



## David J. Fildes

August 12, 1953 - September 11, 2020

FILDES - David J.

Of Depew, NY, passed away on September 11, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of 39 years to Jill (nee Garbarino) Fildes; loving father to Kathryn (Dave Orr) and Kristin (fiancé Jonathan Meyers) Fildes; devoted son to Evelyn (nee Gemerek) and the late James Fildes; also survived by two sisters, one brother, nieces, nephews and many friends. Though technically not a South Buffalonian, Dave was known as the "Voice of South Buffalo" for his work at the Chamber of Commerce, as no one possessed the "gift of gab" quite like Dave. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends Tuesday, from 4-8 PM, at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (two blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, at 9:30 AM, at Infant of Prague R.C. Church, 921 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. Please assemble at church. Flowers gratefully declined. Pursuant to NYS guidelines, face coverings and social distancing is required at both funeral home and church. Leave condolences at [SmolarekCares.com](http://SmolarekCares.com) Go Bills !!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **16.** 9:30 AM (ET)

Infant of Prague Church  
921 Cleveland Drive  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
<http://iopparish.com>

# Tribute Wall

DN

“ Dear Kristin,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. As someone who lives in South Buffalo, glad to hear he was a fan. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family.  
Take care and stay safe,  
Denise Needham

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**Denise M Needham** - September 15, 2020 at 03:23 PM

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“ CHRISTIE SHAPERO lit a candle in memory of David J. Fildes



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**CHRISTIE SHAPERO** - September 15, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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*Jill, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. I am unable to attend as I just returned from a trip out west. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**CHRISTIE SHAPERO** - September 15, 2020 at 01:33 PM

EH

“ Remember Dave well from the old neighborhood, and the group of us that often hung out together. Dave was always a lot of fun to be around, always having something to say. While it has been far too many years since I have seen Dave, he often still came up in conversations we have had, remembering the good old days. My God Bless him, and may he Rest In Peace.

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**Ernie Hetzelt** - September 15, 2020 at 09:53 AM

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“ *From your US Global Risk Analytics family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David J. Fildes.*



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**From your US Global Risk Analytics family** - September 14, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David J. Fildes.*



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September 14, 2020 at 10:53 AM

JS

“ *David was such a positive influence in my life as a Father figure. He always welcomed me into his home and life and treated my kids as if they were his own grandchildren. He had such a sharp sense of humor, was so lighthearted, and showed such devotion and love to his wife and daughters. He will be greatly missed. So sorry for this terrible loss.*

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**Janice Stern** - September 14, 2020 at 10:39 AM