



David E. Schafer

August 11, 1956 - June 10, 2024

David Schafer, a beloved husband, father, brother, and retired engineer, passed away at the age of 67 on June 10th, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Jeanne Pierce, his two children, Katherine Schafer and Jonathan Schafer, sister Dorothy Schafer and husband Craig Spaulding, brother Paul Schafer and wife Laura, aunt Joanne Cameron and Martin, and nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward Schafer and Dorothy (Fett) Schafer.

Born in Buffalo in 1956 and raised in Syracuse NY, David grew up exploring, becoming an Eagle Scout and spending summers at Sabattis Scout Reservation. He was also a competitive gymnast, bowler, and musician, playing the trumpet in the local marching band. After earning his degree in Forest Engineering from Syracuse University, he earned his Masters in Engineering from Northeastern University in Boston, bringing him to Massachusetts which he called home for the remainder of his life, living briefly on Cape Cod before building a home in Townsend, MA. He worked for over 40 years in environmental engineering, thoroughly enjoying his last 8 years at ARKF Inc. where he worked alongside some of his favorite colleagues. In Townsend, Dave served on the Conservation Commission, and volunteered coaching on the Townsend Youth Soccer Association for his children.

David had a love for the outdoors, whether it was fly fishing, deep sea fishing or camping and exploring national parks on family vacations. He enjoyed traveling and exploring new cultures, scenery, history, and local beers. He also

was an avid motorcycle rider and Harley Davidson fan. He enjoyed the open road so much that he rode a tiny Honda across the country after college and later took his Harley to Sturgis. He loved to travel and be outside with family and friends.

David will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His wit, wisdom, ability to fix almost anything, "horse show dad" antics, and quirky sense of humor touched the lives of many, leaving an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to call him friend or family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

A visitation and ceremony of remembrance will be held at Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend, MA on June 20th, 2024 from 3:00-6:00 PM with the remembrance beginning at 5:00 PM. All who wish to pay their respects are welcome to attend and honor the memory of a remarkable man who will be deeply missed.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN **20**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

A Time of Remembrance

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Tribute Wall

DS

“*Jeanne, I'm sorry to hear about David. Holding you all close in my prayers, that joyful memories of the life you shared together bring you strength, comfort, and peace of mind. Lovingly - Deb Shannon*

Deb Tenore Shannon - June 25, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“*Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David E. Schafer.*



June 19, 2024 at 04:04 PM

WF

“*With love The Campbell, Fratus and Felch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David E. Schafer.*

With love The Campbell, Fratus and Felch - June 19, 2024 at 04:04 PM

EP

“*Elizabeth Peck purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David E. Schafer.*



Elizabeth Peck - June 19, 2024 at 12:01 PM

JG

“ John & Arianna, Mary Lynn & Terry, Greg purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of David E. Schafer.



John & Arianna, Mary Lynn & Terry, Greg - June 19, 2024 at 11:12 AM

KM

“ Kari Medeiros purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David E. Schafer.



Kari Medeiros - June 19, 2024 at 07:49 AM

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“ Kari Medeiros planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David E. Schafer.

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PM

“ Peter, Lea, Joshua, Christopher McGee purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David E. Schafer.



Peter, Lea, Joshua, Christopher McGee - June 18, 2024 at 05:09 PM

LP

“ Liz Pereira purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of David E. Schafer.



Liz Pereira - June 18, 2024 at 06:23 AM

MA

“ We are so glad we had the opportunity to get to know Dave. He had a great sense of humor and was always ready for a good laugh. He was very kind and always made us feel like he was genuinely happy to be with us. I'm sorry we didn't have more chances to be together, but we really enjoyed the times we did. We are heartbroken for all of you. Love, Mary and Steve Buergin

mary - June 17, 2024 at 07:10 PM

KM

*If anyone can know what your family us going through, it would be Jen, Steph and me. To lose ones husband, and father at such a young age us heartbreaking. Thinking of you and hoping only good memories to sustain you.
Hugs and kisses! Karen Martel*

Karen Martel - June 17, 2024 at 09:38 PM