



## David Lee Christenbury

November 12, 1951 - April 6, 2019

David Lee Christenbury, age 67, died peacefully at home in Mooresville, on Saturday morning, April 6th, after complications from pancreatic cancer.

He and his wife, Beth, were together for almost 30 years. They lived each day to the fullest, knowing each day was a gift from God, especially after the death of daughter Catherine in 2005. They enjoyed times on the dock, listening and dancing to artists like Al Green, Bonnie Raitt, Chicago, Billy Joel, Elton John, the Isley Brothers, and SO many beach groups.

David was known to proudly say that he only worked for two companies: Belk's of Mooresville selling shoes and one bank, which just happened to change names during the course of his 43-year banking career: Piedmont Bank (a Davidson-owned bank), First Union, Wachovia, and Wells Fargo. During his consumer credit, retail banking, and wealth management career, David was also involved with civic organizations including the Jaycees, the Rotary Club of North Mecklenburg (Treasurer and Paul Harris Fellow), and the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce (President). He loved participating in every community into which the bank brought him, enjoying all he met and making long-lasting relationships.

Although he was raised at Broad Street United Methodist Church in Mooresville (he was a third generation Mooresvillian), Beth convinced him that

joining Davidson College Presbyterian Church with her, a member for almost 40 years, was where he belonged. He loved this church, greeting at the 11:00 AM service and helping in church projects.

Hobbies? Golf was at the forefront. Until his diagnosis, Thursdays were reserved for golf with his best buds, “sons”, and other special friends. Playing golf at courses around the US was so special, especially when his best friends’ “bucket list” included meeting Arnold Palmer. He also enjoyed boating on Lake Norman, yardwork, having fun with friends when and where ever, traveling, working Sudoku puzzles, playing Gin, watching a myriad of TV programs, and, truly, just enjoying life and whatever it offered.

David never met a stranger. He would always remember you fondly with his unforgettable blue eyes.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Beth, his brother Eric and his children, son Jason and wife Amy; daughter Erica and husband JP and newborn daughter, Willow. Also, Beth’s brother, Will, and wife Susan, and son Wes, wife Ashely, daughter Catie, and son Weston. Daughter Catherine, parents Bernard and Erleen Christenbury, and “second parents” (Beth’s), Bill and Jane Steagall, preceded him in death.

The family would like to thank Dr. John Martinie and his colleagues with Levine Cancer Institute, all of the nurses and staff of “9B” at CMC-Main where David “lived” for so long, and the Hospice nurses who made his last days at home so peaceful. God bless you all.

A celebration of David’s life will be held Friday, April 12, at 2:00 p.m. at Davidson College Presbyterian Church. A reception to receive family and friends will follow the service at the church’s Congregation House.

In lieu of flowers, memorials if you wish, can be made to Davidson College Presbyterian Church or to Hospice & Palliative Care-Charlotte Region.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 12. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Davidson College Presbyterian Church  
100 N Main Street  
Davidson, NC 28036

## Reception

APR 12. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David Lee Christenbury*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *David Lee Christenbury*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *David Lee Christenbury*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Debby Steagall Lundmark,  
Clermont, FL*

**Debby Lundmark** - June 17, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ *Dear Beth  
My heart sank when I recently heard . Great memories of working  
with Dave at First Union. I was blessed . He modeled for me  
community leadership . May God bless you and your family in the  
coming days . Love Steve*

**Steve Kinzler** - April 13, 2019 at 07:03 AM

JY

“ *John Young lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury*



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**John Young** - April 12, 2019 at 08:54 AM

JY

*Prayers for David's family. David & I worked together for many years @ First Union in Concord. I'll always remember his cheerful attitude, smile and a commitment to excellence. He's gone home.*

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**John Young** - April 12, 2019 at 08:57 AM

PC

“ *Sincere condolences on the loss of this wonderful human being. Although for only a handful of years we shared the same work aisle at WF, I will fondly remember Dave as an ultimate gentleman and for how approachable he was. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

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**Pam Castaneira** - April 12, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Lee Christenbury.*



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April 11, 2019 at 10:58 PM

KP

“ Dear Beth - I was very sorry to hear of your loss. I'm thinking of you, and wishing you hope and comfort in the midst of your sorrow. My deepest sympathy, Kalyn Pavlinic



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**Kalyn Pavlinic** - April 11, 2019 at 06:27 PM

MR

“ Beth, Eric and family ,  
My prayers and thoughts are with you .  
Martha Robertson

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**Martha Robertson** - April 10, 2019 at 08:24 PM

CH

“ I echo many of the remarks I see here. Though I didn't know David well, I will always remember him for his positive attitude and a certain sparkle in his eyes.

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**Cliff Homesley** - April 10, 2019 at 07:36 PM

JK

“ I remember David well from Mooresville Senior High School, as we were in the same 1970 graduating class. He was one of the most positive, friendly, funny, caring classmates of all. I remember him well as our senior class's "Best Dressed." He and best friend Don Peiffer once came to my family's pool for a late-night swim, only to be greeted by a bat diving for water and buzzing our heads. David's screams woke up the entire Cedar Street neighborhood, and I've never laughed so hard in my entire life! David was always such fun! My deepest condolences to all his family and friends, as I know he will be missed but certainly not forgotten! Rest in peace, my friend.



-- Jim Knight  
Winston-Salem, NC

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**Jim Knight** - April 10, 2019 at 03:41 PM

GS

“ Beth - Mine and Erica's condolences to you and your family. I have many strong memories of David and my father's friendship that's lasted a generation. I've spent many a Sunday afternoon visiting David at his lake house. Played golf, gotten many haircuts down at the Head Shop in Charlotte. I remember David being around my father and us kids for as far back as I can remember. He will be greatly missed by his close friends and their children. David was a wonderful guy and a class act !!

-J. Grant Shoe

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**Grant Shoe** - April 10, 2019 at 10:55 AM

JW

“ Eric ...*Footprints In The Sand* ...*Judy Warren*  
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**Judy Warren** - April 10, 2019 at 02:06 AM

CR

“ *Catherine E Richards lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury*



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**Catherine E Richards** - April 09, 2019 at 05:32 PM

CR

*Love you so much, Beth! I wish David could have been healed here on earth, but oh what a joyous welcome he is receiving. God could not have picked a better match for him than you. :-)*

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**Catherine E Richards** - April 09, 2019 at 05:33 PM

BM

“ *David is being missed already. Our prayers are with Beth and Eric, especially. The Mills cousins are a large group and we all have great memories of David to hold on to.*  
*Bill and Angeline Mills*

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**Bill Mills** - April 09, 2019 at 03:25 PM

BM

“*Beth, Dave was a devout Christian and he was proud of you, loved you, his family and faith. I've never met a finer, more compassionate man. As a Christian, rest assured, Dave is not just in our past but our future as well. Please be Assured and Blessed during this time and going forward! Bruce McFadden Kerrville, TX.*

**Bruce McFadden** - April 09, 2019 at 02:39 PM

JB

“*Janet Braxton lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury*



**Janet Braxton** - April 09, 2019 at 01:29 PM

JB

*To Dave's family...my heart hurts to hear of Dave's passing. He was such a kind and wonderful soul who brightened my day in every interaction we had at the bank. I'm grateful that I was lucky enough to know him. Blessings to you all.*

**Janet Braxton** - April 09, 2019 at 01:33 PM

TT

“*Thomas Turner lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury*



**Thomas Turner** - April 09, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ Hi Beth,  
*It is with a heavy heart I am extended my heartfelt condolences to you and your family.  
I was honored that you and Dave chose me and my band to share in the celebration of his retirement a couple of years ago. I will always remember how cordial and genuinely kind he was to everyone he met. He will be missed. May God keep you all and comfort you during this very difficult journey.*  
Sincerely  
Kevin Jones

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**Kevin Jones** - April 09, 2019 at 01:04 PM

VB

“ Dear Beth,  
*I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I met Dave back in our First Union days and we became fast friends. We eventually had an opportunity to work many more years together. May God continue to bless you and your family and may Dave's memory live on forever. I will miss his kind heart and big smile!*  
Love,  
Von

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**Von Bryant** - April 09, 2019 at 12:45 PM

RD

“ I'm sorry to hear about your loss, Beth. David always had a smile on his face. It made him easy to recognize in any setting. He had a kind and gentle soul. He will be missed but not forgotten.

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**Randy Duncan** - April 09, 2019 at 10:56 AM

HO

“ David was a sweet person I remember him from early child hood on Lowrance street. He will be greatly missed!!!

Hope - April 09, 2019 at 09:57 AM

KT

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Praying for you and your family. I love you! Karen Mabe Teal

Karen Mabe Teal - April 09, 2019 at 09:52 AM

RC

“ Randell And Lisa Chandler lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury



Randell and Lisa Chandler - April 09, 2019 at 09:37 AM

DB

“ So very sorry to hear about your husband Beth. My thoughts and prayers will be with you during the coming days

Debbie Beck - April 09, 2019 at 09:06 AM

JW

“ Beth, we have fond memories that will never pass; the bank, the golf, the lake, shagging, and one I know he really enjoyed, annual cleaning of the bird house. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and and the family. James Wheeler

James Wheeler - April 09, 2019 at 08:56 AM

JT

“ So sorry to hear this ! Always looked forward to member guest and you and David visiting ! He was a very special person ! Prayers for you Beth and all the family !

Jim Tucker - April 09, 2019 at 07:07 AM

RT

“ I am so sorry for your loss Beth. David was such a special guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Robin Y Trexler - April 09, 2019 at 06:46 AM

KY

“ Beth  
Such a great loss not only for you but all those David touched in his life. I bless him for giving such a blessing of a wonderful life together. Love and prayers

Karen Wall Younts - April 08, 2019 at 10:53 PM

KO

“ Beth, I mailed you a note today sharing additional expressions , but please know how much Gary and I have been in thought and prayers for you and David. I am so glad David was included in yours and Catherine's lives. I remember him to be friendly, fun, caring, and of course, adoring of you. We love you- and I will see you soon.

Karen Hill Owen - April 08, 2019 at 10:15 PM

KO

“ Karen Hill Owen lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury



Karen Hill Owen - April 08, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ Beth.. I am so sorry to hear the sad news about David. Please know you and your family are in our prayers during this very difficult time. I am praying for the Lord comfort for you. He will be sorely missed by many. My heartfelt condolences.

Jay R Ewing

Jay Ewing - April 08, 2019 at 10:01 PM

LM

“ Eric we are deeply saddened by the news of the loss of David. There are no words to express our sorrow. Please know that the Christenbury family are in our prayers.

Lance, Rebecca & Justin Mitchener

lance mitchener - April 08, 2019 at 09:33 PM

CR

“ So sorry to hear of David's passing. I worked with him Piedmont Bank and was always kind to me at work and every time I'd see him in the years to follow. May God bless and comfort David's family.

Carol Robinson - April 08, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Lee Christenbury.*



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April 08, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I'll live beside of David, Eric and their parents when I was a child in Mooresville. I guess I was around five years old which would make David nine or Ten. We used to crash model cars in his parents hallway and throw snap pops in the garage. Even at that young age you knew good people. We soon moved away but I never forgot what good people they all were.*

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**Mark Cook** - April 08, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ *Ned And Sandy lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury*



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**Ned and Sandy** - April 08, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ *Praying for Beth and David's family. He and Beth have been warriors. They have praised God throughout their life, through their grief of Catherine and through David's journey. They have touched so many. I know our Savior welcomed our David by saying, "Welcome, home, my good and faithful servant." Love and prayers.*

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**Sam and Pam Tesh** - April 08, 2019 at 07:09 PM

JS

“ *Enjoyed knowing David. Met him through his golf buddies. He will be missed.*

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**John A Kilby Sr** - April 08, 2019 at 06:54 PM

JM

“ *Hello Beth,  
You have my deepest condolences in the loss of your beloved David. It was a joy to read this wonderful tribute of a life well lived.*

*'Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.'* Rabindranath Tagore

*Prayers for your comfort,  
Julie Memrick*

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**Julie Memrick** - April 08, 2019 at 05:44 PM

PH

*I worked with David for many years, and I must say he made working fun! He will always be remembered 🙏*

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**Phyllis** - April 08, 2019 at 05:57 PM

EK

*There is a hole in my heart that can only be filled with the many loving memories I have of David.*

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**Ed Kania** - April 08, 2019 at 09:12 PM

AL

“ *Anne Leary lit a candle in memory of David  
Lee Christenbury*



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**Anne Leary** - April 08, 2019 at 05:24 PM

EV

“ *E.B. Vaughn lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury*



E.B. Vaughn - April 08, 2019 at 03:31 PM

CK

“ *We are sorry to hear of David's passing. He was not only our cousin but a dear friend. David was loved by all who knew him and will be forever missed. Prayers for each of you in this difficult time.*

Cotton Ketchie - April 08, 2019 at 03:17 PM

SB

*So sorry to hear of David's passing. I remember him from working at Belk and thru his Dad Bernard came to our neighborhood to visit family. Prayers for the family.*

Sylvia Bishop - April 08, 2019 at 05:37 PM

SR

*To Beth, Eric, and the family we send our most heartfelt condolences. We classmates and lifelong friends of David's will never forget his smile, warm personality, and full enjoyment of a life well lived.....God Bless.....Steve and Lynda Robinson*

Steve Robinson - April 08, 2019 at 07:17 PM

DS

“ *Debra Jacobs Smithdeal lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury*



debra jacobs smithdeal - April 08, 2019 at 02:38 PM

ES

“ David was one of a kind. I haven't seen him in years but He was always a true friend while we were growing up and especially working at belks together in high school. David always had a smile for everyone. He was truly a special person.

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**Emma Jane Stamey** - April 08, 2019 at 12:02 PM

PA

“ David was one of the first individuals I met after the WB-WFB Merger and he was in all aspects a true gentleman, a kind heart, a great partner, most of all will always remain a friend that will be missed.

*Condolences and prayers to Beth and David's family.*

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**Patrick Alegre-Thiry** - April 08, 2019 at 11:52 AM

AW

“ David was so good to my mother and me after my father died in the early 1980s. He and my dad had also been friends. Even though we'd lost touch in recent years, I will never forget his kindness, and I know my late mother (Opal Wicker) thought the world of him. Condolences to his family and close friends.

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**Ann Wicker** - April 08, 2019 at 11:43 AM

PH

“ I had the privilege of working with Dave from 2009 until his retirement. Never before have I met a more friendly, optimistic, and positive individual. He was a true gentleman and his passing will impact all who knew him.

*My condolences to Beth and the Christenbury family.*

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**Paul Hornung** - April 08, 2019 at 11:30 AM

DO

“ *I’m so very sorry, Beth ...*  
*Diane O’Malley*

**Diane O’Malley** - April 07, 2019 at 05:48 PM

JP

“ *So very sorry to read about David’s passing I had a lot of fun times with David on golf outing. David was one of my wife’s first students in the 7th grade. Larry and Celia Putnam*

**Jon Larry Putnam** - April 07, 2019 at 10:16 AM

JB

“ *Jane Lowrance Burch lit a candle in memory of David Lee Christenbury*



**jane lowrance burch** - April 07, 2019 at 10:06 AM

JB

*The world has lost a truly good man and a happy soul.*

**jane lowrance burch** - April 07, 2019 at 10:08 AM

JC

*Dear Beth, You are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*John Christian*

**John Christian** - April 08, 2019 at 10:00 AM

MI

*I had the honor and pleasure to work with Dave for some years and am so saddened by the news of his passing. He was a true gentleman and a truly wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family.*

**Marylou lantosca** - April 08, 2019 at 11:36 AM

BM

*Dear Beth and Eric,*

*Cousin David will always have a special place in our heart. Cousins David, Tommy Mills, and Bobby Jones were the three boys a few years younger than me in our large Mills family clan. There are so many wonderful memories of growing up together, surrounded by the love of family. While I grieve with you his too-short life, I celebrate that he's now in that "cloud of witnesses" from our families and is reunited with his parents and so many others. With my love and Cathy's,*

*Bob Mills*

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**Bob Mills** - April 08, 2019 at 06:14 PM