



David B Armstrong

June 18, 1948 - November 12, 2024

David B. Armstrong of Manahawkin passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at his home. He was 76.

Born in Mount Holly to John and Gladys (Goley) Armstrong. Dave was a lifelong area resident.

He was a 1966 graduate of RVRHS in Mount Holly. After high school Dave pursued a career in the automotive repair industry as an auto body mechanic. After more than twenty years in that occupation he was employed as an automotive mechanic with the Lumberton Township Public Works Department, retiring with nearly thirty years of service.

As a young man, Dave was a volunteer firefighter, serving first in Mount Holly with the Good Intent Fire Co. and later with the Lumberton Fire Department. As a result of his service he earned his NJ State Exempt Fireman's certificate. Dave also was trained and certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT-A). After volunteering with Mount Holly's America Emergency Squad for a time in the mid seventies, he and four other volunteer EMT's formed the Lumberton Emergency Squad in late 1978. This organization continues to provide emergency services to Lumberton and surrounding communities. Dave was the Squad's first President, a position he held for 30+ years.

Retirement found Dave enjoying his home in the Beach Haven West area of Manahawkin. In warm weather he loved to take sunset cruises on his boat with family and friends. He was well known in his neighborhood for greeting everyone with a smile and wave on his daily walks.

David is survived by his “kids,” Jennifer Barton and her husband Eugene Barton, Jr., of Elizabethtown, PA, and Nancy Sexton and her husband Troy of Lumberton, NJ; 4 grandchildren: Luke and Ella Barton, Leigha & Thomas Sexton. He is also survived by a brother John Armstrong and his wife Pat of Florida. He was the longtime companion of the late Debbie Poinsett.

It was Dave’s wish to be cremated with no services. Contributions in his memory may be made to either the Manahawkin United Methodist Church or to the Rett Syndrome Research Trust at <https://reverserett.org/donate/>

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Tribute Wall

MN

“ I’m so sorry for your loss Dave was a great friend to us and my parents Ralph & Carol Non always there for them and us when we needed help When we would b down there Lynn would always have some specialty drink she would make for Debbie and herself. We would sit on Dave’s sun rm and have a couple beers and talk We will miss him very much glad I got to see him in October. Sincerely
Mike & Lynn Non

mike non - November 30, 2024 at 11:56 AM

CJ

“ David and I were childhood friends. We spent a lot of time together. I’m so sorry for your loss and may he RIP.

Cliff Boxer Jr - November 25, 2024 at 02:19 PM

KR

“ With deep gratitude and admiration, I remember David, a truly remarkable member of our MUMC family. His reliability, kindness, and gentle spirit touched the lives of all who knew him. David’s dependability was a cornerstone of our church, and his commitment was evident not only in his actions but in the genuine care he showed for every individual.

One of the most beautiful aspects of David’s character was his ability to extend kindness so freely and warmly. He had a unique gift for making people feel truly seen and valued, and his kindness toward my son, Warren, is something I will always cherish.

David’s humility, strength, and compassion set an example for us all. He was not just a member of our congregation but a true reflection of God’s love in action. His light continues to shine through the many lives he touched, and his spirit will inspire us to live with the same kindness and generosity that he so effortlessly embodied. David will always hold a special place in our hearts.
-- Kathleen Ries

Kathleen Ries - November 24, 2024 at 08:17 AM

JP

“ David will be greatly missed. I enjoyed talks with David at Manahawkin Methodist Church and was impressed with his Bible knowledge. His Scripture readings for the church service was always enlightening with notes from his study Bible. I miss David greatly.

John Parker - November 23, 2024 at 08:19 AM

DA

“ I sat behind David at MUMC many Sunday mornings. I’m saddened to learn of his passing. He was a very nice person and a follower of Christ. I will not forget his warm greeting every Sunday.

Donna Adams - November 22, 2024 at 10:25 PM



“ I live around the corner from David and he would always stop by to chat on his daily walk or bike ride. I'd bring him fresh fish I caught and he would always find something to give me whether it was a tool I needed, hunting or fishing gear, or more ziplock bags for more fish deliveries! If he saw me doing a project at my house or on my truck or boat he'd always offer his expertise or specialized tool to help out. He was very knowledgeable of auto repair and boat motors. One time a couple years ago after helping me finish a repair on my truck I offered him a beer and we hung out and had one, celebrating a successful repair job. It was always great to chat with him and I always really appreciated his help. he'll be missed by me and the rest of our neighborhood. Rest in peace buddy.

Russ Griffin - November 22, 2024 at 06:29 PM

CI

“ Dave was a mentor and critic of a lot of things I did. Getting his approval wasn't easy in many aspects. He taught me a very high standard performance in body work, vehicle rescue work, and of course catching bluefish! I missed him when he moved away to the shore....but he was always there for a call. I will live the rest of my days knowing he is looking over me with God and all of our other friends he is with now. Until we meet again my good Brother In Christ....

chris irick - November 21, 2024 at 07:47 PM

AV

“ I will miss David a lot. I called him my Prayer Buddy. I could count on him sitting in front of me every Sunday. Rest in peace, my friend.

Arlene Vance

Arlene Vance - November 21, 2024 at 03:57 PM

HR

“ I enjoyed Dave’s Sunday scripture readings during services because he always gave background context for the verses. He always brought his own leather covered Bible and had an extremely strong reading voice. I missed his readings when he was unable to continue and am saddened I will never have the privilege to hear him again. He will be missed at MUMC.

Heather Rhodes - November 20, 2024 at 11:50 PM

KC

“ David was a believer in Christ. He attended Manahawkin Methodist Church every Sunday until he got sick. He was fondly remembered by many in the church as a man of faith and character. He would read the Scripture lessons for our Sunday services with his own commentary which everyone loved to hear. We will greatly miss him, but we know that he is in the presence of God trouble free, pain free, resting in eternal peace. We do have hope of resurrection in Christ and to see him again in Heaven. Amen. Kyewoon Choi, pastor

Kyewoon Choi - November 20, 2024 at 06:29 PM

RG

“ Davey was and always will be a great freind of mine we parted ways when we retired but allways texted each other I know he is at peace now my condolences to his family

Ralph gibbs - November 20, 2024 at 03:28 PM

AM

“ I’ve know Dave for a very long time we were neighbors in lumberton we were close friends and I knew him when he was on our squad and fd he was the sweetest loving caring man he will never be forgotten my prayers are with him his friends and family love ❤️ Dave ty for always being there for me u will always be in my thoughts prayers and my heart rip

amy - November 19, 2024 at 07:38 PM

RS

“ I worked with Dave till 2002 in Lumberton. He was amazing person and an excellent mechanic and fabricator with his welding skills. I had so much respect for Dave. He would help anyone. He is in a better place now.
Ron Skeenes

Ron Skeenes - November 19, 2024 at 06:05 PM