



David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer

January 6, 1968 - March 12, 2025

AYER: David Bremer, 57, from Ayer, MA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at the Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln, MA, surrounded by his family. He courageously confronted a challenging fight against cancer, showcasing an inspirational level of resilience, optimism, and strength from his initial diagnosis a year ago until his final moments.

David was born on January 6, 1968, in Boston, to the late Frank M. and Joanne E. (Coill) Bremer. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1986 and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1990.

David was a Senior Mortgage Loan Officer at Shamrock CMG, located in Rumford, RI. He was an essential leader, an esteemed colleague, and treated all clients and coworkers with authenticity, integrity, and outstanding generosity. David began his tenure at Shamrock in 2011 and actively worked until his wife removed the computer from his hands within his first days at hospice. Prior to Shamrock, David held similar positions at Prospect Mortgage Company and Salem Five Mortgage Company. He also worked in sales and safety at Ryder Transportation in MA and NH from 1990-2003.

David played a key role in establishing and running the Nashoba Valley Unlimited Sports Program (NVUB), which offered basketball and baseball

opportunities for individuals with special needs. For 15 years, he dedicated himself as the team photographer, capturing outstanding images of each player during every game.

David possessed a deep love for photography, frequently seen with his camera, immortalizing the cherished moments in the lives of those he cared about. He snapped tens of thousands of photos at sports games, events, and performances of his children, making sure to document the special moments of not just his kids, but everyone involved. He has beautifully captured numerous treasured memories on camera, with photographs that are deeply valued by countless individuals, most notably those from the winning moments of the Lunenburg Ayer Shirley Boys Hockey MIAA State Championship Game in 2018, and his niece Kelsey's wedding.

He loved attending his children's sporting events and took great joy in coaching their teams. He was actively involved in various Ayer sports programs for his children, and became a beloved, respected and impactful coach for his daughters' softball teams. He played an integral part in establishing a high school co-op team for Ayer Shirley Girls Hockey.

David was consistently ready to lend a hand or provide calm, insightful advice to anyone in need. He was a steadfast and devoted friend who loved deeply. He found joy in assisting others, frequently doing so quietly and without any desire for recognition or praise. His support came from a place of genuine care for those he loved, as he offered help simply because he had the ability to do so. He was affectionately and appropriately known as the "Bike Whisperer" due to his success in teaching many of the neighborhood children how to ride a bike.

David seemed to have the answer to every question and could navigate any problem with ease. There was nothing David couldn't accomplish or figure out.

His intelligence was remarkable, complemented by an innate curiosity, and a profound desire for knowledge, he excelled in all his endeavors.

David is survived by his beloved wife of 28 years, Kerry J. (Petkewich) Bremer, along with their four children: Kristen L. Bremer, Jonathan W. Bremer, Kaitlyn M. Bremer, and Jake A. Manning, all residing in Ayer. He will be greatly missed by his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Jim and Laura Petkewich of Leominster, MA, Paul Petkewich of Littleton, MA, Janice and Bernie Wenstrom of Ayer, MA, and Bob Petkewich of Pepperrell, MA. He is also remembered by his sister, Julie Knight, from Hooksett, NH.

David's legacy continues through his many nieces and nephews, including Nicole, Amy, Kelsey, Shawn, Brian, Jill, Nicholas, Christopher, Katie, Cassidy, Jordan, Madison, Layla, and Bo. He will also be missed deeply by numerous extended family members, friends, and coworkers.

In addition to his parents, David was predeceased by his mother-in-law Katherine Petkewich with whom he shared a very special bond, and his sisters-in-law Jessica Petkewich and Judy Petkewich. In his own words, he was looking forward to meeting up with his father-in-law, William Petkewich who died in 1984.

David and his family are extremely grateful for the many visitors, as well as all of the caring and compassionate staff at the Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln, MA for allowing him the opportunities not only to say "see you later", but to reminisce, laugh, and to truly understand the impactful relationships he had throughout his life.

David's family warmly invites you to his calling hours on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 2 PM to 5 PM at Anderson Funeral Home, located at 25 Fitchburg

Rd. (Rte 2A), Ayer, MA.

A memorial celebration of life service will take place on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 12:00 noon at the Doubletree Hilton, 99 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress. Checks made payable to MDSC and mailed to attention Elaine Crowley, MDSC

20 Burlington Mall Rd. Suite 261, Burlington, MA 01803. Please note "In Memory of David Bremer"

Online donations MDSC Memorial Donations

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home
25 Fitchburg Road
Ayer, MA 01432
info@andersonfuneral.com

Celebration of Life

MAR 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel
99 Erdman Way
Leominster, MA 01453

Tribute Wall

PL

“ *Worked with David in 2014 and again in 2021 and without hesitation recommended him to my son two years ago. David was a gentleman and consummate professional. Condolences on this most sad occasion of his death. Peace and comfort from above.*

Patrick Lacaire - April 06, 2025 at 06:32 AM

JY

“ *I'm so sorry and so sad to hear about David's passing. He helped my husband and I through the crazy times of buying our first home in 2021, through the mountain of paperwork and back and forth emails. Thank you so much for all of your help, David. We will remember the warmth and joy that you brought to our lives forever. My heart goes out to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.*



Jenny Y. - March 31, 2025 at 12:10 PM

PS

“ *I'm saddened to hear of the passing of David. He helped me buy my first house. David was always available and ready to help. The world needs more people like him. He will never be forgotten in our house! May he rest in peace. My condolences to his family.*



Paula Surrette - March 27, 2025 at 04:17 PM

BR

“ David's legacy as a steadfast and jovial family man lives on, and our family was fortunate to be part of his life. I am grateful to my quiet cousin for his insights and laughs over the last 50+ years. Thanks, David! Our prayers are with the Bremer family.
Bret Gallaway

Bret - March 27, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.



March 27, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

March 27, 2025 at 09:09 AM

NG

“ Nancy G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

Nancy G. - March 20, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

March 16, 2025 at 09:50 PM

SC

“ To Kerry,
My condolences. Hugs to you and your children. Remember to take the time you need to grieve, and celebrate living life for each day is a present. Hugs, Shilou

Shilou Cote - March 16, 2025 at 07:06 AM

MA

“ *We are incredibly grateful for the Bremer family. You gave our daughter a safe and fun place to learn about and play the game of basketball for many years. Thanks to David's photography skills, we were given many pictures over the years to remember the fun weekend days watching our daughter play basketball and learn new skills and techniques from the Bremers and the very caring coaches they organized to assist with the program. Selfless doesn't even begin to describe David and his entire family. Our heartfelt condolences to you all.*
The Slatterys

Mary - March 15, 2025 at 08:20 PM

JE

“ *Julie, Keith, Jordan, Madie & Emma purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.*



Julie, Keith, Jordan, Madie & Emma - March 15, 2025 at 09:44 AM

JA

“ Joan A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

Joan A. - March 14, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.



March 14, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.



March 14, 2025 at 02:19 PM

CS

“ Pictures, pictures, pictures! I look around my house and I see many memories over the years that Dave captured! He was a great guy, a loving husband and a supportive & caring father. He will be missed.

Cheryl Simmons - March 14, 2025 at 01:35 PM

DM

“ Donna M. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.



Donna M. - March 14, 2025 at 12:26 PM

DM

“ Donna M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

Donna M. - March 14, 2025 at 12:26 PM

SB

“ To Kerry and Family! We are deeply saddened by the loss of David. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.
- From All of Us Here at CASE Collaborative

Sanchita Banerjee - March 14, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.



March 14, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

March 14, 2025 at 11:55 AM

MK

“ *What an honor to have known and spent time with David-one of the smartest, most caring, helpful and kindest humans I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. His passions became our passions and he gladly adopted ours with enthusiasm as well. Some of my fondest memories with him include participating in the uncomfortable hours (late or early depending on how you looked at them) during Relay for Life; helping out with the Unlimited Sports program; and watching his face light up with that big beautiful smile as he recounted how proud he was of each of his 4 beautiful children and how in love he was with Kerry whenever we made time to catch up...meetings at which he always remembered those most important to me too-the world is a brighter place for David having been here with us-May we carry his spirit with us always!*



Mark R Kavanagh - March 14, 2025 at 10:21 AM

MM

“ *I have an influx of memories of him. I haven't been in the area since moving away in 2017 but I hope he knows I will always remember the kind of person he was.*

Maxwell Moran - March 13, 2025 at 10:22 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.*

March 13, 2025 at 09:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.*



March 13, 2025 at 09:23 PM



“ *This is just such sad news. I had such fond memories spending holiday's at his house growing up. He always had such a kind soul. Hugs to all of you!*

Randi Elasowich Fournier - March 13, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.*

March 13, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ *Uncle David and I shared a passion for photography. He's the reason I own a camera leash, and honestly, I don't really like it. I don't think it's the same as what he had, what he was so confident I should get. I guess I got the wrong kind, because if it was the right kind, I'm sure I'd love it. I don't think photography is the only thing Uncle David and I had in common, but if it is, I'm proud to share that with him.*



Katie Petkewich - March 13, 2025 at 08:49 PM

MM

“ Mary M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

Mary M. - March 13, 2025 at 07:34 PM

KD

“ Kathy and Nicholas Dutton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

Kathy and Nicholas Dutton - March 13, 2025 at 07:21 PM

KD

“ Kathy and Nicholas Dutton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.



Kathy and Nicholas Dutton - March 13, 2025 at 07:21 PM

BO

“ I thank my sister Kerry and David for finding each other. He's always been such a great addition to our family. I never saw him mad, and I never saw him be anything but helpful to others. If anyone ever tells you that "you remind me of David", then you should take it as the biggest compliment because you're definitely doing it right. If you know someone like this, then give them a hug.

Bob - March 13, 2025 at 06:57 PM

TO

“ Condolences to the entire Bremer family for your tragic loss. I knew Dave through Kerry as he was the photographer at NVUB and got lovely pictures in my several years of playing basketball and baseball. I will miss him as he was so generous to me and rest in peace to the best photographer ever!! Fondly, Ted

Ted Ouellette - March 13, 2025 at 06:31 PM

SO

“ Dear Kerry and family. It was my great privilege to work with Dave at Ryder. He was an invaluable resource and a pleasure to work with. We spent a lot of time together working with customers and I miss those days. My deepest condolences to you all. Dave made a positive difference with his time here.

Steve O'Connor - March 13, 2025 at 05:33 PM

BK

“ Sending my deepest condolences to you all, Kerry. I am sorry for your loss and pray for a peaceful rest for David. Much Love.

BettyAnn Karr - March 13, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

March 13, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.*



March 13, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *The Salmonson Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.*



The Salmonson Family - March 13, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *Dear Bremers, or as I always greeted David "Breemah", I am deeply sorry for your loss. David was described perfectly in the obituary, an exceptionally kind man who would do anything for anyone and expected nothing in return. I will always remember him as one of the nicest and kindest people I have ever known. What I didn't know about him was how tough and courageous he was. He exemplified courage and bravery in his battle with cancer. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.*

Dan Gleason - March 13, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *Calderon Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.*



Calderon Family - March 13, 2025 at 02:49 PM

LF

“ Linda, Steve, Justin and Aiden Feinberg purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.



Linda, Steve, Justin and Aiden Feinberg - March 13, 2025 at 12:46 PM

JF

“ Justin F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

Justin F. - March 13, 2025 at 12:32 PM

TF

“ The Deschenes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

The Deschenes Family - March 13, 2025 at 08:26 AM

TF

“ The Deschenes Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.



The Deschenes Family - March 13, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.

March 12, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David L. Bremer, 57, of Ayer.



March 12, 2025 at 06:53 PM