



## David Paul Osika

April 30, 1939 - April 29, 2014

David P. Osika, age 74 of Washington Township, and formerly of Shoreham NY, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. David was a very gifted trumpet player and he shared his talent by teaching music in the Shoreham-Wading River School District for 33 years. He was a long time member of the Sound Symphony on Long Island, NY. His love of photography was evident in the body of work that he produced as a professional. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Ruth; and brother, Steve. David is survived by Cindy, his wife of 50 years; two sons, Daniel (Mary), of Springboro, and Geoffrey (Mei), of Los Angeles; sister, Susan, of Clarksburg, MO; brother, Dennis (Louise), of Ithaca, NY; and grandchildren, Megan and Connor. Family will greet friends from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Reis Legacy Center Meyer-Boehmer Chapel, 6661 Clyo Rd., Centerville. Memorial Service will follow at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. If desired, contributions may be made in David's memory to the local Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org/dayton](http://alz.org/dayton)).

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Memorial Gardens

170 North Valley Road  
Xenia, OH 45385

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Final Legacy Life Celebrations  
155 South Main Street  
Centerville , OH 45458  
(937) 291-3911  
[reisfh@att.net](mailto:reisfh@att.net)

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

 Ron Meixsell

“ I just heard of Dave's passing. My condolences to Cindy, Danny, and Jeff. Dave was a wonderful colleague and friend. He was the reason I decided to teach on Long Island, and though it didn't work out for me in Shoreham, it was fate that led me to such fulfillment in other Long Island endeavors. Thank you so much Dave and Cindy for your kindness and support! You are always in my heart!

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**Ron Meixsell** - March 22, 2015 at 01:24 PM

 GM

“ Mr. Osika was one of the people that had the greatest impact on my life. I'll never forget his reaction to my performance at the coffee house performance and the bravery he had to pack up the band and take us to Bethlehem, PA for an exchange concert. I'll never forget all the music he taught me, clarinet lessons and guided me in teenage years. Like Demi, I have a photo he took on my 13th birthday in a frame. He called me to join the summer band and later on the community band. I was so very blessed to have had Mr. Osika in my life. Mrs. Osika and all your family my deepest thoughts of comfort. He was a humble man that was a truly great man. My prayers are with you.

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**Gina Arcario Michau** - May 06, 2014 at 09:00 PM

 LK

“ As so many have noted here Mr Osika was a wonderful teacher. He brought music into so many people's lives. I started taking the flute in elementary school and continued through high school. Though I didn't continue to study flute I passed along that education and love of music to my children who are both violinist. Thank you Mr Osika. You touched more lives than you knew

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**Lorraine Kenny** - May 06, 2014 at 08:43 PM

BL

“ Dear Cindy, Dan and Geoff, We were so very sorry to hear about Dave dying. May he rest in peace. May you and your family know that he will be in our thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you always, Bernadette and Jim Loesch (former Robinson St. neighbors).

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**Bernadette Loesch** - May 06, 2014 at 02:27 PM

LM

“ So kind and gentle and full of passion, it all started with the sax and Mr. Osika's encouragement to play on. My memories of 4th grade band, and all that followed regarding my love of music, are so fixed, sweet and essential. Thank you, Mr. Osika, for this special life gift.

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**Leon Maggio** - May 06, 2014 at 12:06 PM

KS

“ Mr. Osika was an amazing, wonderful man who effected my life then, many years ago, and still now as music is always a part of my daily life. What a wonderful, gifted, kind hearted soul.

Love,  
Kathie Seekircher

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**Kathie Seekircher** - May 06, 2014 at 10:03 AM



Neil  
Vigliotta

“ I'm sorry to hear of Mr Osika's passing. Although I never stuck with music, Mr. Osika stuck with me. In 7th grade he was my "Advisory" teacher. He gave of himself fully. That year, he took his Advisory on a camping trip to Southaven Park. And the memories endure. He was gentle and inspiring. A true teacher, in every sense of the word. Those whom he came in contact with couldn't help but be impacted positively by him. And as a neighbor on Dickerson Drive in later years, it was nice to know that the Osikas lived on our street. I'm sad to hear of his passing. A great light gone. I will pray for him and his family.

*Neil Vigliotta - SWR '79*

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**Neil Vigliotta** - May 06, 2014 at 07:32 AM

CB

“ To the Osika Family I offer my sincere condolences for your loss. Dave was an inspiration to me throughout my life. He was my music teacher, friend, and mentor. I'll never forget the time he came to my fourth grade class with a bunch of instruments, Saxophones, Trombones, Trumpets, Flutes, etc. Everyone got to try whatever they wanted. He handed me a trumpet and our wonderful relationship started. Dave was always there for his students. He always made time for them. I spent many hours practicing trumpet with him after school in H.S. Even as a young adult in my 20s Dave and Cindy would welcome me into their home where we would play duets for hours. I'm honored and blessed to have known him as a student and friend. His impact on my life is unmistakable. He helped me become the Trumpet player and person I am today. He helped me learn patience and that good things come to those who work hard. My son is playing the very trumpet Dave hand picked for me when I needed a professional horn in H.S. He came to the store in Patchogue NY when my parents purchased it. He used to drive a hand full of us out to the North Fork of Long Island every Tuesday evening to play in a band with him. He took the H.S band to see Maurice Andre at Carnegie Hall, Maynard Ferguson, and several other performances including Broadway shows. His generosity and talent as a musician, photographer, and leader has touched many many people in very positive ways. I will remember him with love, admiration, and thanks for the positive impact he had on my life. Thanks for helping us all benefit from his kind spirit and generosity.

*Sincerely, Cliff Brambora - SWR Class of 1980*

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**Cliff Brambora** - May 06, 2014 at 07:21 AM

CM

“ Dave was my teacher, my mentor, and my friend. He was instrumental (no pun intended) in my growth as a musician and a man. I can honestly say I would not be what I am today without his influence. His mark on me is indelible. I know that i am but one of many. I am sad at his passing.... but am also smiling at the many fond memories.

*Dave: May you continue your journey by instructing God's angels!*

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Chris Maus - May 05, 2014 at 07:54 PM

DC

“ To all of the Osika family...I am ever so grateful to Mr. David Osika for introducing me to the world of the muscian. I first learned to lay the flute in 4th grade (after the recorder in 3rd lol) and Mr. Osika the caring and talented teacher who patiently taught me way back then. He also took a beautiful black & white photo of me which still sits in the very front of my mother's dresser at home. When I think back to those days in band, transitioning to the clarinet...and high school...how Mr. Osika was able to bring out our talents and serve a counselor and friend even while disciplining...no one ever really was able to fill those shoes in my book once he left. Each year as I play my clarinet in the July 4th parade I think of my Dad and how proud he was of me there and also of how grateful I am to have been a student of David Osika. Thank you all for sharing him with SWR!

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Demi Conkling-Zalman - May 05, 2014 at 07:25 PM

DC

(sorry...no spell check)...that's "play" the flute...

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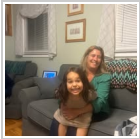
Demi Conkling-Zalman - May 05, 2014 at 07:27 PM

SP

“ I'm sharing words of comfort as I've done for many other grieving ones. So then, I hope you'd agree that the best words of comfort is to be found in God's Word the Bible. There you'll find that Our Creator cares & sees your loss & the pain you're undergoing at this time. So Jehovah's Word does include expressions that will ease your pain. For example, Jesus' words @ John 5:28&29 assures you you of the hope of seeing David again. They read as follows: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice & come out those who did good things to a resurrection of life....." Also Isaiah 26:19 says, 'Your dead ones will live.....' So look forward to David experiencing a resurrection. You will be able to hug & touch David again under much better conditions. After all Jesus himself says at Matthew 5:5 that, 'the meek will inherit the earth.' So you have my sincere sympathy for your loss. And I do hope the above information proves to be a big source of comfort during your time of sorrow. With Deep Sympathy, , Shirley Pumphrey

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**Shirley Pumphrey** - May 05, 2014 at 03:49 PM



“ So sorry to hear of David's loss. Jon and I and the kids will always cherish our times in Paradox with David. He truly enjoyed the beauty of Paradox with canoeing and hiking. Thoughts and prayers to the Osika family. Asya ?

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**Asya Borthwick** - May 05, 2014 at 01:13 PM

RS

“ To the whole Osika family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.  
Mr. Osika was responsible for my love of the trumpet. What better  
way to fall in love with an instrument, then to learn from one of the  
best and distinguish players! The memories he gave me from  
attending Shoreham-Wading River will last a life time, and for that I  
am most grateful!

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**Robert Saville** - May 04, 2014 at 08:26 PM

LF

“ We are so saddened to hear the news about Dave Osika's passing.  
He was such a talented photographer and musician and will be  
missed by the hundreds of lives that he touched in SWR High  
School. He was a great teacher, mentor, father and gentleman who  
was liked by everyone he met. We send our deepest condolences  
to the family and close friends on your loss. Rest in peace.

~Kevin and Lisa Fiske

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**Lisa Fiske** - May 03, 2014 at 05:52 PM

TP

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of my colleague, and friend - David. We worked together for many years, in the Shoreham-Wading River School District. He was a very dedicated, hard working, great teacher, and friend. His concerns were always for the children that he taught, and making sure they learned and became proficient at what they were working on. Dave was very easy going, and always had a smile for you.

*Dave will truly be missed by his many long time friends and colleagues.*

*My sincere condolences to you Cindy and your family, on Davids passing.*

*Tony Pira*

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**Tony Pira** - May 03, 2014 at 10:13 AM

CR

“ Claire & Rob, Asya & Jon, Scott & Julie, and Robin & Ricky purchased the A Full Life for the family of David Paul Osika.



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**Claire & Rob, Asya & Jon, Scott & Julie, and Robin & Ricky** -  
May 03, 2014 at 08:49 AM

MC

“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Mei Chang** - May 02, 2014 at 06:54 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of David Paul Osika.*



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May 01, 2014 at 05:34 PM



“ *I am saddened by the news of Mr. Osika leaving the earth. What a patient and kind person-two amazing traits for teaching teenagers! He never uttered a negative word about anyone. Mr. Osika definitely made music a bit sweeter to learn, to play and appreciate. Thank you. You will be greatly missed. Play us something nice up there.*  
~Jennifer Noonan  
SWR class of '91

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**Jennifer Noonan** - April 30, 2014 at 08:15 PM