



David Paul Hedrick

September 26, 1950 - June 27, 2025

David Paul Hedrick, 74, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2025, in The Villages, Florida. Born on September 26, 1950 in Clarksburg, West Virginia, Dave was the beloved son of Robert Hedrick and Dorothea (Vannoy) Hedrick.

Dave proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1972 and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He later earned his degree from the University of Maryland and enjoyed a long and dedicated career in public service and hospitality, working for the Ocean City Police Department, the Sheraton Washington Hotel, and retiring in 2010 from the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

On September 22, 1979, Dave married the love of his life, Patricia (Kane) Hedrick, and together they shared 45 years of marriage. Dave has four children: Ryan (Tiffany), Allison (Stephen), Nick (Candice), and Emily (Odin). Dave also leaves behind two cherished grandchildren, Loretta (8) and Jalen (11).

A devoted family man and friend, Dave made it a priority to stay connected with his loved ones through regular phone calls. He enjoyed golf, baseball, pickleball, water volleyball, and bowling, and gave back through volunteer work with the American Legion, Wildwood Soup Kitchen, Silver Spring – Takoma Thunderbolts Baseball, and the Montgomery Blair High School

Boosters.

Dave was a proud member of Lady Lake United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 347. He is also survived by his siblings Bob (Kit), Jim (Vicki), and Cindy (Mac), and was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Dorothea, and stepmother Wilda Hedrick.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the compassionate teams at UF Health Leesburg and Cornerstone Hospice for their care and support, and to all the dedicated doctors and nurses who have cared for Dave.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2025, from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider calling a loved one or extending any other act of kindness in honor of Dave.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eisenhower Recreation Center
3560 Buena Vista Blvd
The Villages, FL 32163

Tribute Wall

TH

“Dad you were the best father-in-law anybody could have asked for. From the moment I met you you treated me like you've known me all of your life. Ryan and my wedding day was so special and I'll never forget the smile you had on your face you were so happy for the both of us. I will forever cherish our many many conversations that you and I have had over the years for a while when Ryan and I moved to Pennsylvania I wasn't working for about 6 months and I remember just being bored and just kind of starting to feel a little bit discouraged because I wasn't finding a job and you really kept me going for a few months. All of your advice with finding a job and what to do with my resume and all the pep talks that we would have and I used to just look forward to our conversations and I loved ending every conversation with you because it was always we love you take care of each other and we'll talk soon. Had I known that Father's day was going to be the last time we talked I would have spoke with you forever. I'm glad you're no longer sick. Until we meet again I love you very much we love you and yes I'll take good care of Ryan. Rest Easy.

Tiffany Hedrick - July 22, 2025 at 08:09 PM

NG

“I grew up with Emily and Dave was always such a bright light in all of our lives. It meant so much how he encouraged all of us Woodmoor girls, especially when it came to sports! He was a great role model in community engagement and service: from hosting Thunderbolt players at their home to volunteering with the Blair boosters. He also gave me the nickname Spunky Garlow and would yell “Go Spunky” at lacrosse games! He even encouraged my dad to go on the adventure of a lifetime (hiking the AT). Dave will live on as a cheerleader and positive spirit for so many communities, he was such a blessing to us all.

Nellie Garlow - July 19, 2025 at 10:22 PM

BB

“ Dave and I drove out to CA in his VW way back in the mid- late 70's. We had few \$\$'s, but that didn't stop us. We ended up finding an apt. in Hermosa Beach and getting jobs at a dept. store as plain clothes security. The fun never stopped and Dave ended up having a major surprise that he never found out about for 40 some years. It couldn't be wilder. I have great memories and will definitely miss Dave. We enjoyed a unique portion of life.

Patsy, sorry to hear about Dave, you have all my sympathy. I'm heading to FL for a vacation trip to Siesta Key and was hoping to touch base with Dave. Looks like not in this life, but maybe down the road. Best of wishes,
Bob Bassett

Bob Bassett - July 06, 2025 at 09:55 PM

ZS

“ Dave is an incredible man. Papa Hedrick lived across the street from me for the first 18 years of my life and offered me a ton of humor, kindness, and help over the years. He was always welcoming when I would play at his house with his kids. Thank you for helping give me a fantastic childhood, Dave.

Zachary Segal - July 06, 2025 at 04:04 PM

KS

“ I remember Dave from summer rec center at Glen haven school late 50's to early 60's he was always the nicest guy & always upbeat-
Karen

Karen Slagle - July 05, 2025 at 05:11 PM

CB

“ I remember Dave from our early years at Glen Haven summer camp. I met again as a transfer student to Northwood HS. He always seemed happy and like a very nice guy. Sending prayers to his surviving family and best of friends.
Rest in peace Dave, Chris (Datko) Bishop

Chris (Datko) Bishop - July 03, 2025 at 04:15 PM

MI

“ I met Dave (again) at the Eisenhower Pool. He asked if we were new and I explained we are part time. He asked where we lived and said he was from Maryland as well. The conversation continued and turned out that he, Patsy, and I worked together in the parks and recreation industry many years prior. He invited us to play water volleyball which we did. He continued to stay in touch via text as we did not make it to The Villages often (until our retirement). My heart goes out to Patsy and the family. Prayers.

Michele - July 03, 2025 at 12:34 PM

PL

“ I remember Dave coming over with Nick coming to help me wrestle a 450 lb cast bathtub into the front door, up a flight of stairs, and into the bathroom—without complaining or asking why I didn't hire a contractor to install it. Best neighbors ever!

Patrick Lampani - July 02, 2025 at 11:52 PM

JS

“ David was one of those rare souls that had a positive effect on everyone he touched. From the moment I first met David at the Sheraton park hotel I knew he would be a cherished friend for life. We shared so many great times together at the hotel or on the ball field. A gentleman of the highest order. I shall miss him dearly. Rest In Peace brother. Joe Steven

joe steven - July 02, 2025 at 04:44 PM

JM

“ To Uncle Dave. You always were the one who had patience with me. I will remember you taking time for me always. My favorite memory is you video taping us riding bikes. I will never forget you. You will always live in my heart and mind. To all the fam. Help each other like he would help us. Love you all James W Mullins

James Mullins - July 02, 2025 at 03:35 PM

CM

“*Dave you became my second brother and will be greatly missed. We graduated the University of Maryland together and shared the joys and sorrows that a loving family experiences through the years. My favorite memories are our drive from LA to Annapolis in your VW bug and the Easter holidays our families spent together and when you all came to WV to surprise me for my retirement celebration. This also included my scariest memory of you! We all spent the day at our rural farm. We were on a four wheeler ride around the mountains. Patsy and I were in the side by side, you were driving a four-wheeler in front of us with Stephen sitting behind you, going up a mountain trail. Suddenly, you flipped the entire four wheeler back, and you were in Steven’s lap on the ground. Once we realized you both were all right the laughter started and your nickname Flip was born. You were the best at keeping in touch. You will never know how much your encouragement helped me through my cancer treatment. I will miss your phone calls so much. Love and miss you*



Cindy McCorkle - July 02, 2025 at 09:07 AM

ES

“ My dad, Dave, was a sweet, fun-loving, kind, empathetic person. He cared deeply for his friends and family, and smiled and waved at every stranger he passed. One spring he drove 13 hours by himself just to cheer my team on at our spring training rowing race. Seeing him on the shoreline with his binoculars and hearing his cheers made me feel like the luckiest girl in the world to have such a loving and supportive dad. I am so proud to be Dave’s daughter and will always feel like the luckiest girl in the world because of him. I’ll carry him with me in my heart every day. I love you, Dad.

Emily (Hedrick) Soevik - July 02, 2025 at 08:52 AM

NH

“ You’re a good man Dad. I’ll never forget your humor or the way you made the people you care about feel so special. Our cross country road trip was one memory I’ll hold dear forever. Remember sleeping that last night in the front seat of that old civic? We lost a lot of golf balls that trip but made up for it with our modest accommodations. Can’t wait to read the stories people will tell here and elsewhere. You touched so many lives. We’ll love you forever big guy

Nick Hedrick - July 01, 2025 at 04:10 PM