



## David Wilder Stokes

April 1, 1947 - August 23, 2022

David Wilder Stokes passed away suddenly on August 23 at Cape Regional Medical Center. He was 75 years old.

Son of the late Sidney and Mary Jane Stokes, David was born on April 1, 1947 in Mount Holly, NJ. A lifelong Burlington County resident, David was raised in Moorestown and attended Moorestown public schools. He attended Trenton State College and graduated with a degree in Education. After attending college David was drafted in the US Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Germany. After returning home, David went on to become an Industrial Arts teacher for Lenape Regional High School teaching woodshop, metal shop, power mechanics, and auto shop. David would eventually return to Trenton State College for his Masters Degree in Education. Prior to retirement, David was known to his family as the man behind the camera, always there for all their activities and sporting events. He was his children's biggest cheerleader. After retirement, David enjoyed going to the Columbus Flea Market on Thursdays and Sundays, where he would search for different items that friends and family would ask him to find. He was always looking for a good bargain and was proud when he could achieve that goal. David was a kind man who would do anything for anyone. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

David is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Susan Stokes, his daughter Melanie Strawder (Henry), his son Robert Stokes (Lisa), and his two granddaughters, Alexa and Amaya, who affectionately called him Poppy. He is

also survived by his siblings Linda Stokes, Pam Terry, Clifford Stokes, and Charles Stokes, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service for David will be held on Thursday September 1, 2022 at 6pm at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street Mount Holly, NJ, 08060. Friends and relatives are invited to visit with David's family from 4pm-6pm prior to the start of services.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 1. 6:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Wilder Stokes*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *David Wilder Stokes*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *We used to drive him nuts in shop class. But he was an excellent teacher, helpful, patient, and with an uncanny ability to control his temper with us. You'll be missed. One of a kind. My condolences to his family.*

*Ralph Adams, Lenape Class of '79*

**Ralph Adams** - October 05, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *I met David 2010 when the Collado, Perez, and Stokes families went on a cruise! He was funny and made me laugh throughout the cruise!*

*We all had a wonderful cruise.*

*Since that cruise we have been together for many celebrations!*

*To David's family Susan, Mel and Rob, John and I are so sorry for your loss. David will be missed a great deal at family functions! May God grant him eternal rest!*



**Sandy Serafin** - September 01, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of David Wilder Stokes.



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August 31, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David Wilder Stokes.



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August 31, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of David Wilder Stokes.



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August 31, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David Wilder Stokes.



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August 31, 2022 at 06:50 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Wilder Stokes.*



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August 30, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of a husband, father, and Poppy. Part of the Westwood family, I always remember Dave actively involved in his children's activities. He was a good guy!*

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**Andrea Batchler** - August 30, 2022 at 08:03 PM



“ *To Susan, Melanie, Rob, Alexa and Amaya-David loved all of you unconditionally. May a lifetime of cherished memories help to give you peace.*

*To "Dave"-Thank you for being a loving and faithful colleague and friend to Casey and me. There are so many memories-like the first time we three went to the race track and we got covered in dirt. Many nights were spent in the pit crew after that. There were treks to Columbus, with shopping tips from you. You brought all your industrial arts skills to help us whenever needed at the farm we had in NJ. I'll remember your great smile, your stories about your family's activities and your pride in speaking of them, the corn nuts, the surprise flowers you planted (I'm still not a gardener), your much-needed pep talks when life became stressful, and your ability to just make everyone's life better for knowing you. I'll miss you, Dave. "Casey and Dave" are together again.*

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**Sandra Bazar Kolongowski** - August 30, 2022 at 03:52 PM

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“ Love, Sandra Bazar Kolongowski purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of David Wilder Stokes.



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**Love, Sandra Bazar Kolongowski** - August 30, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Wilder Stokes.



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August 30, 2022 at 12:01 PM

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“ I knew you as Dad from working with Melanie. I always looked forward to you visiting the job. I remember the jokes we made on Mel and our talks about your cars. You always brought joy and laughter. I was blessed to have met you and will always remember the good times we shared.

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**Kim Chambers** - August 30, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *David, our time together was all too brief! I am shock and in grief knowing that this world lost a flower in the garden of life. You were a kind and loving man to all who knew you. I am so fortunate that our paths crossed because you always had a sense of humor which is so needed in this crazy world. Thank you for the gift of your daughter who my son adores and is such a pleasant addition to our family. Rest in peace, my dear friend! This earth will never be the same.....Bob and Amy Strawder*

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**Emilia Stacchini Strawder** - August 29, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *David had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone! He was able to obtain a Thomas the Tank Engine set for our grandson 15 years ago which we had asked him to keep an eye out for at Columbus Sale! The Westwood pool group will miss David terribly!*  
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**Bob Baczenas** - August 29, 2022 at 05:52 PM