



David Bruce Hopper

October 9, 1949 - December 11, 2023

Mineral Point - David Bruce Hopper, age 74, passed away on Monday, December 11, 2023 after a 12 year battle with congestive heart failure. Even though a failing heart took him away from this world, his giving heart left an impression on all those people who knew him well.

David was not a sweet sappy guy. He was a real work of art. His sarcasm and way with words will be truly missed. If David loved you or even liked you, he gave you a nick name. He himself was fondly known as “Grumpy Dave“, yet he would do anything for you as any of his friends or family would tell you.

David is survived by his loving wife Jennifer Bast Hopper, sister (lg) Julie Hopper Kubicek, nieces, nephews and his cool cat Vincenzo. He is preceded in death by his parents Bruce and Jean Hopper, Walworth, WI.

David graduated from the UW Madison in June 1971. He worked 17 years for Baraboo Sysco Foods as a Sales Representative then switched careers, received many certifications and then worked for Charter Communications as a Network Administrator.

David had numerous hobbies including playing his guitars and bass. As a musician, David was a singer/songwriter who mixed and recorded “live sound” for various musical groups. His passion for all things musical was endless.

David played in 3 local bands, Better Daze, 4H and DuggHopper. He lived to play that guitar...(right Homer?). David loved his band mates and the camaraderie they shared.

A special thanks to Upland Hills Hospice, Upland Hills Hospital and the UW Hospital Heart Failure Clinic for their exceptional care over the last 12 years.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at the Mineral Point Opera House from 1:00 until 5:30 PM.

Any donations or memorials may be directed to any of the following: Mineral Point Opera House, Mineral Point Rescue Squad or Pointer Pantry (Mineral Point).

David is in rock n' roll Heaven.

"Well, you know they've got a hell of a band".

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **21**. 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Mineral Point Opera House
139 High Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Bruce Hopper.*



January 19, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ *Katherine S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Bruce Hopper.*

Katherine S. - January 15, 2024 at 09:24 AM



“ *From the Mark Groom Family, we send our Deepest Sympathies! Dave was always a Joy to see and visit with and plat music With. First met Dave when he worked for Sysco. You will greatly missed. Dave. R.I.P.*

Mark J Groom - December 15, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ *Dave was such an incredible guy! I will always think fondly of jamming and watching Dave perform with my father and Better Daze.*



Brad Haarbauer - December 13, 2023 at 11:35 AM

JD

“*Dave was one of my best musical and personal friends, and Jude and I are heartbroken. As my duo partner, co-producer and recording engineer, nobody has been more important to my musical journey of the past 10 years-- or ever, for that matter.*

I met him through Jude-- a longtime friend of the Hoppers-- at about the time his heart challenges began. I was trying to step from the drum section to the microphone as a singer-songwriter. I can't tell you how much Dave helped. After Jude and my late mom, he was my biggest songwriting cheerleader. He went on to co-produce, record and play on a few dozen of my originals, and we were working on a couple of new ones when this happened. Here is one my songs, "I'm Yours," that Dave liked so much I told him to sing lead on the recording-- his baritone lives on:

<https://soundcloud.com/duggleby/im-yours>

And then there was our duo, DuggHopper, where we performed side by side for years.

Jennifer, Jude and I offer all our love and good vibes during this tough time. Dave's heart may have failed him, but boy, did it serve the rest of us.



John Duggleby - December 13, 2023 at 09:31 AM