



## David Dennis Deselem

August 20, 1948 - March 19, 2020

David Deselem, 71, of Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.

He was born on August 20, 1948 in Springfield, OH, to the late Robert and Anna Rumpke Deselem. After retiring from Lee County, Florida as a building inspector, he moved to North Carolina. He enjoyed the outdoors, boating, camping, racing, and loved playing music. He owned a scuba instructor business for many years. He was also a truck driver instructor during his retirement.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Roberta Adams.

He is survived by his wife, Julie McHugh Deselem; children, David Jr, Jenna, Dylan, and Anna; and numerous cousins and other family members.

A private service will be held. For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioGkDGD1cbA>

The family would like to give a special thank you to cousin, Cherie, for all the

help she has provided to the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that people consider a donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in David's name.

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

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Dennis Deselem*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *David Dennis Deselem*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *David Dennis Deselem*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JM

“ Julie, Jenna, Dylan, and Anna,  
We are sending our love to you today, and every day, and hoping you can find some happiness and comfort in your fond memories of the great dad and husband he was.

We remember David making us feel very much at home when we visited both Florida and North Carolina. Always going out of his way to make sure we had a great time.

I remember many years ago when David and Julie visited us here in Massachusetts. I mentioned to David that I couldn't seem to get Michael's car seat to fit right, and that it was always bouncing around. David jumped right on it and re-installed it solidly to the back seat. Just a few weeks later the car was totaled in a bad crash with Michael securely strapped in to that seat. Thank you again, my friend. You are dearly missed.

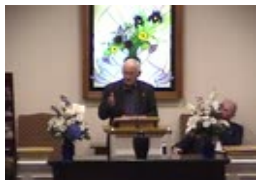
Love Joe and Deb McHugh

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**JOE MCHUGH** - August 20, 2020 at 07:15 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Michael Roberts** - August 20, 2020 at 06:48 PM

KA

“ Julie, Jenna, Dylan and Anna,

*Sending my love to you all today. I have such fond memories of David starting way back in Florida, and so many great times in North Carolina visiting for Christmas, Thanksgiving, and other family gatherings. He was a wonderful uncle, father, husband, and friend, and he will be so missed. May he rest in peace. Love you all.*

*Love,  
Kate Knospe*

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**Kate** - August 20, 2020 at 06:19 PM

KM

“ David has always impressed me with the love he had for Julie and his 3 children. I was completely astounded with him the first night I met him. He and Julie were living in Fort Myers, Florida. It was Christmas Eve and the McHugh family were gathering at 14 Redington Terrace in Swampscott, Massachusetts to celebrate. Much to our surprise, Dave and Julie showed up at the back door that evening. Apparently Julie had expressed that she missed her family, So Dave said "Get in the truck", and off he drove in snowy weather non-stop 1500 miles to Swampscott. That was the first time I met Dave and I will never forget how giving of himself he was then and continued to be throughout the years.

*RIP David.*

*Kate Mills and Alan Binkerd*

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**Kate Mills** - August 20, 2020 at 04:54 PM

JH

“ *It was a great day that David married our daughter Julie and became part of our family. He was a very caring, extremely knowledgeable and talented man. He helped and advised us on so many projects with our home. We enjoyed many trips on his boat, also many cookouts and dinners together. We miss him so much. Love and prayers dear son-in-law.*

*Mary and Joe*

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**Joseph A Mc Hugh** - August 20, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of David Dennis Deselem.*



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August 19, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Dennis Deselem.*



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August 18, 2020 at 10:29 AM

PL

“ Julie, Jenna, Dylan, and Anna,  
We love you and wish we were there to give all of you a big hug.  
Your husband/dad was such a wonderful guy. His memory will live  
in the hearts of so many including us forever. We hope that each  
day will get a little easier for you, and that soon you will be able to  
remember and smile.  
We love you,  
The LeBlancs

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**Pat LeBlanc (sister in law)** - March 27, 2020 at 09:05 PM

MD

“ Julie, we send our deepest sympathy to you and your children.  
We did not know David well but each time we saw him he was  
friendly and smiling and always seemed so happy. Know that you  
are in our prayers.  
Sue and Mark Daly

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**Mark Daly** - March 24, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ Dear Julie and children .Leo and I were saddened to hear the news  
of David's death. We know he has struggled for a long time  
physically, but it never stopped him from being his beautiful self. I  
remember his humor, he volunteerism, his devotion to your family.  
We hold you and your family in our heart and in our prayers. May he  
rest in peace. Peace to you and may happy memories bless you.  
Love, Joyce and Leo Fahey

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**Joyce Fahey** - March 23, 2020 at 11:30 AM

BH

“ Julie and kids,

*I had the distinct pleasure of getting to know David through his volunteerism and his commitment to making our community here within Harbor Cove a better place in which to live. He was considered a good friend and the news of his passing was hard to take.*

*As a Member of our Association's Board of Directors David enlivened our meetings with his keen sense of humor and made them enjoyable events to attend. This in itself was no small accomplishment given the typical agenda.*

*While my own direct interactions have been few, you certainly are far from strangers to me as David spoke often and lovingly of each of you. He was very proud of your accomplishments.*

*He will be sincerely missed and always remembered fondly.*

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**Brad Henderson** - March 23, 2020 at 07:42 AM

DJ

“ Julie and children,

*Although our current times do not let us show our physical comfort, please be certain that you all are in our prayers and good works. David now joins a growing list of St. Therese RCIA team and participants that now stand in joy before the Lord Jesus. David 's service in that ministry, especially his humor, is now eternal. God Bless You and keep you and let His light shine upon you always*

*Deacon John and Cheryl.*

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**Deacon John** - March 22, 2020 at 10:19 AM