



Dr. Edman Shull

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TRAVERSE CITY — Dr. David Edman Shull, 59, of Traverse City, died Saturday, June 19, 2010, at home after a long illness. Dave was born July 2, 1950, to Max and Shirley (Coon) Shull in Gladwin. After graduating high school, he attended Oral Roberts University and the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma, Kettering College in Ohio and Wayne State University. Dave's interest in things medical began with the Boy Scout first-aid training he received as he climbed to his Eagle Scout rank, and developed through his career steps as a sheriff's deputy/diver, psychiatric aide, EMT and PA, culminating in a residency in emergency medicine in Detroit, where he continued as faculty and staff, one of the first flight surgeons there. After moving north, he also directed the emergency department at Grayling Mercy Hospital before his health forced early retirement. Dave's love of travel took him to Mexico for two years as a student, after going to the U.S.S.R. as part of a group that smuggled in Bibles. After "retirement," he traveled to Nepal, Guatemala, India, Sri Lanka and various parts of Africa as a medical missionary. He remained on the board of directors of Health Teams International even after unable to travel, recruiting other health care workers. Between all of these things, he also volunteered as a chess team coach for St. Francis school, taught Sunday school, led "DivorceCare" at his own New Hope Community Church and assisted with the "Friends" group for those with special needs at the Friendship Church. He was interested in numismatics and bought and sold antique coins, as well as being a certified scuba diver. Dave was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley, and his niece, Christi Hoesli. He is survived by his father, Max, and Max's wife Evelyn; and by his sister, Susan Hoesli, her husband Doug, and their children, Aaron and Rebecca; as well as his wife Mikki and his stepchildren, William, Mathias, Walter and Anne Hoover; and his former wife, Karen Lesperance and his other beloved stepchildren, Gregory and Rustin Grant. A funeral celebrating Dave's short but full life will be held Thursday, June 24, at noon with visitation one hour prior to the service at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Health Teams International or New Hope Community Church. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com. The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.