



Mr. David "Doc" George Medich

April 11, 1957 - May 25, 2025

Conway...

It is with profound sadness to share the devastating loss of Mr. David "Doc" George Medich.

Mr. Medich passed away on Sunday, May 25, 2025 at home surrounded by his family. Born April 11, 1957 in Pittsburgh, PA, he was the son of the late Gabriel and Dorothy Gavlik Medich.

Mr. Medich leaves behind his wife of 45 years, Teresa Zavada Medich, who was his high school sweetheart. They were together for 52 years in total.

In addition to his loving wife, Mr. Medich is survived by his fur baby, Venus; a sister, Marcie Ward and husband, Michael, as well as their children, Cassandra and Gabriel; two brothers-in-law, Gregory Zavada and Cyril Zavada, Jr. and partner, Cathi; a nephew, Cyril Zavada, III; a niece, Amanda Zavada; and a great nephew, Connor Panico.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Medich was predeceased by his fur babies, Caesar, Cleopatra, Zeus, and Thor; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cyril Zavada, Sr. and Marjorie Cape Zavada; and a sister-in-law, Agnes Dahman.

He touched the lives of so many and will forever be remembered for his kindness, big heart, and leadership of which he was so very proud. The pouring out of love through our unexpected journey is beyond words...we thank you for that.

Mr. Medich worked for Aetna for 39 years. Through hard work and dedication, Mr. Medich was able to move up within the company all the way to Executive Director and this allowed him to mentor and help many fellow employees along the way.

He was an avid sports fan, especially for the Pittsburgh Steelers; he loved all sports and was an Allstar basketball player as well as a great softball pitcher for many teams that allowed him to win many championships. Mr. Medich enjoyed motorcycles, having served as the president of the Indian Valley Hog Chapter Motorcycle Club. Through this, he found hundreds of brothers and sisters. He also enjoyed golf, casinos, and Saturday night date nights with his wife which consisted of dinner and a movie.

In lieu of flowers or gifts of ANY kind, the family requests memorial donations be made in Mr. Medich's memory to a charity of your choice helping children, animals, or veterans.

Please feel free to share your stories and memories at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Me sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David "Doc" George Medich



Me - August 02, 2025 at 05:58 PM

TG

“ Dave and I were classmates at WMN. and I was sorry to hear of his passing. I have fond memories of playing on Edison Junior High basketball team with him. He was one of our sharpshooters for the team. We also played on the West Mifflin Summer League baseball team. It was a summer to remember as I believe we had a record of 18-3 and won the tri-boro championship. Dave was the catcher for the team. Pitchers Dane Medich, Terry Kirsch and myself tended to get all the glory, but we couldn't have done it without Dave's work behind the plate. Dave was such a nice guy and the memories of him and of those teams will never be forgotten. Tim Gavlik

Tim Gavlik - June 23, 2025 at 01:22 PM

YW

“ Your Loving Wife sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David "Doc" George Medich



Your Loving Wife - June 16, 2025 at 05:05 PM

TS

“ I was saddened to hear the passing of Dave! He was a wonderful mentor and colleague and I will always remember him.

Toni Stoner - June 12, 2025 at 05:52 PM

TF

“ My condolences to Doc's family! He was a bright light at the Conway gym in the morning! Thoughts and prayers for the family!

The Souza Family - June 04, 2025 at 12:58 PM

TE

“ Teresa sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David "Doc" George Medich



teresa - June 02, 2025 at 07:10 PM

DY

“ Sorry to hear the sad news. Prayers for Teresa and the family. I remember the good old times at Polish Hill playground with you and all the rest of the gang. Those were the days. See you down the road my old friend.

Dave Yanichko - June 01, 2025 at 07:43 PM

DP

“ 1st my condolences to your family. Dave was a pitcher for my Duquesne Maverick's championship team for 3 years. Great player,teammate,friend, and a great guy. It's been a while since I've seen him but I will always remember his friendship. TIL we take the field again

Dano Pinneri - May 29, 2025 at 02:04 PM

LM

Hello Dan. You were a good friend as you always asked me how he was doing everytime we met up.

Lance Medich - May 30, 2025 at 12:32 PM

SS

“ *David - your love and passion has inspired countless people in our organization. Our time together, including standing in the TSA line at Bradley Intl just a few weeks ago will always be remembered and cherished. God bless you and your family! ~Shawn S.*

Shawn R. Smith - May 28, 2025 at 03:57 PM

WT

“ *With love, the Aetna Stars Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. David "Doc" George Medich.*



With love, the Aetna Stars Team - May 28, 2025 at 03:49 PM

TK

“ *My deepest condolences to his family. Dave was such a wonderful mentor, speaker, funny, loved life! To hear of his passing was a shock. I worked with him throughout the years in Blue Bell, PA and Cranbury, NJ. His legacy will live on with whomever he came in contact with. My thoughts and prayers for his family at this time.*
Tina Kuzmicz

Tina Kuzmicz - May 28, 2025 at 02:02 PM

NS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Dave - what a great guy. Worked with Dave in Cranbury, NJ for many, many years and then reconnected with him recently when my team was placed with him. Condolences to Dave's family on his passing, he was a man of integrity. Nancy Shamburg

Nancy Shamburg - May 28, 2025 at 01:42 PM

FV

“ This was quite a shock for me. Doc and i worked on the same floor at Blue Bell, PA for about 9 years or so. He always was so sweet and kind and always willing to help, and help he did; he was a gentle giant at heart, truly a great man and good friend. He also had the gift, the gift a gab, he was a wonderful speaker and I would marvel at how well he spoke, so effortless and so eloquent. I am so sad at the news of his passing -- You will be missed -- To his wife and family my thoughts and prayers are with you -- RIP my good friend -- and Shine On You Crazy Diamond!

francesco vigna - May 27, 2025 at 12:54 PM

MO

“*Dave's mentorship was a huge part of his legacy. I was young, determined but needed guidance. I was fortunate to start my career in such a small tight knit part of our organization. That tight knit culture was held together, in huge part, by Dave. Although it has been many years since we last spoke, I have always wanted to let him know that he was the inspiration to my aspirations. It will be a regret that I will not be able to because from the moment that I started, I wanted to reach his level, his stature, gain the admiration that he received. I wanted to be him. Luckily, for a few years, a little more than a decade ago, before my family moved down to South Carolina, Dave took me under his wing. He picked me up through mistakes but also put me in positions to succeed -- and was always available for me to drop into his office. He instilled in me a care for others - a desire to invest time into others -- that part of his legacy will continue on.*

Michael Okula - May 27, 2025 at 12:21 PM

GG

“*Shocked and saddened by this news. My sincere condolences to Dave's wife and family. I played golf with Doc for many years and he was my golf league partner for the last 4 years. Doc was a good guy and friend . He will be sorely missed. RIP Doc.*

George Giovanni - May 27, 2025 at 10:34 AM

TE

“*1 file added to the album Memories of Dave*



Teresa - May 26, 2025 at 02:12 PM

BH

I met Dave through work, straight shooter, he had honer, integrity, and a good man that is a going to be missed. As a fellow Hog rider I will miss talking to him about riding and being a part of the Harley Community. RIP Brother, safe riding in your new life.

Bradford E Hull - May 27, 2025 at 12:28 PM

DN

I am in shock to hear of Dave's passing. I have been taking care of him and Teresa for years at Lombardos restaurant . What an amazing, kind and generous man. We always enjoyed our time together. I am keeping Teresa and family in my prayers. God bless

Dennis Nadeau - August 03, 2025 at 08:51 PM

KA

“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:10*

Kathryn - May 26, 2025 at 12:16 PM

FB

“ *Teresa and family,
Dave had a big heart. He generously gave to the Pee Dee baseball team when they made it to the World Series two years in a row. He was a good friend and he will not be forgotten.
Tony Barker*

Faye Barker - May 26, 2025 at 08:46 AM

JC

“ *I got to know Big Dave through working out at the Conway Rec Center. We would talk politics and sports and he was always able to make us laugh and smile with his loud and opinionated takes. He was truly a generous person. The Rec Center won't be the same without him.*

Jarrett Calder - May 26, 2025 at 07:18 AM

VC

“ To his wife and family, I send my condolences to you. I sure hope he had been able to participate in Bike Week in Myrtle Beach a week or so ago. I did not know him, but he sure sounded like a great guy. I am from Conway and Myrtle Beach, but moved to NC 10 years ago to be closer to my daughter and her family in my senior (old) age years.



Vickie J. Cooper - May 26, 2025 at 06:40 AM

EC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories of Dave



Edward Cota - May 26, 2025 at 01:33 AM

“ This is heartbreaking and devastating. But as I reflect on these touching comments, it’s a testament to how incredible Dave was and the immeasurable impact he left. Like everyone here, I am proud and fortunate to call Doc and Teresa my friends. I’d like to share the story how we met and what amazing people they are. Dave and I met in a rather unusual way. I was an executive for SAP years ago and I had been handed the Aetna account from a guy who was leaving SAP. I was briefed that the Aetna account was not going well and that we were on the verge of losing the relationship and a rather substantial contract. I asked who at Aetna was in charge of this project? I was informed that it’s “Some big intimidating guy named Dave.” And that he “Doesn’t take sh*t from anyone... so watch out.” A few weeks go by and Dave and I end up meeting on a video conference call with about 15-16 people from our respective companies. Some time during the discussion Dave mentions “Harley Davidson.” So me being an avid rider and fairly sarcastic, I jump in and jokingly / sarcastically ask Dave, “Dave, what YOU know about riding?” Dave shook his head and says, “Oh brother... you have NO idea!” So at this point, Dave has officially hijacked the conversation and is just talking motorcycles. Mind you, there’s 16 other people on the call just listening to Dave go on and on about Bike week haha. He then starts telling me about Myrtle Beach Bike Week and asks if I’ve ever been. I replied, “no, but I’d love to.” Dave then says, “You should come down sometime Ed, I’ll show you around.” Then I tell him, “Dave, you should know that I’m a Mexican... and if you invite me somewhere, I WILL show up.” In typical Medich fashion, he says, “Yeah, yeah, we’ll see.” Dave and I continue to work and communicate professionally for the next 4-5 weeks, then I send him a text and say, “Hey, I’m leaving Phoenix on Thursday and should be in MB on Saturday.” He responds, “Are you serious?” A simple reply of “Yup. See you soon” is what I sent back. Saturday around 10 am I call Dave from a gas station and tell him that I’m about 3 hours out and where should we meet? He tells me to meet him at a Harley Dealership, there’s food, music etc. and to text him when I’m close. 3 hours later I roll into a parking lot filled with hundreds of people. Looking pretty rough after riding 2200

*miles from Phoenix to MB (25% in the rain) to come see this guy. I spot Dave in his tank top, holding a beer. He walks over and says, "I can't believe you rode all the way out here. You're f***** crazy man!" I told him, "Hey, I always keep my word." And then he quickly fired back, "Hey! So do I!" He put his hand on my shoulder and said, "Come on brother, let me get you a beer and introduce you to my wife." And that... is when Dave became "Doc" to me. Wait... this gets better! So while the 3 of us are sharing a drink he then informs me that this is their wedding anniversary! Oh my goodness, I felt so terrible for interrupting their special weekend. But these two are so generous, they insisted on taking me out, showing me around and then invited me to their home for dinner and football the next night. And that was it! I am so grateful to Doc and Teresa for inviting me into their home and into their lives. Doc gave me another incredible gift of friendship. Doc organized an annual golf trip for about 30 guys, he had an open spot one year and invited me. One of the best decisions I ever made. I am forever grateful to you Doc for introducing me to this awesome group of guys. I don't have a very close family so I deeply cherish these friendships. Doc, you always guided me professionally and gave me sound personal advice as well. I will miss our deep conversations and your loyalty. I could never repay you for what you've given me. And as promised, I will still ride to MB for bike week, just for you. Thank you again brother, I love you, and I can hardly wait for the moment I see you again. Rest well my friend.*

Edward Cota - May 26, 2025 at 01:31 AM

CO

Great story Edward!

Chris O'Brien - May 27, 2025 at 01:28 PM

MP

“ I met Dave through another friend and enjoyed golfing with him the past 12 or 15 years in a trip he put together every year in Myrtle Beach. We were all together again this year in April. We became good friends and kept in contact often. I could not have met a greater guy and friend. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to Theresa. This was a total shock to me and many others.

Mickey Plavchak - May 25, 2025 at 03:05 PM

JB

On behalf of aINSIGHT, I express my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dave. He lived with passion and purpose. He believed in hard work, honest friendship, and the freedom of the open road. His laughter, wisdom, and unwavering loyalty will be deeply missed by all who had the honor to know him or work with him.

Ride free, brother. The road will never be the same without you, but your spirit rides on in each of us.

With respect and remembrance,

Johnny Bitar, on behalf of aINSIGHT

Johnny Bitar - May 25, 2025 at 05:56 PM

RE

I was totally shocked to hear of Dave's sudden illness and now his passing. He was a great guy and friend. My deepest sympathy goes out to Theresa and Dave's entire family. He will be greatly missed.

Ralph Erickson - May 25, 2025 at 06:25 PM

PF

Met Dave and Teresa when they moved to Conway. Quickly became close friends. Cookouts and awesome dinners at each other's home. Many delicious dinners out. Dave and my late husband Jon were riding and golf partners. When we had to sell our home and move back north, Dave and Teresa worked tirelessly to help us pack, move and assist tge realtor during the sale of our home. Such a great guy with the biggest heart. There is nothing he wouldn't do to help anyone. Love and gonna miss you my friend. Will make sure Teresa gets whatever she needs. Right now that is a hug from her sister from another mister. Ride high with Jon. You will always be remembered. Love Peg

Peg Flint - May 25, 2025 at 09:51 PM

MS

I met Dave many years ago at Prudential. Instant friend and one of my all time favorite colleagues there. Dave had the gift of gab and I did as well; I guess that's why we got along so well. He had a heart bigger than most buildings and truly cared about the folks who reported to him. He made work fun and always interesting. I loved our Sho Gun lunches where we would just catch up. Rest in peace big guy, gone way too soon. Prayers and hugs to your wife and all who loved you.

Merry Stawowczyk - May 26, 2025 at 08:23 AM

TM

So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. We both worked for Aetna for many decades. I recall playing basketball with him in the tournament our job offered many years back. I remember him being a good ball player and he was well respected around the office. I would like to offer my condolences to him and his family.

Terrance McCarter - May 30, 2025 at 06:20 AM