I could never get Dave to eat lunch at 12 or 12:30. Finally, Dave would catch up on his work in the afternoon and then was off to Kuhnhen for “just one”.

Dave loved to play sports and was very competitive. I think that is why we got along so well. Dave enjoyed playing volleyball and he got me hooked up on a team in his league at Selfridge. Dave’s team was always a good team and we really enjoyed playing against him. Even though games got a little testy we always had a couple pops after the game to cool down. We also played floor hockey on Thursday nights and those games were even more intense. Dave hated to lose and I enjoyed beating him. We were rarely on the same team and he always played hard and never quit even though his team was down by 5 goals. But I think the highlight of the day was heading to Shores Inn after the game for the Rib Riot.

Dave always helped others and he never complained one bit. Dave helped me move into my house and was huge help lifting the heavy things. Whenever we had a charity drive at work he always donated to the cause. If I was volunteering for the PEO picnics or Org Day, Dave always helped me out. We are all going to miss you Dave. We don’t say goodbye we say see you down the trail.

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Ryan Lasecki - January 10, 2013 at 08:30 AM

MK

“ One of the first people I ever met when I arrived at TACOM, Dave was a truly fine gentleman. Although most of my time spent with Dave was on the softball field, he never passed on an opportunity to say hello when we'd see each other in the halls. A gentle soul and always a warm smile – he will surely be missed, but not forgotten.

*Mark Kozera*

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**Mark Kozera** - January 10, 2013 at 08:05 AM

LM

“ *Kim and Family,*

*Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thoughts and prayers. May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

*God Bless,  
Laura Mason*

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**Laura Mason** - January 10, 2013 at 07:27 AM

JC

“*Dave was by far one of the kindest people I've ever known. He would go out his way for others whenever he had the opportunity and found great pleasure in doing so. He made such an impact on my sister (and I am sure so many others) that will never be forgotten. After a bad car accident in 1988, she was in a wheelchair with serious leg injuries. We went to a 4th of July party where he pushed her around all night making it his priority to cheer her up and make sure she was having fun. Even back then he had such a kind heart and loved people. He was a great guy in so many way and will be surely missed. My prayers are with his family and all they are going through.*

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**Jane Couckuyt** - January 10, 2013 at 06:58 AM

TZ

“*1 file added to the album Thumbs Up Bicycle Ride 2011*



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**Tom Zuzanek** - January 09, 2013 at 08:41 PM

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*Iron Mike, Dave and Jeff.*

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**Tom Zuzanek** - January 09, 2013 at 08:44 PM

TZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Tom Zuzanek** - January 09, 2013 at 08:38 PM

DF

“ *Prayers to the Menzel family from my girls and I in this difficult time for the loss of a wonderful man. David is in heaven, but let his spirit be something that you take forward in your lives to honor his memory. I will always remember the vibrant spirit of Dave. In all the years of softball we played together, I've never known anyone to have a better swing to the opposite field, it was always amazing to watch. When I think of an opposite field hitter...I even think of Dave after all these years. He had no equal. He always had a zest for life and he lived it with a great passion and energy and this is an example to all of us. When I think of Dave as a man who balanced career, family, faith and physical pillars in life, we will miss him and he is truly a great loss to all us.*

*David, Sarah and Allison Fredrick*

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**David Fredrick** - January 09, 2013 at 04:34 PM

CS

“ *Menzel Family: I pray the love of God enfolds you during your difficult times and He helps you heal with the passage of time. Dave will be extremely missed, being around him always put a smile on my face.*

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**Carolyn Stephan** - January 09, 2013 at 02:12 PM

TZ

“ 1 file added to the album *Thumbs Up Bicycle Ride 2011*



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**Tom Zuzanek** - January 09, 2013 at 10:35 AM

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*Dave is waiting for Iron Mike to catch-up on day 3 of the Thumbs Up Bicycle Tour.*

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**Tom Zuzanek** - January 09, 2013 at 10:46 AM

TK

“ *The competitive spirit, the fire and passion for everything that he did, were the traits that made Dave great. I will always value the memories of the many great times spent competing with him, especially the softball tournaments in Woodstock, Canada. Kim, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything.*

*Tom Keating*

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**Tom Keating** - January 09, 2013 at 09:29 AM

TZ

“ *Menzel Family- Dave had a passion for people. He was a special man. We are all glad to have known him. His memory lives in our heart and minds. We rode many miles together on our bicycles. He loved to ride in multi-day rides and camp out with others. I have hope that I will join him again because of what God has done for us.*

*Tom Zuzanek*

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**Tom Zuzanek** - January 09, 2013 at 09:03 AM

TG

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**Thomas Godden** - January 09, 2013 at 09:02 AM

TG

“ I posted a couple pictures of Dave from the P&P Reunion we had a couple yeras ago. That's how I will always remember Dave - having fun. That was such a great weekend and although we hadn't seen Dave in several years after we moved to Tennessee it was like we never missed a beat. We are so very sad that he is gone but so very glad that we knew him.

*Tom (Josh) & Linda Godden*

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**Thomas Godden** - January 09, 2013 at 09:01 AM

KK

“ I'm so sorry. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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**K Krewer** - January 09, 2013 at 08:41 AM

CE

“ Kim and Family, my Condolences to the family. May the comfort of God and the beautiful memories give you strength at this time. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Charlena Echols** - January 09, 2013 at 08:21 AM



MM

“ Dave attended a couple of Univ of Detroit Mercy Titan basketball games every year. I enjoyed meeting him years ago and spending time with him in the Titan Club at those games. I knew he was a Titan in many ways with his family, friends and career.

*May he be Resting-in-Peace.*

*Mark Mikula*

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**Mark Mikula** - January 09, 2013 at 07:38 AM

SJ

“ All TACOM hearts are saddened by this great loss. Stories and pictures of Dave are being shared as we honor what a passionate, vibrant, caring man he was. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Kim, Zachary and Jana, thru this very difficult time. Sue Jackson

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**Sue Jackson** - January 09, 2013 at 07:06 AM

JC

“ Kim, Zachary, and Jana - it is an honor to have so many wonderful memories of times shared with Dave. Softball, walleyball, euchre games, pool parties..the list is long. He was such a fun and caring guy. I can still remember meeting him on day one at TACOM before we went off to our individual assignments. My heart breaks for your loss.

*Jill Cobb*

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**Jill Cobb** - January 09, 2013 at 06:03 AM

SD

“ *Kim and Family,*

*Our prayers are with you and the family during this time.*

*Sarah & Eddie Davis*

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**Sarah Davis** - January 09, 2013 at 05:20 AM

KH

“ *Kim, Zack, and Jana. My thoughts and prayers are with you all today and each day beyond this as you remember every precious moment you all had with Dave as a family. He was a special man and loved by so many for his friendship and wit. May you find peace in those happy memories.*

*Kathy Harvey*

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**Kathy Harvey** - January 08, 2013 at 04:29 PM

DK

“ *Dave had an outgoing and friendly personality. He was such a great person to be around for those Super Bowl Parties and other social get togethers with his family and friends. My kids enjoyed hanging with the Menzels on numerous occasions. Dave's uplifting smile and personality will be missed by me and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him... May your soul be at peace; my heart goes out to the family ~ Darlene Kulczycki*

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**Darlene Kulczycki** - January 08, 2013 at 02:16 PM

SW

“ Kim, Zach, and Jana: Brian and I extend our deepest sympathy to you. Dave was a truly great guy. He had great integrity, a strong mind, and his love of people was always apparent. I loved playing volleyball with him - he was gracious and patient with me as I'd try to set him the ball - but most recently he was a great source of encouragement for me as I started working out to get healthier. So even though we have lost him way, way too early, I believe his spirit and our memories of him will bear goodness to many people forever. May we all keep a little touch of Dave in our hearts. Please know we will gladly do whatever we can whenever you may need us -- just call. Sharon and Brian Wisniewski

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**Sharon Wisniewski** - January 08, 2013 at 02:07 PM

MO

“ My memories of Dave was how competitive he was in volleyball and how much fun he was as a biking companion. Often times, it was just Dave and I on the biking trail, with him pushing the speed until we were often doing 18-20 mph. Afterwards, a cold beer at the Rochester microbrewery or some other convenient bar. I still have video of Dave bailing out his tent after a downpour during the Thumb's Up bike ride. But what I most remember about Dave was his heart. After 3 days of biking with people who were obviously better/younger bikers than I was, by the 3rd day I was exhausted. I was lagging behind the group by a mile or more. So Dave dropped back to keep me company. We finished together. That's just who Dave was. I will miss him terribly.

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**Mike Olsem** - January 08, 2013 at 02:06 PM

DH

“My deepest heartfelt condolences to the Menzel family. Dave was truly a wonderful person and friend. Those of us who played floor hockey with Dave in the Thursday TACOM floor hockey league will sorely miss his competitive spirit, sense of humor and comraderie over a cold one after the game. I played floor hockey with Dave for over 20 years and will especially miss all the times he would yell out the wrong score or argue a call so that it benefited his team - David Holm

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**David Holm** - January 08, 2013 at 01:58 PM

DP

*It is still so hard to imagine him not being around. I loved all the many times we played volleyball/floor hockey and hung out at the bar afterwards, etc. He was/is such a great guy. Very competitive in sports and very easy going after the contest was over. A good family man who loved his wife and kids... I guess he is just in a different place now, waiting for us to join him. Since heaven is a place that knows no time, I will just say, so long for now Dave, and I will see you in what it will be for you--15 minutes. Adios compadre. Love, Doug Petron*

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**Doug Petron** - January 09, 2013 at 07:07 AM

MN

*I was so sorry to hear about Dave. I didn't know him real well, but thought he was an awesome person. My thoughts are with you Kim. You have a lot to go through, but I know you will get through it in time. My prayers are with you.*

*Mary Ann Noe*

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**Mary Ann Noe** - January 11, 2013 at 09:21 AM