



David D. Walline

March 21, 1949 - July 15, 2023

David D. Walline passed away July 15, 2023 at the age of 74. He was born March 21, 1949 to Ernest Wm. & Martha Jane Walline. Growing up, he enjoyed football, track, weightlifting, fishing, hunting and the camaraderie of his two brothers. He was also very close to his Grandparents, Ben & Ruby Klager, who taught him the importance of having a good work ethic and showing respect to others. He attended High School at Roosevelt High on the Eastern University Campus in Ypsilanti, Michigan, graduating in 1967, where he received All-State Class C Football honors.

David played right defensive tackle on the first UNL National Championship 1970/71 team. He was an Academic All American, Outstanding College Athlete of America, and placed on the All Big 8 Defense Football Team and UPI Second Team All American. He played in the 1971 Senior Bowl in Hawaii. He was a graduate assistant for the UNL football program for one year and graduated from UNMC College of Dentistry in 1977. Upon graduation, he worked as a dentist for one year in Genoa, NE, and then practiced dentistry in Columbus, NE until 2015. In 2001, he was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame.

In 1972, he married Linda Johnson. They had two children, Kristina S. Walline Birch (1973) and Benjamin W. Walline (1974). He enjoyed attending his children's swim meets, soccer games, baseball/softball games, wrestling matches, watching his daughter's cheerlead/flag team, school band performances/concerts, his son's skateboarding, and other school events.

He was active in the NE Dental Association, holding several offices, Columbus Optimists; where he chaired the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for several years, Master Mason member of Lebanon Lodge No. 323, coached AYSO soccer, and was active in the Lost Creek P.T.A. He enjoyed auctions, refinishing antique furniture, watching sports, lifting weights, playing racquetball, barbequing, and his grandchildren. He loved hunting, swimming, fishing, gardening, the wonderful out-of-doors, and his pets.

David was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and brother-in-law Jerome Murphy. He is survived by his wife Linda Johnson Walline; daughter Dr. Kristina Walline Birch; son Dr. Benjamin (wife Dr. Priscilla) Walline; Grandsons Mason and Harrison Walline; and granddaughters Claire and Paige Birch; brothers Eric (Marilyn) and Peter (Cindy) Walline; sister-in-law Nancy (Jerome, deceased) Murphy; brother-in-law Richard (Lynda) Johnson and multiple nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“*Dave will be missed as a teammate, our brother and friend. I was glad to see him at the last gathering. He will be missed but never forgotten.*”

Dick James - August 11, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“*With Distinction was purchased for the family of David D. Walline.*”



August 02, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David D. Walline.*”

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MJ

“ Linda, you likely will not remember me, however, every Husker who played with Dave remembers you. Even though I was two years behind Dave, he was such an encouragement to me. He encouraged me to add weight lifting to my training routine and it paid out multiple dividends later in my career, when I played with the Oakland Raiders. I can remember Sunday evenings in Able Hall, going up to Dave’s room on the 11th floor along with my roommate, John Dutton, for Val’s pizza, and beer Ken Kontos snuck into the dorm. Playing alongside Dave my sophomore year and watching him manhandle offensive tackles each and every week, was a privilege and honor. Last summer we got together in Lincoln and I’ve attached a picture of those who were in Dave’s class who were at the event.

Monte Johnson - `70-`72



Monte Johnson - August 02, 2023 at 09:03 AM

PM

“ Linda, please accept our condolences. We were shocked and saddened to get this news. Pat and Marion McGuire.

Pat McGuire - July 20, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ I remember going to Picket Fence some mornings with my dad to meet up with Dave there. He was always very nice and usually had some fun stories. He will be missed.

Ryan Ernst - July 20, 2023 at 06:12 PM

KK

“ *Dave was a teammate, roommate, and a great friend since 1967.
He will be missed*

Ken Kontos - July 17, 2023 at 04:48 PM

TW

*I am so sorry for your loss. Dave was the best dentist I ever had and
know that he will be greatly missed.*
Twila Wallace

Twila Wallace - July 18, 2023 at 11:10 PM

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*Columbus has been missing a very special family. You are special,
Linda. Your hubby, David will be greatly missed.*
D. Wallingford Col. NE.

Rachel Egger - July 20, 2023 at 12:33 AM