



David Jay Stafford

May 10, 1948 - September 4, 2020

David Jay Stafford, 72, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, September 4th after a long illness.

He was born and raised in Greensboro, NC alongside his 6 siblings. At the age of 18, David enlisted in the military where he was both a paratrooper in the 82nd & 173rd Airborne and infantryman in the 8th Infantry. He performed 2 Vietnam tours, earned a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, a Combat Infantry Badge, and an Air medal among other honors bestowed on him.

After his military service, David came back home to marry the love of his life, Shirley. They had 2 children, Jennifer and Darren. He began a self-employed career of home improvement and after 30 years, he retired to care for his wife who became ill. He stayed by her side until she passed away in 2011, and he continually looked forward to the day they would be reunited.

In his younger years, David loved boating, fishing, water skiing, and bowling. Later he spent most of his free time hunting locally and, on occasion, he and his friends went big game hunting out west. Throughout his life, David loved working with his hands. He often had a home project in the works and especially enjoyed helping friends with theirs.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer (Kevin) Harvell, and son Darren (Viktoriya) Stafford as well as 4 grandsons: Garrett & Carson Harvell and Parker & Connor Stafford. Also remaining are his 2 brothers, Tracey and Halson Jr. "Skeets" and 2 sisters, Patricia "Pat" and Dorothy "Dottie".

He is preceded in death by his wife Shirley of 38 years, his mother Velma, father Halson, sister Donna, and brother Foster "Gino".

David will be laid to eternal rest at a graveside inurnment on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 10:00 am at Lakeview Memorial Park, 3600 N. OHenry Blvd., Greensboro, NC. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the family will not be receiving guests after the service. They would like to thank everyone for their love and support through this difficult time.

Cemetery

Events

Lakeview Memorial Park

3600 N. OHenry Blvd.

Greensboro, NC, 27405

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Graveside Service

10:00AM

Lakeview Memorial Park

3600 N. OHenry Blvd., Greensboro, NC, US, 27405

Comments



“ Darren and Jennifer

I just wanted to say that your dad was a really great guy and neighbor. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. He will definitely be missed.

Julie Diggs

Julie Diggs - September 23, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ Nadia and Yakov purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of David Jay Stafford.



Nadia and Yakov - September 10, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ Jenny and Kevin, Darren and Viktoriya, I am so sorry for your loss of your Dad. David was my best friend for 50 years, we shared so much together, Bowling, Fishing, Hunting and Water Skiing. David was always a hard worker in his home improvements business, I remember helping him set a 10' bow window while it was snowing, the snow did not slow him down a bit. I helped David when he was taking down trees in his yard, he used linemen's pole climbing spikes and had the chain saw tied to him by a rope. He stayed in the trees for hours until the tree was down. some of the limbs were so heavy that they lifted me off the ground trying to hold them with a rope. David had integrity and commitment for his family, he loved his family and taught me what it is like to be part of a loving family by accepting me into the family as a brother. David was always willing to help his friends and family in anyway he could. He told me many times "the Lord knows my heart" and that is true the Lord did know David's heart and so did. I love you all and wish God's Blessing, Peace, and Comfort be with you.

Lee Coble

Howard Lee Coble - September 10, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ David was such a phenomenal father-in-law!! He will be missed by many!! Prayers for the Family!! I love you all!!



Pam Burroughs - September 10, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Correction David was my brother in law!!!

Pam Burroughs - September 10, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ Ken & Betty Rhodes For our Best Friend & Neighbor purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Jay Stafford.



Ken & Betty Rhodes For our Best Friend & Neighbor - September 08, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ Victoria Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of David Jay Stafford



Victoria Moore - September 08, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ Jennifer and Darren and family-We are so very sincerely sorry for the passing of your Dad. I have many fond memories of both he and your Mom from the many years that we lived next door to them. Sending love and hugs to you during this very sad time.

Victoria - September 08, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of David Jay Stafford.



September 07, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ Love Bob, Pat, and Kids. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Jay Stafford.



Love Bob, Pat, and Kids. - September 05, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ From the Stafford's purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of David Jay Stafford.



From the Stafford's - September 05, 2020 at 10:57 AM