



David J. Gaudet, of Ashby

March 26, 1955 - April 21, 2026

Ashby – David J. Gaudet, 71, of Ashby passed away at home on April 21, 2026.

Dave was born in Waltham on March 26, 1955 a son of Joseph and Annie (Cormier) Gaudet. He graduated from Ayer High School and later attended Fitchburg State College.

A gifted musician, Dave was an extremely talented guitar player, soloist, and songwriter. Music was not just a pastime, but a lifelong calling and passion. Early on in his musical venture, he performed at weddings and played with a band that brought timeless oldies back to life. Whether on stage at local venues or during open mic nights, Dave had a remarkable ability to connect with audiences, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who listened.

Inspired and mentored by the legendary singer-songwriter James Taylor, Dave carried that influence into a unique sound and heartfelt performances. Dave wanted to make people happy, and sharing his music was one of the ways he brought joy to others.

Beyond music, he was known for his wonderful sense of humor and a warm, loving spirit. He cherished time spent with family and friends, always bringing laughter and light into the lives of those around him.

Dave will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him, but his music and memory will live on in the hearts of many.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Deborah (Dupere) Gaudet of Ashby; his daughter Karisa Gaudet Tracy and husband TJ of Groton; his mother Annie Gaudet of Ayer; sister JoAnn Gray and husband Dan of Leominster; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Dave was predeceased by his father Joseph Gaudet and his siblings Alan, Jackie, and Annemarie Gaudet.

Calling hours will be held in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer on Sunday, April 26 from 1-4pm.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of dave's passing. So many times we got together and listened to him play and sing. Laughter and joy ensued. God bless.

Peter Guercio - April 28 at 09:17 AM

KS

“ Karl Sharicz lit a candle in memory of David J. Gaudet, of Ashby



Karl Sharicz - April 26 at 06:26 PM

AM

“ Amanda MacDonald lit a candle in memory of David J. Gaudet, of Ashby



Amanda MacDonald - April 26 at 06:18 PM

TF

“ The Tilton Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David J. Gaudet, of Ashby.



The Tilton Family - April 26 at 11:31 AM

JG

“ Annie , Joanne and David’s family I am very sorry for your loss . May he rest in peace.
Janice Melanson Graham



Janice Melanson Graham - April 24 at 08:20 PM

LC

“ Lesley Christopher lit a candle in memory of David J. Gaudet, of Ashby



Lesley Christopher - April 24 at 03:53 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David J. Gaudet, of Ashby.



April 24 at 03:47 PM

LC

“ Lisa Cummings lit a candle in memory of David J. Gaudet, of Ashby



Lisa Cummings - April 23 at 02:06 PM

HG

“ *Holly Gray lit a candle in memory of David J. Gaudet, of Ashby*



Holly Gray - April 23 at 11:43 AM