



David Nicholas Tornillo

August 2, 1941 - January 20, 2016

David Nicholas Tornillo was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on August 2, 1941. He passed away in Orlando, Florida on January 20, 2016. He is survived by his son Glen Tornillo (Monia), his daughters Pam Velez, Penni Hochuli, and Dawn Renfro; his sister Judy Fowler; his Grandchildren: David, Kaitlyn, Conner, Nicole, and Mathew; and his Great Grandchildren Laniya, Angel, Carmine and Milani.

Two nights ago we lost Penni's father David Tornillo to illness. He was a good man who loved his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even me. Despite being a transplant recipient and having health problems for much of his life, he worked hard and raised 4 children alone after his wife's death many years ago. I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone, (except maybe an NFL Referee or a MLB Umpire here and there) and was a friend to all who met him. He was proud of the adults his kids became and adults his grandchildren were becoming. Almost 25 years ago he entrusted me with one of his greatest treasures and I hope I have not made him regret that trust. I am a better man for having known him. -Dan Hochuli

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BI

“ Sorry to hear of Uncle Dave's passing. Uncle Dave always had a funny remark or joke to tell, he always had great stories of local interest as well. Many fond memories of vacations in CT. or family gatherings when we all climbed into the VW bus and drove to all of the fun locations. I will always remember the summer when Toto chased a car and disappeared for at least one week. Uncle Dave, Aunt Nancy and the kids all teamed up and searched and placed ads in the newspaper. Finally, someone called from a good distance away and said they found him. We kept it a secret from Uncle Dave and surprised him one afternoon with Toto back home. Needless to say, he was elated. Uncle Dave, Aunt Nancy, Pam, Penni, Todd and Glen thank you for those great childhood memories. Our love, prayers and thoughts are with you always.

Bill

Bill - February 08, 2016 at 04:46 PM

 Penni Hochuli

Thank you Bill. Miss you Penni

Penni Hochuli - February 16, 2016 at 01:59 PM

 Andrea White

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Dave. May he rest in Heaven with Aunt Nancy. Love to my cousins.
Andrea (Carleton) White



Andrea White - February 01, 2016 at 06:30 PM

DR

“ I love and miss you Dave.....more than words can say. you will be forever in my heart.

dawn renfro - January 31, 2016 at 05:00 PM

DR

“ Dawn Renfro lit a candle in memory of David Nicholas Tornillo



dawn renfro - January 31, 2016 at 04:56 PM

TO

“ So sorry for your loss Penni. My heart goes out to you and your entire family.
With love, Tory Dixon



tory - January 26, 2016 at 06:44 PM

AN

“ Penni I am so sorry for your lost. May God Bless You and your Family. Andrew

andrew - January 26, 2016 at 12:52 PM

LS

“ Sorry for your loss. My daughter thought a lot of Dave and will miss him dearly. We have met him a few times and he was always helpful and friendly. He will be missed.
Dawn Renfro's family



Linda Serra - January 25, 2016 at 10:17 AM

 Penni Hochuli

Dad loved Dawn like a daughter. I don't know what we would have done without her. She is the one that made it possible for Dad to remain at home for as long as he did. She is a blessing to our family.

Penni Hochuli - January 26, 2016 at 10:48 AM

LT

“*Dave was such a fun-loving guy. I met him with Maggie at the dog park when I first arrived in Florida from NY back in 2004. He was one of the first people I made friends with. He made me laugh all the time with his quick wit. He was a Met's fan so when I found out they were playing a game against the Astros in spring training in Kissimmee one year, I got some tickets and was glad he agreed to join me to root for the NY team on the Astro's home turf.*

At the dog park he had dozens of friends both human and furry. I believe that dogs seek out good people and Dave was always greeted by my Chili and Blizzard with enthusiasm each day as we gathered with the "regulars".

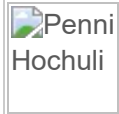
Dave was a good friend who came to see me during a lengthy hospital stay calling regularly to find out if I needed anything. While I hadn't seen him often since I moved a bit further south, he did join a few of us "dog park people" for lunch when time allowed.

Dave, you will be missed by many. Please tend to our furries at the rainbow bridge, as I know you will. I'm betting my Blizzard is sitting next to you, waiting for you to toss the ball for him like you did at the Downey Dog Park.

Rest in peace, dear friend...until we meet again.
Loret Thatcher



Loret Thatcher - January 24, 2016 at 10:03 AM



Thank you for sharing. He loved all his furry friends and often talked of them.

Penni Hochuli - January 24, 2016 at 10:46 AM



I love the story about when Dave stopped at publix ,waited while they made his sandwich and heard a little commotion as he was heading up the aisle to leave.....here comes Maggie.....tail wagging and greeting people.....Dave says MAGGIE you're not supposed to be in here.....she had jumped out the window and went looking for Dave...they were a great pair💜

Suzanne Tranfaglia - January 24, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ Although I never met David, I felt like I knew him through all the good things his daughter Penni told me about him. He will truly be missed. My thoughts & prayers are with the family during this time of sorrow. Yvonne Woods



yvonne woods - January 23, 2016 at 10:46 PM



Thank you.

Penni Hochuli - January 24, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ Roger Fowler and Scott & Carol Cooke purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David Nicholas Tornillo.

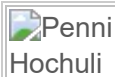


Roger Fowler and Scott & Carol Cooke - January 23, 2016 at 02:42 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear this. So many happy childhood memories of vacations spent in CT with Uncle Dave & Aunt Nancy, Pam, Penni, Todd & Glen (Toto & Dudley too). Memory Lane always keeps loved ones close in heart. Our love, hugs & prayers now & always, Jerry & Lisa, Lauren, Scott & Jill, Dave & Chelsea, Bill

lisa burke - January 23, 2016 at 01:39 PM

 Penni Hochuli

“ We had great times. Love you all. Pam, Glen, and Penni

Penni Hochuli - January 23, 2016 at 06:32 PM



“ Stephanie Hochuli lit a candle in memory of David Nicholas Tornillo



Stephanie Hochuli - January 23, 2016 at 08:12 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Nicholas Tornillo.



January 22, 2016 at 10:55 PM


 Penni Hochuli

“ *My dad was always there for me. He believed in me, encouraged me and helped me to believe in myself. I always knew that I was loved. He always told me he was proud of me even when I failed my spelling tests after helping me study the night before. Failing my spelling tests was a weekly occurrence for all of elementary school and I would be devastated, all he and mom would ask me is if I tried my best. He never got mad at me.*

He told me a few years ago that he often worried about my future when I was little because of my learning disability, thinking that I would end up flipping burgers somewhere. He said if that was all that I could do then he knew that I would be the best hamburger flipper there was but I got into college and even made the Dean's a few times. He was so proud of me when I graduated from college.

LOVE YOU DADDY

Penni Hochuli - January 22, 2016 at 10:37 PM

 Penni Hochuli

“ *Penni Hochuli lit a candle in memory of David Nicholas Tornillo*



Penni Hochuli - January 22, 2016 at 10:17 PM

 Penni Hochuli

Love you Daddy. I know that you are with Mommy and Todd and at peace and no longer in pain. You will always be in my heart.

Penni Hochuli - January 22, 2016 at 10:20 PM



“ I love how Mr. Tornillo said "yes" to me staying at the house for Penni and my last 2 weeks of high school and then I don't think we ever saw him, which was a good thing since we stayed out late hanging out with friends and enjoying our last moments of freedom before college. It's one of my fondest memories. He knew that Penni and I were good kids and didn't get into trouble and he trusted us (probably not the best idea), but we really never did get into any mischief. He was the kindest man and worked really hard to give his kids a good life.

I'm so sorry, Penni, Glenn, and Pam, for the loss of your dad.

Sandy Sandmeyer - January 22, 2016 at 09:42 PM



“ Love, Uncle Don and Barbara purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Nicholas Tornillo.



Love, Uncle Don and Barbara - January 22, 2016 at 07:52 PM