

David Lee Essig took his last breath, surrounded by loved ones, on Monday, February 26th, 2024 at 1:33 PM. He fought a long hard battle with kidney failure, cancer, heart disease, COVID-19, and COPD. Every time the doctor would saddle him with another diagnosis, he would charge forward through the hardships for the benefit and love of his family. In the end, it was increasingly difficult to provide him with his much-needed dialysis treatments and he lost his ability to stand and walk. It was decided at that point that his only option was Hospice to improve his comfort on his way to what God has planned for us when we close our eyes for the last time.

Kindness and humor radiated from him everywhere he went, he was a celebrity at every emergency room in the Toledo area, as well as with his loved ones at home. The last thing he wanted to discuss was what was ailing him but he always wanted to see you smile. So when you asked him how he was doing he would dramatically moan “I’m okaaayyy”. He would give away everything he had to whoever needed it without expecting anything in return. He always welcomed everyone to his home as family. It was important to him that the people he loved were safe and happy. Everyone in his wake was better for it.

David is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy class of 1973. He always had a great story of his time at the academy. He retired from General Motors as a Quality Systems Engineer after 30 Years in 2009 and lived out his days surrounded by his wife of 50 years and loving family.

His favorite hobby was his stamp collection. He would spend hours cataloging and assembling his stamps. He could thumb through his stamp collection telling stories of history and the purpose of each one. He was an avid horror movie fan and enjoyed watching movies every Sunday with his family. He

always loved just having his family around him. Those were his happiest times. Even when times got bad, he would always make sure his family was taken care of.

David is preceded in death by his Mother, Eunice Essig; Father, Roger Essig; and Sister-in-Law, Brenda Essig, and leaves behind a loving wife, Sharon Essig; Daughter, Jennifer (Brent) LaCourse; Son, Aaron (Jonette) Essig; and Son, Christopher Essig; 8 grandchildren, Samantha, Mariah, Kaitlyn, Thomas, Brent, Jensen, Elise, Adora; 4 great-grandchildren, Abigail, Jade, Ruby, Isabella; and Brother, Alan Essig.