

## David J. Petruska

February 1, 2026

David James Petruska, 77, of Monroeville, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2026. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Maria (Amantea) Petruska, and daughters Megan (Shayne) Hale and Kristen (Christian) Misutka. He was a devoted husband, father, and proud grandfather (“Pap”) to Vincent and Eleanor Misutka and Isaiah Hale.

David was predeceased by his parents, John and Mary (Rosevitik) Petruska, and sisters Mary Jane Petruska and Janet Petruska. Surviving are his sister Kathryn (Charles) Schaeffer of Cincinnati, brother John (Carol) Petruska of Turtle Creek, sister Judy (Art) Snyder of Murrysville, and six nieces and their families.

David was a 1966 graduate of Gateway High School and attended Youngstown State University. He served in the Army National Guard from 1970 to 1977. For most of his career, he was self-employed selling automotive tools and equipment. Nearing retirement, he served as Manager of the Monroeville Sports Center. He also served on the Monroeville Soccer Club board and coached Megan’s and Kristen’s soccer teams for many years.

In his retirement, David could often be found spending time with his family, biking, singing country songs on the elliptical at LA Fitness, delivering Meals on Wheels in Monroeville, or serving at the Pitcairn Food Bank. He especially

cherished Februaries spent in Florida with Maria, biking around Siesta Key, talking with the locals, and relaxing on the beach. Above all, he found his greatest joy in time spent with his grandchildren, who knew him as a constant and loving presence. A man of quiet dedication, he believed in showing up for others through volunteering, small acts of service, and steady care for his community. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the family he loved deeply. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). A blessing service will take place at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westmoreland Heritage Trail.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.  
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## Blessing Service

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# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Oh Maria, today (2/10/26) is the first I heard of Dave's passing. Had I known, I would definitely been there to support you as you did for me..  
Please accept my deepest sympathy. He was a special guy and will sadly be very missed..

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**Karen Pedulla** - February 11 at 01:36 AM

AF

“ My heartfelt condolences to Maria and the family. I am grateful to have been your neighbor and to have known Dave. He will always be remembered fondly.

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**Anne Fields** - February 08 at 03:01 PM

LB

“ Uncle Dave—  
a kind and steady presence through the  
years.  
I remember being six years old in  
Pennsylvania,  
a little mascot cheerleader on the sidelines,  
while he played football his senior year in high school.  
After our family moved to California,  
I saw him now and then on visits back home.  
He always greeted me with a warm “Hey, Lisa,”  
and I can still hear his voice,  
and see his smile—memories I will always cherish.  
My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Maria,  
Meagan, Kristen, and the Petruska family.  
May his spirit rest peacefully,  
and his memory live gently in our hearts.



*Lisa Amantea Booterbaugh*

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**Lisa Booterbaugh** - February 08 at 12:12 PM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy to Maria, Megan and Kristen. It has been 40  
years but I still remember the wonderful family that built the house  
next door.

*Cheryl Henkel*

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**Cheryl Henkel** - February 07 at 10:23 PM

GR

“ Was so sorry to hear.

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**Gerry Rugh** - February 07 at 06:01 PM

JR

“ *Maria, I can only imagine your sadness and sorrow of your family. Know that you are in my prayers. May God rush to comfort you and heal your broken heart. With deepest sympathy, Jackie Runyan*

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**Jackie Runyan** - February 07 at 11:38 AM

KN

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. It is so difficult to lose your partner of many years.*

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**Kathy Nega** - February 07 at 09:42 AM

BA

“ *My memory of Dave is from football and class reunions. Although not close I will miss him You have my deepest sympathy.*

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**Barry Austin** - February 07 at 07:01 AM

BD

“ *It's hard to put into words the loss of a friend. My most vivid memories of Dave are from working with him at the Sports Center. If it's one thing all of our friends knew was if you ever needed help with anything he would be the first to show up to offer a hand. Grief is strange. I feel such a sadness but yet a sense of peace that his suffering is over. Just remember Dave...while you are up there waiting for the rest of us to arrive try to not be too bossy because now there's someone else in charge! RIP my dear friend.*

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**Bonnie Durst** - February 07 at 06:56 AM



“ *Dave and I were not close friends....but his quiet and unassuming demeanor had a profound effect on me. I saw him as an incredibly talented man who didn't need to talk about himself....he just let you see him be himself, and I was inspired by him.*

*I tried to recruit him to be on our baseball team in high school. I knew from little league that he would have been the best pitcher on our team....but for reasons I never understood, he joined the track team rather than baseball. If we had him, I'm pretty sure we would have won the WPIAL championship game in Forbes Field. We didn't have him, winner that he was, and lost the game.*

*I have a very vivid and funny memory of an incident that I would love to tell everybody....if there's a memorial service for him some time in the future let me know. I'll drive from New York to share it with everyone.*

*And the greatest thing and best thing he ever did was to marry Maria. These two amazing people deserved each other beyond words.*

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**Alan Momeyer** - February 06 at 11:02 PM

JB

“ My memories with Dave were all fun he always had a smile and positive outlook in the many times that I worked with him and four his kids he would always come buy a super huge pizza smothered with everything and we would gorge ourselves and eat the whole pizza. I really look forward to working for Dave I remember when Dev was the manager of the SportsCenter in Monroeville and he asked me to come up and wire up the sign out in front of the building. One of my guys hooked up the wire incorrectly with my help. I asked Dave to look at the sign as we turned it on to make sure it was working properly. He came in and calmly said that the sign was shooting sparks like the Fourth of July. He said it in such a nice way that it didn't bother me like it normally would didn't bother Dave. We fixed the sign and replaced everything that blew up and all we could do was laugh. That's what I loved about him. I remember my wife lost a ring that her father had given her at a soccer game up at the Gateway high school well Dave helped us look for that ring for probably two hours. Just a super guy she was in tears just so happens. It wasn't up there at all. I think we found it in our house, but just that kind of guy always talking about his kids and looking out for them. I will surely miss him. Hope to see you again someday Dave.



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**jim boden** - February 04 at 10:48 PM

MP

*Thanks Jim. He so enjoyed your company and he was in awe of the work you did. thank you for this beautiful remembrance.*

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**Maria Petruska** - February 06 at 07:56 AM

SB

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family. I have so many later life memories with Davey. One of my earliest memory were the bonfires in the back yard. We would roast potatoes until they were charcoaled then smash sticks of butter into them. In my heart Davey rest in peace.*

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**Suzan Bresch** - February 04 at 08:17 PM

MP

*Wonderful memories Sue* ❤️

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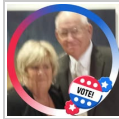
**Maria Petruska** - February 06 at 07:55 AM

DV

“ *Always saw Dave riding his bike* ❤️

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**Donna Veenis** - February 04 at 05:51 PM



*Maria and family we are so sad to hear of Our cousin David passing. So many memories when we were growing up and all the visits with all. please accept our sympathy. Love Brub and Vernie*

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**Laverne Hilty** - February 06 at 06:38 PM

SC

“ *Hi Maria, Nada and I are so sorry to learn of David's passing. Losing a life long partner is always so devastating. We will keep you and your family in our prayers, and will pray especially for God's comfort as you walk this valley of grief.*

*Stokes and Nada Clarke*

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**Stokes Clarke** - February 04 at 02:20 PM

MP

*Thank you for thinking of us.*

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**Maria Petruska** - February 06 at 06:50 PM

RH

“*Maria and family. My thoughts are with you at this time. I'll remember sharing some time in Sarasota looking at the waves on the beach*  
*Rose Hoffmann*

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**Rose Hoffmann** - February 04 at 12:27 PM

LB

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**Lisa Amantea Booterbaugh** - February 08 at 11:56 AM

MG

“*We knew & loved you for many years. You were always a big part of our lives. We will cherish our time spent together. RIP our friend.*  
*Love, Michele & Bill*

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**michele gebhardt** - February 04 at 12:03 PM