



## David Robert Anthony

December 20, 1961 - October 14, 2023

David Robert Anthony, 61, of Mooresville, passed away on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at Novant Health Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

He was born on December 20, 1961 in Corry, PA, to the late Robert and Isabell Anthony. Dave enjoyed working in racing over the years; where he worked with Ivan Stewart Racing, Rudd Performance Motorsports, Richard Petty Motorsports, DEI, Robert Yates Racing, proud owner of Anthony's Fabrication; and was currently employed with Corvid Enterprises. He loved golfing, boating, going to the beach, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and being with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Joanie Peterson Anthony; sisters, Debbie Mead and husband, Spud, Vicki Stanbro; brother, Shawn Anthony; and several nieces and nephews.

No services will be held at this time.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Anthony family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall

KR

“*Dave it has been many years since we have been in touch but I just know you are dearly missed. You were truly a special man in my life back in the day in California. I loved your passion for racing and hanging out in Laguna Beach. To know that you enjoyed life to the fullest at the beach in Florida and having your own fabrication shop makes my heart happy. I only regret we didn't stay in touch. I'll be rootin' for those Steelers for you. Thank you for all the wonderful memories.*”

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**Karirl Roat** - January 11, 2024 at 08:59 AM

JC

“*Joanie, we've never met. I can't imagine how difficult this is. When I met Dave about 15 years ago we became fast friends. Maybe it was because of similar backgrounds or because I'm from the same area (State line Speedway...), but mostly because of his quiet confidence, gentle smile, and his ability to always find a way to fab whatever I dreamed up. As someone else said, "he made me look good". He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.*”

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**Jim Cusimano** - November 03, 2023 at 05:36 AM



“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Robert Anthony.*”

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October 22, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Robert Anthony.*



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October 22, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Met Dave at Rudd Performance Motorsports and my wife and I became lifelong friends with him and Joanie shortly after that. Worked with him again for awhile at one of Robert Yates businesses and spent many many days with Joanie and him on the lake and in travels to Cancun and the Dominican and all over the place. Dave always had a smile on his face and would do anything for anyone. A piece of our hearts left with him. God speed our friend, we love you!*

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**Bill Ritter** - October 21, 2023 at 12:42 PM



*He loved you two so much. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being with me. Love Joanie*

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**Joanie** - October 24, 2023 at 10:19 AM

TL

“ Joanie, I have so much to say. Only a few doors away on Rolling Hills Rd. , Dave and I saw each other often, now suddenly, not enough. I was so grateful for the many times he helped my shop, yet, he thanked me ! He often thanked and reminded me that, myself and RYR had given him work when he first started Anthony's Fab. Who does that ? DAVE ! I was the one, grateful for him. The best line he ever said was, " We make engineers look good ". Truer words, we're never spoken. And, just for the record, the word , "Fabricator" does not begin to define this man. "Pure GENIUS", yeah, that's my friend, DAVE. RIP, Tim Lingerfelt & and the gang at CCC !

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**Tim Lingerfelt** - October 20, 2023 at 08:55 PM

JO

*Thank you for the kind words about Dave. I'm finding out more and more how much he is going to be missed. Sincerely Joanie*

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**Joanie** - October 24, 2023 at 10:23 AM

KE

“ My deepest sympathies to Dave's wife and family. I only met Dave a few times over many years, most recently at Mi Amiche when he was picking up a to go order. He gave my 18 yo son, Ray, an incredible opportunity when he hired him last year right out of high school. Although it was only a little more than a year, Dave made an impact on Ray that will last a lifetime. God bless all that grieve Dave now. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Karen Reilly Ellis

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**Karen Reilly Ellis** - October 20, 2023 at 09:36 AM

PB

“ AMAZING is the word that fits for him

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**Pat B** - October 18, 2023 at 10:28 PM

FW

“ So sorry to hear this tragic news about Dave. I worked with him at Rudd Performance Motorsports and Dale Earnhardt, Inc. He was an extremely talented mechanic, Fabricator, Tire Changer- and everything else he did. He was also a great friend with a huge heart. I am so thankful I got to know him, learn from him, and work alongside of him. Prayers being lifted up for you Joanie and the family.

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**Fred Ware** - October 18, 2023 at 03:04 PM

JB

“ Dave has been a mentor, a friend and much more over the years to me. As a teenager when I washed cars, Dave would bring his Chevy through and I always noticed the welding materials in his truck. I asked what kind of welding rod was on his console, he replied " that's a tig welding rod, why don't you come by the house one day and I'll teach you how to use it!" He spent four or five of his afternoons teaching me to TIG weld and preparing me for job opportunities he had set up. Over the years we shared many great experiences and memories together. Dave always showed me kindness, patience, and generosity. It truly saddens me for his family, and those who were close to him. He will be celebrated and remembered as long as I breathe. I pray the Anthony family find comfort and peace.

Sincerely,  
Jesse B

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**Jesse Burgamy** - October 18, 2023 at 08:02 AM

SS

“ *Shocked,  
And Sad for this info of a great guy.  
I worked with Dave back in California , both of us as fabricators.  
Great guy, true friend.  
Moved to North Carolina soon after he did and raced on different  
teams against each other but still respected each other as true  
friends. A true competitor, pro fabricator, and all around straight up  
friend.  
We won Many races and Championships together and those days  
and years will never be forgotten!  
Joanie, you meant so much to Dave and we knew why, you were  
the match that compleated him.  
Again, so shocked and he will be sadly missed by us.  
God Speed Dave  
Scott and Judy Shriver*

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**Scott Shriver** - October 17, 2023 at 05:06 PM

RR

“ *We were so lucky to have Dave join our team in the very beginning  
stages, that started from nothing but a pile of tubing on the steel  
rack to winning races on the cup level the first year. Dave was a big  
part of making the team successful. More than that, Dave had a  
magic personality that always brought a positive attitude to  
everyone that was around him. It was never a dull minute with  
Dave. We are in shock, as he left this world way too soon. Our  
prayers to Joanie at this difficult time.  
Linda and Ricky Rudd*

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**Ricky Rudd** - October 17, 2023 at 03:18 PM

JO

*Thank you Linda and Ricky for the kind words.*

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**Joanie** - October 22, 2023 at 04:53 PM

LJ

“ *This is like a bad dream.*

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**Lanny Jay** - October 17, 2023 at 02:45 PM

TH

“ *Dave, we only shared a handful of phone conversations together, but I could tell you were a kind man. When you told me you went to the main office to complete paperwork, and asked around to see where I sat because you wanted to say hi, but no one knew who I was- I laughed quite a bit. I am so glad I got to meet you!*

*To Dave's Family: I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*~Tran Family*

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**Thao** - October 17, 2023 at 10:56 AM

CC

“ *Your kindness and your wink is surely going to be missed by all that was blessed to have known you 😊 You had such a kind spirit within you that always made everyone happy to be around you I'm going to miss making you your favorite oatmeal raisin cookies and my special pimento cheese but would love to still get them to Joanie May you continue to watch over us here and until we see you again Thank you for touching so many lives during your journey with us rest in peace sweet friend 🕊️✝️🙏 Carmien Family 💜*

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**Carol Carmien** - October 17, 2023 at 06:01 AM

DS

“ I met Dave at Ricky Rudd's, spent a lot of time learning from him there, traveling road crew with him and years well after that as he was always the "go to" guy when I needed something fabricated, truly talented, and well beyond that a fantastic friend, always accommodating no matter what, and always with a smile, even when our Steelers were struggling... Will be missed more than words can describe. So sorry for your loss Joanie, you are in my prayers during this unbelievable time.

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**Dave Skog** - October 16, 2023 at 02:26 PM

SS

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And Sad for this info of a great guy.  
I worked with Dave back in California , both of us as fabricators. Great guy, true friend.  
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Again, so shocked and he will be sadly missed by us.  
God Speed Dave  
Scott and Judy Shriver

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**Scott Shriver** - October 16, 2023 at 09:31 PM

MW

“ Dave, i really enjoyed working with you at Petty Enterprises.. you were an amazing Fabricator and such a nice friend to me.. you will be dewalt missed

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**Mark Wilburn** - October 16, 2023 at 11:45 AM

MW

Deeply

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**Mark Wilburn** - October 16, 2023 at 11:46 AM

CO

“ Dave, your craftsmanship is literally everywhere you look in my families house and business. We will be reminded daily of the friendship and kindness you provided everyone in the community. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Rest In Peace  
The Cochrane Family

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**Cochranes** - October 16, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JO

Thank you for the kind words about Dave. He had nothing but great things to say about your family. I'm not sure what I'm going to do without him.  
I had just thrown away flowers that people had sent me. and it made me sad. And then this beautiful Peace Lily showed up at my door from your family. It Brighten my day. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!  
Sincerely Joanie

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**Joanie** - October 24, 2023 at 10:16 AM

SA

“ There isn't enough room on this page to express how great this Guy was! The only thing I can figure is that God must have needed the best Welder on the planet. God's gain is our loss! Rest in peace  
Dave!

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**Sam Garofalo (Sam I am)** - October 16, 2023 at 10:45 AM

WJ

“ Uncle Dave, You will be Missed by So many. Your Smile Will Never Be Forgotten. Joanie, I am So Sorry for Your loss. 🙏🙏🙏

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**Wendi (Nofsinger) Jaeck** - October 15, 2023 at 10:09 PM

DN

“ I am in Total shock. You will be truly missed. You were such a wonderful friend and kind soul. RIP you sweet man.

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**Dee Nantz** - October 15, 2023 at 09:06 PM

DP

“ I'm just blown away, so sorry ole buddy we had alot of good yrs at RYR, you were the BEST, fly high, God speed 🙏🙏🙏

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**Denny Pandolfino** - October 15, 2023 at 07:19 PM

MM

“ When I went to RPM, he treated me like I had been there forever. He supported me and welcomed me in. He always had a smile on his face and a laugh to share.  
God speed ol friend, thanks for the memories.  
Love ya Brother!

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**Michael Fatback McSwain** - October 15, 2023 at 04:57 PM

HO

“ I worked with Dave and enjoyed every minute in his presence. We were road crew together several places. He was the car chief and i the engineer, and he like many others, took me under his wing to keep the engineering suggestions real. He was a big help. Dave and Bill Johnson showed me the way cup cars are supposed to be run, set the pace for life at the track, and life on the road.

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**Hoyt Overbagh** - October 15, 2023 at 03:58 PM