



David Anthony Peschka

February 11, 1960 - June 6, 2022

David Anthony Peschka passed away on Monday, June 6, 2022. Born in Roswell, NM, on February 11, 1960, David graduated from Roswell High School in 1978. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1986 from New Mexico State University and a Master of Science in Biology in 1998 from Eastern New Mexico State University. David taught in the Science department at Eastern New Mexico State University-Roswell for over 10 years. At ENMU-R, he received the Kosa Merit Award for Excellence (2009-2010). David was employed by the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico, where he also served as a docent.

David was preceded in death by his parents: Jerome A. Peschka, and Lucille Marie Peschka; brother, Jerome A. Peschka, Jr; sisters: Cecilia and Ann Peschka; and a great-niece, Ravae I. Holloway.

Those left to cherish David's memory are his siblings: Corinne Peschka (El Paso, TX), Christine Milyard (Las Cruces, NM), Bill Peschka (Ann) (Rio Rico, AZ), Mary Peschka (Las Cruces, NM), Lucille Holloway (Chuck) (Roswell, NM) and Michael Peschka (Ellie) (La Mesa, NM); and an aunt; Nancy Hanagan (Santa Fe, NM). In addition, nieces and nephews: Patrick Peschka, Mary (Missy) Peschka, Christine Peschka-Santillian, Michael Milyard, Christopher Milyard, Justin Peschka, Will McMain, Chad Holloway, Jennifer Seely, Allen Holloway, Paul Peschka, Olivia Carver; and numerous extended family members survive him. David also leaves many caring friends.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 10:00 AM at

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in David's name to the Historical Society for Southern New Mexico, 200 N. Lea Avenue, Roswell, NM 88201.

Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with David's Family at www.andersonbethany.com

David's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **21**. 10:00 AM.

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

TS

“ I’m just learning of David’s passing and saddened. I went to high school with David and later were friendly through ministry work. I always admired his intelligence and kindness to me always. I’ll remember him waving with a big smile on his face as the last time I ran into him. Rest In Peace, sweet David. You left this world a better place indeed.

Tina Sanchez - July 23, 2022 at 11:43 AM

AC

“ David taught me lots about life. As a teacher he taught me to earn my grades by learning the material, writing notes, reviewing the corrections he spent hours and hours writing down. I know the grade I got was a grade I earned. And as a friend, he taught me generosity. When I had a rough time in my life, he helped me by buying food. He told me every few weeks to make a list of what I needed. And later, he would bring me more than what I needed. He didn’t have to do this act of service but the love and compassion he showed me will forever impact my life. I am glad to have known David; he was like a second dad to me. I am sad of his passing.

Audrey Cheney - July 11, 2022 at 12:17 PM

JB

“ I was a colleague of David's at ENMU-Roswell for quite a few years. He was a dedicated instructor who always wanted the best for his students, and a very good person to work with. He was serious, kind, thoughtful and ethical in all his dealings with others. I'm very glad I had the opportunity to know him. Jennie Bower

Jennie Bower - July 01, 2022 at 08:30 PM

ZW

“ I knew David first as a friend of my daughter when they were students at Roswell High. He was always so very respectful and seemed to be happy to see me in the ensuing years as we would meet in the community. In recent times, I saw him more frequently around the Historical Society where he added so much value in many ways. David definitely will be missed by many. May he be at rest in Eternity with Jesus.

Zelma Wilcox

Zelma Wilcox - June 21, 2022 at 04:31 PM

CC

“ My condolences to all the family and friends of David. I worked with David at Eastern NM University in Roswell for several years. I found David to be a wonderful colleague and instructor of Biology and Anatomy. David was very thoughtful in every response and interaction with all that he came in contact with. He was kind and will be missed on this earth by those that knew him. Fly away into your eternal home, dear friend. God's speed!

*Cory Cogdill
Math Instructor
Roswell NM*

Cory Cogdill - June 21, 2022 at 09:49 AM

JD

“ So very shocked and saddened to hear this news! When working the archives for the HSSNM, David was always around, working, he always took the time for a friendly ‘hello’ or ‘can I help you carry that?’ As many others have said “Kind, compassionate, friendly, fun, just an all around great guy!” My heart breaks for those family members who were closest to him. We need more David’s in the world we live in today, not less!! Heaven surely must have needed a new Angel!

Janice Dunnahoo

janice dunnahoo - June 19, 2022 at 06:00 PM

MM

“ I was David's High School Accounting teacher and also one of his Roswell High class sponsors. David was a very polite young man and a wonderful student. I'll never forget the morning he came into my classroom before classes started and asked me if I had a needle and some thread. He needed a button sewn on to something. So, I sewed it on for him. He gave me his picture when he graduated and I have kept it in my 1978 Yearbook all these years. Strange what teachers remember but our memories run long. My sympathy to all of David's family and friends. Mrs. McNallen

Mrs. McNallen - June 19, 2022 at 05:01 PM

BE

“ I taught Biology with David for over 10 years. His dedication to his students and to preparing them for their future is something that I always respected about him and tried to perform to his high standard of instruction. He was a great friend and colleague. I will miss him.

Brent Ellington - June 19, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *I taught psychology at ENMUR for 35 years. Many times, I served on important committee with my friend David. One of the most important committee was the Faculty Evaluation Committee. David and I both held high standards for the students by evaluating the faculty that taught them.*

*David was bright, dedicated and sensitive.
I am blown away to hear of his passing.
I will miss my friend.*

Lloyd Chaves - June 18, 2022 at 02:44 PM

JH

“ *Mr. Peschka was a really good Biology professor. I enjoyed how he kept God in science. I really enjoyed the conversations we shared. Prayers and hugs to the family in this time of mourning and cherishing the memories they have with him.*

Jacob Hicks - June 18, 2022 at 12:46 AM

KG

“ I speak for many when I say that Mr. Peschka was a good man. I am beyond honored to have been one of his students. Not only did I learn perseverance from Mr. P, I also learned that anything worth attaining cannot be attained without having someone there to guide you through the difficult moments of the journey to achieve success. For me, Mr. P was that person. No matter how many times (which was many) I became intimidated or felt that I simply could not go on or had what it took to be a student, he encouraged me and always had the right words to say to help pick me up and keep trying my very best. I can still remember being enraptured by his lectures and I have such vivid memories of seeing and listening to him do what he loved, which was teaching. I will never forget Mr. P and the way he gave me wings to fly and not be afraid of the world, rather embrace it and everything it brings my way. I'm so very humbled to be able to have known Mr. P and to be able to call him a dear friend that will forever be treasured in my heart.

Mr. P, rest in peace and know you are so very loved by many. Thank you for everything.

Kristen Good-Chappell - June 17, 2022 at 10:40 PM

MD

“ Mr. Peschka you were such a phenomenal Professor and cared so much for your students. Starting college in my mid 30s. You were the first Professor I met and you went above and beyond to help me. The college and students will forever miss you and your students thank you for all you taught us. You didn't have to go above and beyond to help but you did. Rest in peace my friend.

Melissa Davis - June 17, 2022 at 03:21 PM

LM

“David, you were my treasured and loyal friend for 35 years. It's so hard to think of a world without you in it, but I know you are in perfect peace and health in your heavenly home. Thank you for being the kind, funny, smart, caring man that you were. We were all blessed to know you. You will be missed.

Linda Bates McCool - June 17, 2022 at 03:04 PM

VJ

“Than you for being our "forever friend". You were the BEST. We love you. Prayers for your family. Love Virgel and Ann Jaquess

Virgel and Ann Jaquess - June 17, 2022 at 01:38 PM

LN

“I worked with David at ENMU-R for several years. We did not cross paths every day, but when we did, he was always very friendly. He was someone I could depend on when I needed help with course and curriculum questions. We had one thing in common, bad knees. I went through multiple surgeries and he always wanted to know how I was doing. We all go through struggles in our lives, and David was the kind of person who would always stop and ask how someone else was doing. He was kind and caring. Prayers for all of his family during this sad time.

Linda Neel - June 17, 2022 at 11:44 AM

AM

“condolences to his family, friends, and old coworkers from ENMU Roswell I was a work study and student hire at the ITC Computer Lab from 2006 to 2009. Mr Peschka always had a kind word to say. I never had him as an Instructor but his office was right around the corner and he would go to our ITC parties. Im glad I got to know him and I am glad his students learned from his BIO 151 class because it was not easy from what I've heard. Rest Easy Mr. Peschka

Adrian M - June 16, 2022 at 11:37 PM

AM

“Adrian M lit a candle in memory of David Anthony Peschka



Adrian M - June 16, 2022 at 11:27 PM

DK

“David was my friend and colleague at ENMUR. He was my 'go to' person when I needed help or advice. I will forever remember his contagious smile, silly pig jokes, dropping by my office because he knew I had chocolate! His deep faith gives me comfort knowing that he is now with the Lord.

Darlene Klassen - June 16, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ I worked for David for 4+ years as a lab rat during my stay at the ENMU-R Nursing Program. There was not a day that went by that David didn't teach me something new. He was the absolute smartest person I knew and very quickly became the most inspirational teacher that I ever had the opportunity to learn under. He was one of the most genuine, smart, funny, intelligent, witty, etc., human beings I ever had the chance to know. The picture I have chosen really shows that child-like demeanor that David didn't always share with everyone, but I got the chance to be a part of. I will miss your terrible jokes and am quite sad I never got a copy of the joke book you were working on. I will truly miss you sir and the world lost a gem June 6, 2022.



Jonathon Gomez - June 16, 2022 at 03:39 PM

SH

“ Mr. Peschka was a substitute teacher in the late 80s/early 90s when I was a local high school student. It's rare that one remembers substitute teachers (and their names), but he did stand out and I do remember him. He was very attentive, kind, humble and helpful whenever any of us needed the extra help. Any time I walked into class and saw he was our teacher that day, I felt a huge sense of relief, knowing that if I needed any additional explanation on anything, he would provide it. He seemed like a very kind and patient person, and, by reading other people's tributes to him, I can see that all of my observations of him were correct.

Sherri Hall-Crowhurst

Sherri - June 15, 2022 at 03:11 PM

SC

“ I am sorry to hear of this. He was such a great teacher and helped me so much as I prepared for nursing school.

Sherri Cleaveland - June 15, 2022 at 08:39 AM

TW

“ I will never forget David-he was a thoughtful, humble, hardworking, dependable and brilliant man. We knew him as a neighbor, and counted him a friend. My daughter tells me he was a great teacher as well. I thank God that our lives crossed paths. We will miss him. Sincere condolences.

Tina Williams

Tina Williams - June 14, 2022 at 10:22 AM

RL

“ I'll never forget interviewing you for one of my OTA assignments. We were asked to interview someone who you admired and get important events or milestones throughout their life. Your proudest milestone in your life was when you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal savior. I remember how proud you were of that. A man of science but most importantly, a man of God. I will always be grateful for you hand picking me as your work study. It came with huge responsibilities and for someone of your caliber to offer me the position was a huge compliment. Thank you, David.



Ruben Lopez - June 14, 2022 at 09:15 AM

MP

“ *Ms. Patterson lit a candle in memory of David Anthony Peschka*



Ms. Patterson - June 13, 2022 at 06:42 PM

CI

“ *Cyndi Rae Lara, Chicago, IL lit a candle in memory of David Anthony Peschka*



Cyndi Rae Lara, Chicago, IL - June 13, 2022 at 03:59 PM

RC

“ *My heartfelt condolences to David's family. I first met David through work study at ENMU back in the 90's. He was an awesome Biology instructor who encouraged students to achieve to their highest potential. We always talked about getting together for lunch, yet somehow never found the time. I deeply regret this. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Rudy Calderon

Rudy Calderon - June 13, 2022 at 01:22 PM

AT

“ Love from the Amy McVay Tellez family. Words cannot express our gratitude to David.



David sincerely blessed my husband and I, my mother, my children , my grandchildren and so many people.

The reflection of Christ was evident in his compassionate heart always seeing needs and touching the lives of our family and others beyond measure.

God bless you dear one in Christ!!! Thank you and May your compassionate heart live on within us and others forever Amen.

We are eternally thankful!

Heartfelt appreciation,

Amy McVay Tellez and family

P.S.

Hug and thanks from Landyn. He loves you so much.

Amy Tellez - June 12, 2022 at 07:16 PM

AT

“ *It was an honor and privilege to consider David a friend in Christ and member of the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico. We are deeply grateful for his continued service, tireless hours of hardwork and dedication. He will be deeply missed, forever appreciated and in our hearts.*



David Peschka you will never know how deeply loved and appreciated you were but we are eternally grateful AMEN!

THANK YOU FOR BEING A FINE MAN OF GOD AND TRUE BLESSING TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR SENM.

Love and prayers to the family!!!

Sincerest blessings,

Amy McVay Tellez and the entire loving Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico family

Sincerest love and blessings to the David Peschka Family.

Amy Tellez - June 12, 2022 at 05:33 PM

CG

“ At a loss for words. Mr. Peschka gave me an opportunity as a student to learn and grow. Put in as much effort as I did and was never frustrated when I didn't understand. He had kind to bring me on as a work study. Allowed me to study in his lab until it closed as I went into nursing school since he knew it was a far distance from my home to school. Because of that kindness I have a good life. I still owe you that car wash, sorry I didn't get to keep my promise. Rest easy Mr. P

Claudia Gonzalez - June 12, 2022 at 12:36 AM

TR

“ I'm stunned to hear this news. David and I shared an office in the IC building in the 1990's, before we moved into what had been the EMS suite, and each got our own inner office. But I still smile when I remember back to the time when we were still in the corner office, with only a cubicle divider between our desks. We were both adjunct faculty then, but teaching a full course load. We shared Far Side cartoons constantly, as we were both fans, and I still laugh when I think about David's dry humor. In our free time, we often hit the racquetball court, and we must have played a million games! Occasionally, we would go outside of city limits to an area where we could do a little handgunning, and I remember shooting his .45, when we would switch guns back and forth. I remember when his father passed, and the grief he felt. I can still feel the seat of that Honda Prelude he sold me when he wanted to get something newer, and I wanted something better on gas milage. Lord knows, it was all a lifetime ago... and we were so young, with life still stretching out to the horizon before us. Eventually, David finished his Masters Degree, so he could become regular full-time faculty, and I left teaching to start a career in Occupational Therapy. I still think about him every now and then, though... about the fun we used to have, and how (OK, here's an admission) we used to read each other answers from essay questions on student exams (anonymously, of course), when they were just entirely too funny not to share! Yes, we each kept a file... and if a day was particularly gloomy, we could always dip into the All-time Most "Interesting" Answers gallery and cheer ourselves up. David was a gifted instructor, and a good friend. We shared a deep caring about the success and wellbeing of our students, and we used to take pride in the knowledge of most students seeing us as "tough, but fair," and always willing to help those who applied themselves. LOL... I just remembered the time he got a voodoo doll left anonymously on his desk! Hey, not everyone chose to apply themselves! About 2 years later, I finally got one... and it was one of the best days of my life! I had been SO jealous of his!! I wonder if he still kept his after all these years? But most importantly, I beleive David was a good person... and perhaps that's the best thing that any of

us can aspire to be. So across the years and across the miles, I say goodbye to you, my old friend. So much laughter we shared... the dreams we chased and caught... the things we both stood for. Rest in peace, David. You have run your course. You have kept the faith.

Prayers to family members and friends. May God touch your hearts with a sense of peace, and may you find comfort in his presence.

Todd Roen - June 11, 2022 at 09:25 PM

CA

“*Mr. Peschka was a wonderful instructor. I couldn't of had a better Biology and microbiology teacher. My son was having a little bit of a rough time with a class in high school this past semester and I thought of Mr Pescka. I told a story about him not to long ago to my son. He gave me an A on my power point presentation in bio, which coming from him meant a lot and I felt real good about myself lol he wrote a note on my rubric that said good job explaining free radicals! I kept that paper forever*
And I really really earned it because he didn't give anything away for free. It meant a lot to me to work that hard and get the grade in return. This story was a great one and lesson not only for myself but now for my child. Thank you for everything you did. You will be missed and never forgotten. My condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones.

Cat - June 11, 2022 at 06:48 PM

NK

“Mr. Peschka was such an incredible teacher, and then he was also my boss in the Science Dept work study program. I still feel his excitement for microbiology, and it was one of my favorite classes ever. He was able to bring passion to a very complicated subject, and I have never forgotten his classes nor the way in which he taught. He was always available for extra help and wanted nothing more than to help others succeed. He will be greatly missed by all he influenced. We miss you Mr. P

Nicole (Lovelace) Kalavsky - June 11, 2022 at 06:11 PM

CM

“David Peschka was an outstanding teacher. He taught a challenging class that was a requirement for the nursing program. Students lovingly referred to him as “the Peschkanator”. They knew if they took his class they would be prepared for nursing and they were. I will always remember him as a fantastic teacher and colleague who made our job as nursing instructors so much easier.



Candi Miller-Morris - June 11, 2022 at 03:40 PM

LH

“Prayers to David’s family. He was a great teacher and an even greater colleague.

Lucie Hall - June 11, 2022 at 09:51 AM

DK

“My thoughts and prayers are with his family. David was an awesome teacher, colleague, friend, and neighbor. I will miss him!

Diane Klassen - June 11, 2022 at 08:57 AM