



## David J. Sliwka

September 30, 1967 - December 4, 2019

David Joseph Sliwka, 52, passed away peacefully at home on December 4, 2019 following a valiant six year battle with cancer. Born in Darby, Pennsylvania on September 30, 1967, David was predeceased by his father, Albert Sliwka and mother, Judith Gibbons.

David grew up in Lansdowne, PA and was a graduate of Monsignor Bonner High School (1985) and Penn State University (1989). He was licensed in PA and DE as a Real Estate Appraiser. He worked primarily in Philadelphia and spent his entire career with Reape, Jeffers & Associates.

David was kind, nurturing, inquisitive, reliable and humble. His positivity and determination over the last 6 years was remarkable; he was often referred to as heroic and an inspiration by his closest friends, family and his medical team at Jefferson Hospital.

David was a loyal Philadelphia sports fan and loved Penn State football, especially the annual trips to the game with his best friends. He was an exceptional cook and an avid gardener. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, golfing, skiing and listening to sports talk radio. His greatest joy was spending time at his home in North Cape May and spending time with family and friends, especially with his two very special nephews.

David is survived by his wife of 22 years, Denise Bullington Sliwka, his twin brother, Kenneth, sister-in-law, Susan and nephews, Matthew (Godson) and Charles. He is also survived by his father-in-law, Lester and mother-in-law, Rosemarie, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. His loss has left our hearts broken, but joyful that he isn't suffering and is finally at peace.

A memorial service to honor David (and his mother, Judith Gibbons) will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Springfield Country Club, 400 W Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064. Charitable contributions in his honor may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 28. 11:30 AM (ET)

Springfield Country Club  
400 W Sproul Road  
Springfield, PA 19064

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ for Dave

*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side spreads its  
white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean  
It is an object of beauty and strength  
I stand and watch it until, at length, it hangs like a speck of white  
cloud just where the sea and sky mingle  
Someone at my side says: there it is gone, gone where?*

*Gone from my sight that is all*

*It is just as large in mast, hull and spar as it was when it left my side  
And, it is just as able to bear it's load of living freight to its destined  
port  
It's diminished size is in me not in it  
And, just at the moment when someone says "there it is gone"  
There are other eyes watching it coming and other voices ready to  
take up the glad shout  
Here it comes*

*by henry van dyke*

*Until then Dave  
TC and Robyn*

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Thomas Culbertson - December 27, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David J. Sliwka.*



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December 26, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers and my thoughts are with you and your family God bless. Love y'all Janet Bullington Payne and family*

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**Janet Bullington Payne** - December 11, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ *David was a wonderful man, and a very well respected appraiser. His loving relationship with his wife and entire family, and his many, many friends, demonstrated how well regarded he was by all. David was without a doubt, the best residential appraiser in The City of Philadelphia and one of the few appraisers I knew, who could get a return calls from 'big shots' who wouldn't give the rest of us the time of day! He had a photographic memory and never met a 'stat' he could forget. David was passionate about everything, and full of enthusiasm and he brought those traits to the fight against cancer. I was always astounded and touched by how he handled himself during these difficult years. How many of us have the opportunity in life to know someone as affecting as David? How lucky we should feel to have known him - and how heartbroken we are now that he is gone. I will always miss him, and all that he brought to our lives - 'our David' - our 'one of a kind' friend! My love to Denise and family, XOXO Louise Jeffers*

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**Louise Marie** - December 10, 2019 at 03:59 PM

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“ David, walked into our offices fresh out of Penn State, with a great and positive attitude, and eventually became one of the foremost appraisers in doing work in downtown Philadelphia .In dealing with cancer thru the years, he never complained. and when you would call to see how he was doing, he would never complain, or want any help with his struggles. He will be missed by all of us who had the opportunity of working with him, and who were lucky to have him as a friend and as a part of our lives. Don Reape.

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**donaldreape** - December 10, 2019 at 09:44 AM

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“ so very, very sorry to hear about David's passing. He was a great guy with a wry sense of humor and a quick smile.

*We will all miss him.*

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**kathie price** - December 09, 2019 at 10:45 PM

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“ Our hearts are heavy at your loss. David's battle was long and hard fought as he tried his best to stay with you. He's at peace now and watching over you as you watched over him all these years.

*Bob & Carol COdy*

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**carol cody** - December 07, 2019 at 02:53 PM

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“ I knew David through his wife Denise. He was an amazing husband and provider. She had breakfast, lunch and dinner prepared for her every day. He kept us updated on all sporting events. He will be missed by all but live in our hearts forever.

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**Anna Dawson Wood** - December 07, 2019 at 11:09 AM