



## David Lee Sudbury

April 1, 1947 - October 4, 2020

David Lee Sudbury, 73, of Grand Blanc, died unexpectedly at home on Sunday October 4th, 2020.

David grew up in Pontiac, MI and graduated from Pontiac Northern High School, Class of 1965. He attended Olivet College where he earned his teaching degree. He was employed by Walled Lake Schools for his entire teaching career of 31 years.

He married his high school sweetheart, Jane Ridley Sudbury, in 1968. They were married for 52 years and had two children, Laura Sudbury Hensley (James Hensley) and Karyn Sudbury. He was the proud grandfather of James Michael Hensley and David James Hensley.

David enjoyed sports at all levels. He played basketball in High School and College and enjoyed refereeing when his playing days were over. He played slow pitch softball and enjoyed golfing in his spare time.

He was meticulous and always busy with one project or another. He had a hand in building three houses for his family to live and grow in. He enjoyed interior and exterior painting and made a career out of it during the summers and after he retired from teaching. After he transitioned to condo living, he couldn't handle not having projects and kept busy at Laura and Karyn's

houses.

He is survived by his wife Jane, daughters Laura and Karyn, grandsons Jay and David, sister and brother-in-laws Kay and Michael Loulakis, and Mary and David Strobe, and sister-in-law Valerie Sudbury. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Horace and Glendola Sudbury, brothers William Sudbury and Larry Sudbury, and sister and brother-in-law Nelda and Jack Hughes.

Visitation will be held at Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, on Friday October 9th, 2020 from 11am-2pm. Funeral service will immediately follow Friday at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Legacy Scholarship Fund.

[www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 9. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St.  
Holly, MI 48442  
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Service

OCT 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Lee Sudbury*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 09, 2020 at 09:49 AM

ML

“ *After all these years, so sorry to hear about David's passing. I remember in college that he was very friendly guy and was part of the school's basketball tradition. A good member of the O-C Comet family. May God bless him and your family.*

*Michael Lawrie  
Olivet College Class '69  
Plymouth MI*

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**michael lawrie** - October 16, 2020 at 06:14 PM

BS

“ *I will never forget David walking into our house and yelling for "Jerry." David was an incredible family friend- my dad would not have been the person he was without David next to him. Karen, Laura and Jane, my heart breaks for you all, but I know all the wonderful memories you have with him will shine on.*

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**Brianne Studer** - October 10, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service for David Lee Sudbury*



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**Bruce Dryer** - October 10, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Dave was my first Assistant Principal when I transferred to the middle school. He was a great guy and a very caring person. My sincere sympathy to the family.*

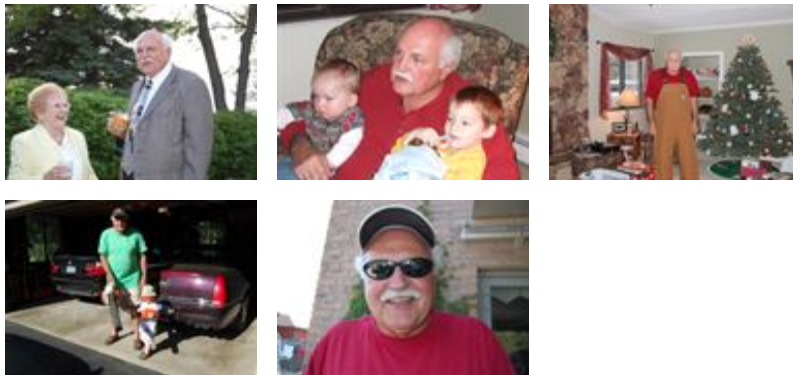
*Cindy Moore*

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**cynthia moore** - October 09, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 09, 2020 at 09:39 AM

JM

“ I am so blessed to have had Sudzy as I called him for my 6th grade teacher at Dublin many moons ago. He was my very favorite teacher ever. So funny and so kind. I just adored this man. My heart goes out to his family and friends.

jennifer sawyer mccandliss - October 08, 2020 at 10:56 PM

PS

“ My condolences to Jane and all of the Sudbury family. I knew Dave from high school. He was a very nice guy. RIP Dave.

*Phil Strong*

Phil Strong - October 08, 2020 at 10:18 PM

RG

“ I grew up with Dave way back when we were just kids went to school with Larry his youngest brother he was always a great guy seemed like he was nine feet tall. RIP Dave soar with the Angels



Rick Greene - October 08, 2020 at 08:27 PM

LY

“ It seems surreal that Dave is not on this earth, my prayers are with Jane and the family. I will always remember him as a special man and classmate.



Lee Young - October 08, 2020 at 06:20 PM

JB

“ He was such a gentle giant from what I remember in high school....God rest his soul and may God be with his loving family and guide and direct them through this difficult time..He was such a nice nice person....

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**Joy Burhans** - October 08, 2020 at 05:49 PM

GB

“ Dave and Jane have been our neighbors for a short time. It wasn't until this summer that we got to know them better over the building of our sunrooms. I can see why he was called a "gentle giant". He loved feeding the birds and enjoyed seeing the deer. He will be missed.  
Dave & Georgia



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**Georgia Bowren** - October 08, 2020 at 05:24 PM

MB

“ My heart felt condolences go out to the family. I had Mr. Bell in 6th grade, but knew Mr SudBury through interactions and sports in elementary school. My freshman year at WLC, I tried out for basketball, and Mr. S was our coach. He was an awesome coach and I truly enjoyed playing on his team. He was a very positive role model for me, and I wish I had the chance to tell him this while he was alive. RIP coach, and my thoughts and prayers are with your family during this most difficult time.

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**matt barron** - October 08, 2020 at 04:18 PM

KL

“ So sad to discover this. Dave and Bill Bell painted our house but more importantly I taught with Dave for many years at Dublin Elementary. Always such a caring compassionate advocate for my special needs students. I could always count on Dave to include my kids which meant the world to me and to their families. Also, he was just plain fun. Love to Jane and the girls. Kathy Lindsay

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**Kathy Lindsay** - October 08, 2020 at 04:02 PM

PC

“ Mr. Sudbury was my 6th grade teacher, he was one of the only teachers that I had that actually seemed to care about my future and well being. What a great loss, condolences to the family. A little side note, his wife Mrs. Sudbury was my 3rd grade teacher. God bless and stay safe.

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**Phillip Cushman** - October 08, 2020 at 04:00 PM

TE

“ I worked for Dave at Walnut Creek. He was a wonderful teacher and leader. My sympathies to his family and may he rest in peace

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**Tina Entwistle** - October 08, 2020 at 03:12 PM

KR

“ He was one of my favorite teachers and the first to really interest me in science. His animated, excited smile when he was talking about something was contagious. Condolences to those who loved him. He really did touch so many.

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**Kristen** - October 08, 2020 at 01:16 PM

SF

“ I have lived next to Dublin for 45 years. I never had the pleasure of having him. But he always came across as a gentle giant. I would run into him once in awhile and he still remembered me which is amazing that he did. He did referee many of my basketball games over the years. RIP Mr Suds you will be missed.

Shawn A Fath - October 08, 2020 at 12:28 PM

WU

“ Walled Lake Schools Federal Credit Union purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of David Lee Sudbury.



Walled Lake Schools Federal Credit Union - October 08, 2020 at 11:13 AM

PS

“ Pat,Russ, Cindy,Jim Ridley and Denise,Randy Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Lee Sudbury.



Pat,Russ, Cindy,Jim Ridley and Denise,Randy Smith - October 08, 2020 at 09:31 AM

OS

“ What a great man he was. He taught at Dublin where I went till 8th grade. He was a wonderful teacher. Soft spoken but a great man. I worked at Krogers in White Lake and every once in a while him and his wife would wander in. He was always working on something for his children. The world will miss a great man. Rest in peace.

Onalee Stogdill - October 08, 2020 at 08:09 AM

JR

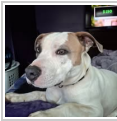
*I also had him as a teacher at Dublin. Goodness it had to been about 35 years ago or more. I remember him being a giant of a man and always smiling. It sounds like he lived a wonderful and loved life*

**Jenna Renouf** - October 08, 2020 at 11:58 AM

JA

*Rest In Peace my friend. Linda and I have many fond memories of good times with Dave and Jane. Thoughts and prayers always.*

**Jerry Allocco** - October 08, 2020 at 06:22 PM



*He was a good teacher at Dublin I have him for science he make is be fun.  
the world will miss a great man. Rest in peace MR. Sudbury*

**Stacey Jaynes** - October 08, 2020 at 09:00 PM

JG

*A great friendship starting at Olivet College. And years later living winter months 3 miles from us in Florida. David will be truly missed. Our love goes out to Jane.*

*John & Penny Gear*

**John & Penny Gear** - October 09, 2020 at 02:29 PM

KG

*Mr. Sudbury was my 6th grade teacher at Dublin. He is the one who inspired me to go into education and to always follow my dreams. So, I too teach for walled lake schools and getting ready to wrap up my career. I remember Mr. Sudbury and Mr. Bell being great colleagues. My class gave Mr. Sudbury a baby shower for his first child. We got them a car seat. He was so very appreciative. I kept in touch with him through the years and I was very honored when he and his wife came to my wedding. What a wonderful man who was always so full of love and laughter. Condolences to the family of this great man who touched the lives of so many. He truly is one of a kind.💕💕*

**kathy Glennie Gardner** - October 10, 2020 at 02:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Lee Sudbury.*



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October 07, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Sudbury.*



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October 07, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Sudbury.*



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October 07, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *David was a friend for many years and I will miss him. My thoughts & prayers go out to Jane & the girls.*



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**SHARON WHITKO** - October 07, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Sudbury.*



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October 07, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Sudbury.*



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October 07, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to Jane and her family. The light of David's life will be remembered by so many lives he touched.*



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**Bruce and Susan Gibson** - October 06, 2020 at 04:32 PM

KM

“ Our family is very sad to hear of Dave’s passing. We have fond memories of him when you cared for our girls. The love in your home was evident. As Mary Kay says, “ Such a nice man.” Condolences and love to you all.  
Mike & Kathy McKenney  
Mary Kay McKenney Murphy  
Erin McKenney Arriaga



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**Kathy McKenney** - October 06, 2020 at 02:55 PM

AG

“ Allen & Barbara Gough purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Lee Sudbury.



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**Allen & Barbara Gough** - October 06, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Sudbury.



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October 06, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Sudbury.



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October 06, 2020 at 11:43 AM

SE

“ *Sebastian's lit a candle in memory of David  
Lee Sudbury*



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**Sebastian's** - October 05, 2020 at 08:44 PM