



## David H. Essmann

March 21, 1958 - August 28, 2012

Essmann, David H. Freeland, Michigan David Harold Essmann was born March 21, 1958, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa where his father was a Lutheran missionary. He grew up in Wisconsin, and then moved to Michigan to begin his exceptional career in education, first in the Lutheran school system, then in the public schools. Dave loved his family and his job; he devoted his life to educating, loving and supporting those who knew him. He will be greatly missed. Dave is survived by his parents, Pastor Harold and Ruth Essmann; his beloved daughters, Amy (Bill) Pavlakos and Jillian (Keith) Huot; the love of his life for twelve years, his wife, Sue Essmann; sisters, Rhoda (Pastor Dennis) Belter and Michele (Reginald) Pfeifer; nieces and nephews, Pastor Jeremy (Kelsey) Belter, Nicole Belter, Zachary Belter, Kirsten Pfeifer, Emily Pfeifer, Kelly Reinhardt and Sarah Reinhardt; brother and sister-in-law Dave and Wendy Reinhardt; his best friends, Meri and Dave Symons; as well as several aunts and uncles. Funeral service will take place at 11:00am on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 612 N. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602. Friends are welcome to visit with the family Monday evening from 4:00pm-7:00 p.m. at the McIntyre Funeral Chapel, 500 N. Michigan Ave. and at the church on Tuesday from 10am until service. In lieu of flowers, the family would request that everyone who has been touched by Dave Essmann continue his legacy by performing a random act of kindness for a stranger. "The Lord is MY Shepherd, I shall not be in want." Psalm 23:1

# Comments

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“ So sorry for your loss ,I worked with Dave for several years and found him to be a very compassionate person. I loved the way he treated the kids under his watch. He will be truly missed. God Bless

**Peggy Blaine of Saginaw** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out the the Essmann Family and Friends. Mr. Essmann was a great principal. May God be with all he inspired as they grieve a great loss. He will live on in all he has inspired.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lethorn of Colorado Springs, CO** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Esseman's family. Our girls have only been going to Havens for three years but in that short amount of time Mr. Esseman made an impact on them. They came home so many times saying if they won a contest they could get a popsicle party with him or that he was being funny during an assembly. Thank you for sharing him.:)

**Erica Stevens of Saginaw, MI** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dearest David. My family and I wanted to send our deepest sympathy to your family. I wanted to share a comforting thought found in God's Word at Isiah 25:8 where it says in part that death will be swallowed up forever. I hope that your family finds this text comforting as it did me and my family.

**Matthew Murray of Saginaw MI** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dave Essmann was a great principal. He was a very caring person and my children loved him.He will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with your family.

**The Tweddle Family of Saginaw, MI** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Mr.Essmann while doing my student teaching at Havens. He was very welcoming and sweet to me while i was there. I have seen him a few time since and he would always make sure to say hi. When i read this this morning i was in shock. My son will be starting kindergarten next year and he was a big part of the reason we were going to send our son there. My thought and prayers go out to the family! I feel so blessed to have known him.

**Teresa Blome of Saginaw, MI** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My prayers go out to the Essman family. I worked at Havens my senior year in high school and now have the pleasure of sending my daughter there. I love this school, and know that Mr. Essman is one of the major reasons for it's success. He will be deeply missed by students and parents.

**Alicia (Roby) Leffler of Havens Elem. Saginaw** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Both Jacob and Robert will miss Mr. Essmann very much. As they both would say "he is one of our favorites!" He touched both of my boys lives and I am very happy for the time they got to know him at Havens.

**Tiffany Jeter of Saginaw Michigan** - August 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ You were great with the kids and parents at havens elm... You will be missed!

**Chad and Jaycob Prezzato of Saginaw mi** - August 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Mr. Essmann's passing. My last position as an aide with Swan Valley was with the Title 1 Reading program at Havens. The enjoyment all of the students had seeing him dressed up in costume as they met their reading goal(March into Reading) was great.As an aide in several different schools/school systems, the relationship of the staff & Mr. Essmann was the most cohesive of any of the schools I worked in and the one I enjoyed the most.My condolences to everyone in his family.

**Vicky Niederstadt of Saginaw, MI** - August 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Words cannot describe the emptiness that will be left in all the hearts touched by Mr.Essmann. He has been the most instrumental person in Robbie's education & we feel lost without him. Robbie prayed to the God last night for Mr.E and asked him to give him 9 lives so he could come back. Our sincere condolences to the family and all the hearts touched by Mr E. He was truly a gift from god.

**Angela & Robbie Humpert of Havens elementary** - August 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My son Marcial goes to Haven's. I have not been able to tell Marcial the trouble news. He will be so upset. David was a great person. He was always there for my son. When he need a little push every now and then. He will be so greatly missed.

**Jennifer Gutierrez of Saginaw, MI** - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Essmann, you were such a great guy who was universally respected by your students, staff, and peers. I learned so much from you in the short time I knew you. I cannot imagine walking into H1avens and not seeing you there. Rest in peace my friend. I will miss you always.

**Brad Merrill of Saginaw, MI** - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dave's dedication to his work and the students in his care was exemplary. I am very impressed with the lengths he was willing to go to challenge, motivate, and inspire the students at Havens. You could tell he loved his job and didn't just look at it as a job, but a vocation. He will be remembered fondly for a long time.

**Shannon Fisher of Swan Valley Middle School** - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Essmann family. He will be deeply missed.

**Lori vanTol Kreszowski** - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM