



David "Edsel Dave" Pilger

August 14, 1942 - December 26, 2025

David "Edsel Dave" Pilger, age 83, of Sheffield Lake, passed away on the morning of Friday December 26th in the emergency room of Mercy Health Lorain Hospital following a brief illness. He was born in Cleveland on August 14, 1942 and was a 1961 graduate of the Augusta Military Academy in Fort Defiance, Virginia.

Following his graduation he came back to Ohio and joined the staff at the Lorain Printing Company. In 1978 he transitioned to a similar role as a machine technician with the Roberts and Porter Company. In 1983, he followed a colleague and co-worker to M.B.O. America where he assumed duties as national service manager. David retired from the company in 2008 following a career that spanned almost a half century in the printing industry.

He possessed a high mechanical aptitude and was known for his ability to fix or repair just about anything. In addition, he was a skilled woodworker and was also highly regarded for his love and expertise of vegetable gardening with tomatoes being among his favorite crops to grow. He found additional relaxation by attending activities at the Lorain Senior Center.

David was a classic car enthusiast and was extremely proud of the 1959 Edsel Ranger that he meticulously restored and maintained. He was an active, longtime member of the Stylers Car Club and was serving as the

organization's Secretary-Treasurer at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-three years June (nee Sturtevant), son James Zehel of Strongsville, daughters Donna Kuhn of Lorain, Keri Rieth (Gary) of Litchfield, Shannon Bass (Eric) of Wakeman, and Susan Kuhar. Additional survivors include thirteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, step-brother James Werley (Nancy) of Lorain and brother-in-law Ron Johnson residing in Phoenix, Arizona.

David was preceded in death by his father Frank J. Pilger, mother Winifred Werley (nee Zimmerman) step-father Franklyn Werley, son Russell Pilger, step-brother Leroy Werley, and sister JoAnn Johnson.

Visitation will be Sunday January 4th from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. in the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel – 3224 Broadway Avenue, Lorain. Funeral services will be Monday January 5th at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral chapel. Reverend Royal "Butch" Martin, Pastor of Tower Baptist will officiate. Entombment will follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens in Avon.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memory Gardens

3700 Center Rd
Avon, OH 44011
<https://www.memorialplanning.com/cemeteries/resthaven-memory-gardens>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel
3224 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44055
(440) 246-2118
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Uncle Dave always wanted at 7:30 a.m. hair appointment at the salon an hour and a half before it even opened and he got it. I'm so sad*

Craig DeChant - January 03 at 10:00 PM

MA

“ *Missy Hokanson & Tim Andrews purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David "Edsel Dave" Pilger.*



Missy Hokanson & Tim Andrews - January 03 at 04:00 PM

SR

“ *Sott Johnson and Denise Ren purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David "Edsel Dave" Pilger.*



Sott Johnson and Denise Ren - January 03 at 11:55 AM

SH

“ *2 files added to the album "Edsel Dave"*



Shannon - January 03 at 11:02 AM

KF

“ Kirk and Cindy Romes and family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of David "Edsel Dave" Pilger.



Kirk and Cindy Romes and family - January 02 at 09:48 AM

MJ

“ My wife had a local jewelery store and David would come in from time to time, it was ALWAYS a please to chat with him. I'm sure he will be remembered fondly by many. Our prayers go out to all who loved him.

Mike Janapolis - January 01 at 11:57 AM

LS

“ Uncle Dave I will always remember when I came out for trauma training and the hours we spent talking on the couch. You will be missed always and loved.

Loriann Sturtevant - December 31, 2025 at 05:16 PM

K(

“ Kurt and Donna Lau (Johnson) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David "Edsel Dave" Pilger.



Kurt and Donna Lau (Johnson) - December 31, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David "Edsel Dave" Pilger.



December 31, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ My deepest condolences.
David was my boss for over 5 years, he was kind, fair, never let stress of pressure get the best of him.
Daniel Marro

Daniel Marro - December 30, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ I worked with Dave , fact is he hired me . He was the best boss I have ever had ! He was fair , honest and a friend . Heaven bound for sure God Blrss you Dave

Bob Smith - December 30, 2025 at 10:42 AM



A great friend, mentor and all around wonderful guy ! Dave, from all of us here at MBOAmerica, you will always be “David- King of Service” !!

Dave Dillard - December 30, 2025 at 11:21 AM



He was a great guy

Daniel Marro - December 30, 2025 at 01:20 PM

SD

Prayers going out to Daves family. I didn't really know Dave entill the Stylers car club.He was a nice person to talk to at shows or club get togethers. He will be missed

Steve Davis - December 30, 2025 at 02:52 PM

DB

Although I hadn't known Dave but a few short years, i had to like him when I met him. I looked forward to seeing him at the car shows in his tall chair next to his beautiful Yellow Edsel and talking with him. It always made me smile to hi face light up when I handed him a toy Edsel I had found thinking of him. I and my grandsons will miss him and his contagious smile. Prayers for his family

Dennis Burdue - December 30, 2025 at 07:58 PM