



David "Ramsay" Findlay

September 17, 1935 - April 3, 2020

David Ramsay Findlay, 84, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 3, 2020. His wife and daughter were by his side.

Dave was born on September 17, 1935, in Coatbridge, Scotland. He attended Lenzie Academy where he played rugby for many years. In 1956, the Findlay family began their voyage across the Atlantic Ocean on the SS United States and immigrated to this great nation. After being in the United States for two years, Dave was drafted into the Army in 1958. He served two years in the United States Army stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas.

Dave Findlay was a golf professional and a PGA member since 1969. He served as president of the STPGA from 1974 to 1975 and on the STPGA Board of Directors for 20 years. He was a member of the PGA of America Board of Directors from 1985 to 1989. The chairman of the National Award Committee in 1988, he also worked on the PGA's Boundaries and Education Committees. Dave received the National Award of Merit in 1988, the STPGA's Dick Forester Quarter Century Award in 1995, and the STPGA's Bill Strausbaugh Club Relations Award in 2005. He was captain of the STPGA's Texas Joe Black Cup Match team in 1998.

Dave Findlay served as head golf professional/director at golf courses throughout Southern Texas including Canyon Creek Country Club (Sonterra), Westwood Country Club, Longwood Golf Club, Windrose Golf Club and High Meadow Ranch. He served as a teaching professional at Redstone Country Club and Windrose. Dave was also actively involved in all the communities in which he worked. He started a charity golf event for Boy's Country while working in San Antonio and provided similar services for several charities in the San Antonio and Houston area. Dave played in numerous tournaments throughout his life. These included the British Open at Royal Troon, the British Senior Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, the PGA Senior Championship at the PGA National Golf Club, and two US Senior Opens at Scioto Country Club and Laurel Valley. He LOVED the game of golf and left a lasting impression on all who met him.

He is preceded in death by his father, Allan Findlay, mother, Jean Ramsay Findlay, and son, David Ramsay Allan Findlay.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Dorothy, daughter, Caroline Findlay Martini and husband Phillip, grandchildren Garrett Findlay Alpin, Skyla Martini, and Holdyn Martini; sister, Jeanette Smith, brother, Allan Findlay and wife Judy; nephew Mark Smith and wife Nancy and son Austin, niece Pamela Smith Welch and husband Eric; cousin Renee King and husband Myron; close family friend Teresa Rosenbaum and husband Chuck; along with a host of family members throughout the United States, England, Scotland, and Australia and many more friends who were like family.

A Celebration of Life in Remembrance of David Ramsay Findlay will be held at Windrose Golf Club on June 22, 2020, at 3:00 pm. Please join us in remembering the man who spent his life playing, teaching, and loving the game of golf. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Southern Texas PGA Junior Golf at www.stpgareach.org or the American Heart Association at www.heart.org

Comments



“ Dearest Family Of Ramsay...This is Linda his 1st cousin from UK,Ramsay was always admired and loved by his Uncle Tom (died 2008),Jeans twin.....love never dies..rest in peace Ramsay xxx

Linda Ramsay - July 24, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ Dave will always be in my thoughts and my memories. Our time at Westwood! Our trips to Scotland! I don't think I have known a finer gentleman! His knowledge of the game of golf had no bounds....along with his ability to recall. I have missed Dave. Dorothy, he was so blessed to have you in his life. Thank you for caring for Dave so well. With love, Barbara and Barry

Barry Lewis - June 22, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ Kerry Wakefield lit a candle in memory of David "Ramsay" Findlay



Kerry Wakefield - June 05, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David "Ramsay" Findlay.



June 05, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ David has been a great friend of mine since the late '60's. I was a golf rep calling on golf shops in the Houston area and then I moved to San Antonio about the same time Dave and Dorothy moved there. We hung out together, went to Spain together, and stayed close friends for all these years. David was the epitome of what a gentleman is and he is already missed!

Don Crusius - June 04, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ Dave Findlay was a very good friend. I will have a place for him in my heart. I can still see the sparkle in his eyes when he knew what he was saying was going to get a rise from his DJ. He did adore his Dorothy Jean. I loved listening to him talk of Scotland and his youth. Rest in Peace Dave.
Betty Thomas

Betty Thomas - May 08, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ I always enjoyed our friendship Dorothy, and am heartbroken to learn of Dave's passing. Some of my fondest memories are of the two of us playing golf, both here and abroad. We were all blessed to have known and loved him, especially you. God Bless you and your family. Until we meet again, DaveRest in Peace.

Bill Pelham - April 30, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ Judy Rosenbaum lit a candle in memory of David "Ramsay" Findlay



Judy Rosenbaum - April 21, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ What a wonderful man, husband and father! Will miss your sense of humor, oh how you made us laugh!! Will miss our dinners at Taste of Texas!! Will just miss you

Judy Rosenbaum - April 21, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Great memories. Sending lots of love Pat & Alan xx



Pat Wilson - April 13, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Suzann Mason - April 13, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ Thinking about you Dorothy and family during this sad time.Love to all Auntie Jose (Birmingham)

Josie Heffernan (snr) - April 11, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ I had the pleasure of serving on the STPGA Board of Directors with Dave. Dave didn't say a lot, but when he did, I found him to insightful and to the point. He was a true PGA Professional, and I appreciate his time and dedication to the Southern Texas PGA and the PGA of America. I will always remember that when the STPGA was setting dinner menus for events, the look on Dave's face when he would hear that chicken was on the menu. Rest in peace Pro!

Doug DeSive, PGA
Head PGA Professional Corpus Christi CC
STPGA President

Doug DeSive - April 10, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Caroline you and I have been friends for over 30 years. I have such fond memories of being with you and your family. I'm positive we drove our parents crazy! I still remember the day you got your 1st car filled with balloons and how excited your parents were. Your daddy was such a sweet man and hysterical. I know you loved him so much and that he adored you. I'm thankful that we are friends to this day. I love you and your mom very much. It makes me happy that your dad knew Philip and I know he was a proud grandpa! I am sending many prayers to give you peace and comfort. Love you much.



Kelsey Nancarrow - April 10, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Jody And Ron Thomas lit a candle in memory of David "Ramsay" Findlay



Jody and Ron Thomas - April 10, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ Julie Rivera lit a candle in memory of David "Ramsay" Findlay



Julie Rivera - April 10, 2020 at 06:46 AM



“ Sincere condolences to you all for the sad loss of David.
I have fond memories of the hospitality of David, Dorothy and family during my discover America trip in the eighties when I appeared in Houston and presented myself to cousin Dorothy out of the Birmingham history.
The homely hospitality received over many days even extended to David watching in mild amusement and confusion as we played a round of golf together and I hacked away at the beautiful country club course. I did leave just a few areas of fairway intact for his future use .
Very sad at David's passing and thinking of you all.
Phil Heffernan and family.

Phil Heffernan - April 10, 2020 at 04:28 AM



“ Dorothy and Caroline, we love you two so much. Dave was like a father to us. His integrity, kind heart and sense of humor will be sorely missed by us both. A true gentleman, who loved his family and friends and could bring a smile to any situation. In good times and in bad, Dave handled himself with grace and dignity and was always the perfect example of a man. We will miss celebrating special occasions with him, his perfectly cooked steaks, after dinner drinks and conversations, as well as his quick wit and playful banter. All of these memories and so many more will forever be in our hearts.
~ With Love, Teresa and Chuck Rosenbaum

Teresa Rosenbaum - April 09, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ I don't know where to begin with my memories. Maybe all the mozy bites I got from my stay with you in San Antonio, Aunt Dorothy sleeping with a banana in her hand, carting my roller boots all the way across the Atlantic to skate up and down your street, my dad getting the worst sunburn ever at Galveston, Aunt Jean & Uncle Allan having us altogether at their house, lying in your pool at Houston, trying to drive on the wrong side of the road and failing miserably in your car, giving Robert lots of golf lessons, bringing Caroline, Philip, Skyla & Holden to show your grandkids your roots. I could go on & on. My final one was when you came with your brother, .sister & weans back to Scotland. Mum, aunt Lynn & I had a wonderful time sharing your tours with ya, ll . I'm going up the Carrick hills on Sunday ,I'll let David know you will be joining him soon so he can get the beers in. Love you so much, thank you for all the wonderful memories. Rest in peace Uncle Ramsay Xx

Jillian - April 09, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of, Dave. So many fond memories with him in our Beta Sigma Phi socials for many years. With his love of golf he helped us get our son hit first "small" golf clubs. May God be with you now and always, prayers to all.
Alice and Reggie

Alice White - April 09, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences for the loss of your beloved David, and sharing in your sorrow at this very sad time. From your loving family in Birmingham England

Jo Jones - April 09, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ My deepest sympathy. We continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Kerry

kerry - April 09, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ So many memories and all full of laughter and so much love. No one can every fill the hole in my heart that Ramsay held...we will love him always Renee & Myron

Renee King - April 09, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ Many memories but greatest one for me was caddying for my Uncle Ramsay at Dundonald Links golf course in Scotland for the Senior British Open practice & qualifying days in the early 2000's which ended up with me caddying at the actual Open at Turnberry Alisa Course. RIP Uncle Ramsay. Love you always, Steve xx

Steven King - April 09, 2020 at 02:48 PM