



David A. Sino

December 26, 1949 - September 2, 2023

David “Dave” A. Sino, 73, of Mercer, Wisconsin and Ft. Madison, Iowa, died peacefully at Marshfield Medical Center-Weston on September 2, 2023, with his family by his side. He was a devoted loving husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather.

Dave married his best friend, Diana on August 8, 1981. He was a dedicated educator for 32 years, retiring from Central Lee School District, in IA. Dave had many hobbies, but his love for fishing and hunting was foremost. He had a one-of-a-kind, unforgettable sense of humor. Even though he was said to be a scrooge from October to December, he was a role model and touched many lives over the years, both personally and professionally.

While he maintained and enjoyed a home in Iowa, his heart belonged to the Northwoods. He and his wife enjoyed many years at their home in Mercer hosting and entertaining friends and family. Dave and Diana also took many trips to warmer climates to escape the winter, read a good book, and spend time on the beach. Dave leaves a lot of fond memories behind and will be missed by all who knew him.

Dave is survived by his loving wife, Diana; daughter, Jennifer (Mike) Doscher; grandchildren, Grant Doscher, Mason Doscher, Dalton (Taylor) Sino, Kegan (Genevieve) Sino; great-granddaughter Marleyna; sisters, Karen (Dave) Reed, Diane Sino-Maher; as well as many nieces, nephews and family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marian Sino; in-laws, Wesley and Diane Warner; son, John Wesley Sino; and brother-in-

law, Ken Maher.

A Celebration of Life will be held both in the Northwoods and in Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Mercer Area Ambulance & Rescue, P.O. Box 409, Mercer, WI 54547 and Ft. Madison, IA Family YMCA, 220 26th St, Fort Madison, IA 52627.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Beaver's Resort
4720 W Lake of the Falls Rd
Mercer, WI 54547
(715) 476-3412

Celebration of Life

MAR **16** (CT)

Eagles Club
Fort Madison, IA 52627

Tribute Wall

SV

“ I just learned of Dave's passing. I feel fortunate to have been one of the many who experienced Dave's friendly caring for others along with his sense of humor. While he will be missed by friends and family, he will be remembered by former students for the positive force he was in their lives. Steve Vann

Steve Vann - October 09, 2023 at 01:25 PM

JT

“ Diana, Our condolences to you and your family on the loss of Dave. He was a good guy and will be missed by us all at the Lake of the Falls Association board meetings and events, where he provided us with down-to-earth commentary on issues and that quirky sense of humor. Tom and I will also miss those chance encounters and great conversations with Dave while touring the back roads around the lake on his Arctic Cat or while piloting your pontoon. His absence will be felt.

Tom and Jan Tesch

Jan Tesch - September 19, 2023 at 11:34 AM

RW

“ To Dave's wife and family,
Chuck and I have knew Dave best back in high school as he was in Chuck's class and also wrestled with Dave for Maquoketa High School. I knew Dave way before that as we were neighborhood friends. Reading his tributes makes us happy that he had a good life and had many caring friends. It's sad to lose an old friend even though you haven't seen them for many years.

Rose and Chuck Wendel

Rose and Chuck Wendel - September 14, 2023 at 09:57 AM

JW

“ Diana,

Jack and I were in total shock when we saw Dave's obituary in our paper yesterday. Dave touched so many students lives over the years and was always eager/willing to help with any school issues to make school a positive, pleasant environment. We could always count on him to share his humor and infectious personality. You have our deepest, heartfelt love and sympathy.

*Our lives have been enriched by knowing and working with Dave.
Jack and Marge Wilhelm*

Jack and Marge Wilhelm - September 09, 2023 at 10:34 AM

PA

“ *I met Dave when one son was in his class and spent many year hunting with him after that. A good man gone way to soon. Prayers sent for the family.*

Pat Armstrong - September 08, 2023 at 12:52 PM

SS

“ *I will always remember the time I snagged a couple of weeds while fishing, and was told by Dave not to get them anywhere in his boat. I then changed lures to one with more hooks and cast DIRECTLY into the weeds.*

Within a few casts I'd filled up the chair by the back motor with a mound of dripping weeds (he was sitting up front), and managed to get away with it until it was time to move the boat. Fortunately (for me) he agreed it was hilarious.

I will very much miss being a little Schmidt with Mr. Sino.

-Sam Schmidt

Sam Schmidt - September 07, 2023 at 08:52 PM

JS

“ One of my best memories of Fisher Lake in Mercer is Dave Sino, Sue Thomson and myself Jeanne Schilf spent many vacations trying to outwit Dave on pranks, it never happened, but not for lack of trying, Dave always came back with one better, Diane my deepest condolences to you and your family, the world has lost a good man

Jeanne Schilf - September 07, 2023 at 04:50 PM

JW

“ I worked with Dave many years at Montrose Elementary School and Central Lee K-8. He was a joy to work with and of course everyone knew he was a prankster. Diane, I am so sorry and send condolences and hugs to you.

Judy Wells

Judy Wells - September 06, 2023 at 09:58 PM

PS

“ Sorry for your loss.
CLH Alumni

Peggy Sanders - September 06, 2023 at 12:54 PM

MJ

“ Mary Beth&Joe, Paul&MJ, John&Darlene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David A. Sino.

Mary Beth&Joe, Paul&MJ, John&Darlene - September 06, 2023 at 12:41 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Beth&Joe, Paul&MJ, John&Darlene purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of David A. Sino.*



Mary Beth&Joe, Paul&MJ, John&Darlene - September 06, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I am sure he and dad are catching up on their tall tales in heaven. May peace be with your family during this time of loss and remembrance. - Katie (Belt) Wanta*

Katie Wanta - September 06, 2023 at 12:31 PM

MO

“ *I picture Dave taking us on tour in his boat up North. I smile when I see him at the grill at our first Wisconsin Dells reunion when he graciously made breakfast for the gang. My heart beats double time when I recall him patiently sitting by Gram's side during her final hours. I smile to recall the privilege of singing for Dave and Di's wedding so many years ago. I laugh when I recall finding Smokey sitting in the mouth of the fish while Dave laughs at his great hiding place. So many precious memories. My heart is with all of you.*



Mary Beth Osiecki - September 06, 2023 at 12:25 PM

AH

“ We meet Dave in Ft. Madison ,Ia and we all were instant friends . He took Scott under his wing and taught him more about hunting and fishing than Scott will ever retain.
We were the young couple and he made us feel welcome . We had wonderful times together with Dave and Di and those times will always be special.
Love Scott and Ann

Ann Hanshaw - September 06, 2023 at 11:51 AM

MB

“ Diana, So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I am glad I was blessed to know him. He was an extra ordinary person and teacher who affected many lives.
Marilyn Bennett

Marilyn Bennett - September 06, 2023 at 10:10 AM



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September 06, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David A. Sino.



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BK

“ *Diana, I was so sorry to hear about Dave. He will be dearly missed by family, friends, and colleagues. I only hope that your memories will provide comfort as you mourn his death and celebrate his life. Sincerely, Barbara Kelly*

Barbara Kelly - September 05, 2023 at 11:21 PM

DW

“ *Mr. Sino... it's still feels weird to say Dave, Mr. Sino gave me a swift kick in the pants, at a time in life when I needed it the most. It earned him my respect, and a very fond place in my memories and heart. You will be missed!*

Dan Workman - September 05, 2023 at 11:07 PM

BI

“ *Mr. Sino was a wonderful influence on the little ones who spent their childhoods in the halls of our local school—including of course my own. 🙏🌸*

Becky and Dave Ireland - September 05, 2023 at 10:19 PM

LS

“ *Many years ago, I was in the hospital for double knee replacement. Who should appear but “Mr. Sino”! He noted that I was a captive audience. I have known him many years and never did get the best of him in any verbal interaction. But you got used to that. Happy fishing, Dave!*

Linda Senf - September 05, 2023 at 10:06 PM

CH

“ Diane my heart is broken for you!!! I don't have any numbers for you anymore cause I have tried. Please call me if there's anything I can do!! Love you Cindy

Cindy Hansaker - September 05, 2023 at 09:49 PM

KW

“ I remember Mr. Sino at the old school in Montrose. He was always there to listen to anyone who went to him with a problem. He never turned any of us away. He will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to Mrs. Sino and his family. You have my sincerest condolences.



Kay (Wilson) Wallace - September 05, 2023 at 08:21 PM