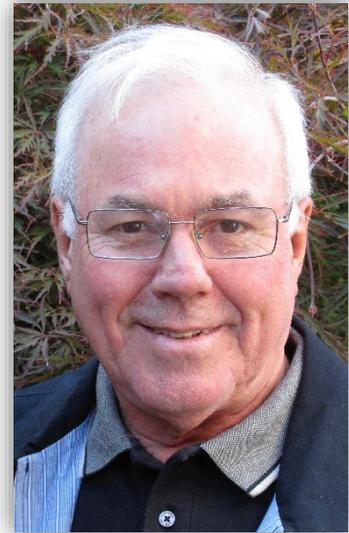


David Schoonmaker

Woodstock Class of 1962 Condolences and Memories from Woodstock Friends



March 16, 1944 – December 15, 2022



Bruce Davis

David Schoonmaker's death is a huge loss to all of us who knew him and to the Woodstock community as a whole. He was actively engaged with Woodstock and the alumni community for many years, serving on the Woodstock School board of directors, and on the board of FWS. He was a major donor to FWS, and an enthusiastic participant in our annual reunions, even dragging Eva along to some of them. In 2015 I joined David and Marlin and a few others in a 3-day boundary waters canoe trip after the Minneapolis-St. Paul FWS-WOSA reunion. I learned on that trip that he was as strong as an ox. I learned sometime later that

he had begun his fight against cancer. His strength won the battle for a long time. Note the name of his canoe. The spirit of that canoe was with him to the end. Like Glenn and others, I too will miss David.

- Bruce

Glenn Conrad

David's decision to become the first major funder of FWS Legacy Endowment Fund – dedicated to offsetting administrative costs -- was certainly among the most important events in the entire KWI-WOSANA-FWS saga. His capacity for hard-nosed financial realism was similarly critical in Woodstock's transition to its present viability. David and I disagreed on so many things, but we always enjoyed an ability to argue about them amicably. I often accused him, to his great dismay, of being the most ecologically-sensitive, greenest guy I knew. I told him that while we all talk about it, he actually tried to do something about it. That irritated him, but it always got a broad smile. I will miss David.

- Glenn

Jane Cummings

David was indeed a giant among many in the annals of the history of first KWI, then FWS and WOSA/NA and of course Woodstock. It is hard to measure the extent of positive things that happened because of David's generosity, his unique leadership style, business/financial acumen, and sheer determination. I had my differences with him on many occasions but I surely respected his sincerity, generosity, leadership and his sheer doggedness. And his hospitality. When I served on the WS Board with him, we had several Board meetings at his home here in Colorado with Phil Wellons, Eleanor and me joining other Woodstock Board meetings by video. What a unique and amazing colleague he was for more than 20 years: I'll miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with Eva in these difficult days.

Cheers, Jane

Katie Jo Walter

In the coming weeks and months, we will be sharing more in celebration of David's life, accomplishments, and service to Woodstock School and Friends of Woodstock School. He will be missed and we wish his family peace and healing in these difficult days following his passing.

- Katie Jo

Craig Cook

I'm so sorry to hear of David's passing. He'll be greatly missed and personally, I enjoyed my many conversations with David about all things Woodstock. We appreciate all that he contributed to the Woodstock community.

Sincerely,

- Craig

David Shastry

I'm deeply saddened reading your message. Along with Bruce and others, David was one of the first folks that I spent a lot of time chatting with when I first engaged with the North American WS community in the early 2010s. In addition to Woodstock, we shared a mutual love of many things such as cars, airplanes, engineering, business, etc. I had the pleasure of visiting him and Eva in their beautiful home in Vail before I'd proposed to Paige last summer. I'll miss the many spirited conversations with him. Paige and I will keep Marlin, Eva and their families in our thoughts, and pray for peace and comfort in this difficult time. It was a privilege to know David.

Regards,

-David

Stephen Alter

Very sorry to hear that David has died. I knew he'd been suffering from cancer for some time but with his usual unstoppable energy, he seemed to be defying the odds. David and I had many good conversations about Woodstock, which he loved, both at Oakville and at his and Eva's home in Colorado. This is certainly a significant loss for the Woodstock community, not to mention all of his family and friends.

- Steve

Virgil Miedema

David's death is an awful shock to me. I very, very much appreciated his wisdom and good counsel while we served together on the FWS board. And more, I enjoyed his openness and his warmhearted friendship. His love of Woodstock, his generosity to the school, and his wise leadership with all things Woodstock and FWS were an inspiration to me...and I'm sure to many others. May David rest in peace!

With heartfelt sympathy to David's family!

- Virgil

Steve Van Rooy

These photos are from our visit with David and Eva just over a year ago.



U Kyaw Win

Farewell, David. You shall be missed greatly. You did so much for our Dear Old Woodstock School.

- U Kyaw Win

Class of 1951

Grace Jones

I met David when my family spent Christmas with his family when I was a young child (early 60's) before I attended Kodai. I was aware that he attended Woodstock, he was a BIG boy just like Norm Mundhenk. I met him again many years ago as I was on the organizing committee for the Woodstock Reunion at UCLA a few years ago. I got reacquainted with him.

A lovely gentleman.

- Grace Jones

Staff 1981-1984

Anne Lind

I was so sorry to hear of David Schoonmaker's passing. Please forward my condolences to the family. I enjoyed working with David on the FWS board. He could always be counted on to keep the discussions lively. He will be missed.

- Anne

Connie and David Wheeler

So much to say and so many memories over these last twenty years... As an FWS Board Member and FWS Treasurer, Woodstock Board Member, class leader, project leader and organizer, a man with countless interests inside and outside of the Woodstock community... he leaves a deep hole in all of our lives and will be sorely missed. Our hearts go out to Marlin, Eva, and the whole extended Schoonmaker family.

Fly with the angels, David.

- Connie and David

Lorrie Doman-Sheydayi

I share in the sadness that has rippled through our Woodstock family upon hearing of David's passing. I served with him on the FWS Board and have deep respect for the generosity, insight and suggestions that he brought to our work to benefit Woodstock and our alumni community. My heart goes out to his family. May he rest in peace.

- Lorrie

David Stein

I initially was a member of the class of '62, but was promoted twice to graduate in the class of 60. David and I were friends and even met again in Berkeley in the later 1960s. I write because, by curious coincidence, I now live in Woodstock, New York, a few yards from Schoonmaker Lane. So I am reminded of him daily as I leave my house.

- David Stein, '60