



## Mr. David Warren Suomi

June 18, 1958 - December 15, 2021

David Warren Suomi died on December 15, 2021, after a very brief and intense battle with kidney cancer at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC. He was 63. David was born June 18, 1958 in Monson, Maine and after graduating from Foxcroft Academy in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, he moved to Washington DC. There he spent the remainder of his life working and traveling abroad, with the exception of occasionally returning to his happy place (camp) in Bowerbank, Maine. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1985 at Strayer University. In 1989, David joined the

Academy for Educational Development (AED), a non-profit organization dedicated to creating lasting change in people's lives around the world, and in 1995 became the director overseeing office services, facilities management and operations for AED's nearly 2,000 employees around the world. He was promoted to Vice President in 2001, where he directed the planning and implementation for all facilities and real estate operations at AED's offices in Washington, DC, New York City, Atlanta, Nairobi, and Pretoria. In 2012, he founded Eco Energy Partners LLC in order to assist organizations in addressing energy efficiency issues and conservation by using real-time analytics. In 2018, he joined AMIDEAST, an American nonprofit organization engaged in international education, training, and development activities in the Middle East and North Africa, as the director of facilities, assets, and risk management.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Corinne (Rancourt) Suomi; his father, Oscar Suomi; and his sister, Janice Willis.

David is survived by two brothers: Wayne (wife Gail) of Unity, Maine, and Paul (wife Patricia) of Monson, Maine; several nephews (Steven, Aaron, Derek and Chris) and nieces (Marie, Laura, Denyell, Carmen, and Jennifer).

Special gratitude to his DC family of friends, especially Greame, Dean, Jack, Rick, and John. Special remembrances by Ashley, Ed, and David's faithful Newfys (Neptune & Zeus).

There will be a committal service for David in Monson, announced in the spring of 2022, as well as a celebration of life in the Washington, DC area. Based on David's love of Newfoundlands and disadvantaged kids in the heartland, and in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either Colonial Newfoundland Rescue Inc., PO Box 305, Amissville, VA 20106, <https://www.colonialnewfrescue.org> or CEDARS Kids, 6601 Pioneers Blvd Ste. 2, Lincoln, NE 68506, <https://cedarskids.org/how-you-can-help/donate/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *This is very sad news. I first met David around 1998-1999 in Bangkok, Thailand where I was living at that time. When I moved to Hua Hin in 2002, David would often come to visit us there when he came to Thailand. I moved back to Finland in 2008 but we were in touch by facebook all the time. In 2020 he informed me that he had won air tickets to Finland and I was very happy that we could meet again. Then came Covid and travelling was not possible, and he never arrived. I was getting a bit worried when I hadn't heard from him since late September last year. Today, I started searching the internet and found this. R.I.P. my good friend, David and my deepest condolences to his family.*

*Osmo Hupli*

*Espoo, Finland*

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**Osmo Hupli** - March 04 at 11:25 AM

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“ *I'd met David during my senior year at Strayer College, and we hung out together in the dorms occasionally. Shortly after graduation, I opened my apartment to David because he had encountered some problems on one of his trips back from Maine. Eventually I'd lost touch with him for quite some time and only reconnected with him a couple of years ago. He will be sorely missed, and my deepest sympathies go out to his family.*

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**David Rofulowitz** - February 03 at 08:36 PM

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“ *David was my boss for over 10 years at the Academy for Educational Development (he was Director of Facilities and I was his Deputy) and what a great boss he was-----I will miss him and his leadership techniques very much! We were team players and did a lot to enhance the Academy's reputation.*

*Carl Boesch*

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**carl boesch** - December 30, 2021 at 01:10 PM

PE

“ *I lived down the hill from David in Monson Maine. He was a great childhood friend who I lost touch with after high school. His passing has caused a flood of memories - all good. He will always inhabit many vibrant memories!*

*Peter Wentworth*

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**peter** - December 29, 2021 at 01:59 PM

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“ On behalf of Amideast, we extend our deepest sympathy to David's family and friends. We are very sorry for your loss and hope that you can find comfort and strength in many happy memories. David was a valued member of the Amideast family for several years as our Director of Facilities, Assets, and Risk Management. We will miss his good-natured character, his extensive expertise, and his ability to manage global challenges seamlessly. We are grateful to have worked with David and will miss him.

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**Elisa Zlotowitz** - December 21, 2021 at 05:46 PM