



David Joel Gombotz

March 24, 1948 - August 27, 2023

David "Dave" Joel Gombotz, 75, of Mooresville, passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House in Mooresville.

He was born on March 24, 1948 in Bethlehem, PA, to the late Joseph and Mary Kulik Gombotz. He was a 1966 graduate from Liberty High School in Bethlehem, PA, where he was a herald trumpet player in the LHS Grenadier Band. Dave enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served as an electronic communication technician during the Vietnam War. He was stationed on the USS Compass Island, based in Brooklyn, NY. He worked from 1974 to 1984 for Homer Research Lab at Bethlehem Steel. In 1988, he graduated from Moravian College in Bethlehem with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He worked from 1984 to 2014 for ITR, Co. as a development engineer. In his spare time, Dave enjoyed fishing, camping, canoeing, and building memories with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sharon Lengel Gombotz; sons, Stephen Gombotz and wife, Sarah Black, Kevin Gombotz and husband, Jorge Valdes; sister, Constance Zakszeski and husband, Robert; and grandchildren, Gavin, Kailey, Logan, Talon, and Liam.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 1st at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mooresville, with Pastor Dave Keck officiating. The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

There will be a Celebration of Life Ceremony in Hellertown, PA, at Union Cemetery in the fall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, 1325 Mecklenburg Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Gombotz family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
454 Fieldstone Road
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

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“ Dave was one of the first shipmates that I met as I first began my US Navy duty aboard the USS Compass Island (late 1969). It was sometimes not easy to be an American sailor, a dedicated technician, a patriot, and a genuine gentleman, that represented the honor of the family, that he was a product of. Dave did all of this with class, and was a good example to all. God's blessings to his family.
Steven Coco, Rochester, N Y.

Steven Coco - March 03 at 11:14 PM

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“ Sharon and family,
So very sorry for your loss. I'll never forget you guys when we first moved to Bethlehem Pa and Al and I joined your gourmet couples club. You all touched our lives in such a way that we felt very welcome to the new area of residence. Our children were blessed as well to know your sons!
“May the most precious memories of a beautiful life bring, comfort and peace”
Alice and Al Bernotas

Alice Marie Bernotas - October 11, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Joel Gombotz.



August 31, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Joel Gombotz.

August 31, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Joel Gombotz.



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Joel Gombotz.



August 31, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Joel Gombotz.

August 31, 2023 at 08:20 AM



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Joel Gombotz.*



August 31, 2023 at 03:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Joel Gombotz.*



August 30, 2023 at 04:34 PM



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August 30, 2023 at 03:19 PM



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August 30, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Joel Gombotz.*



August 29, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Dave was one of my first clients to start working with in home health and I couldn't have asked for a better person to work with! He always had a smile on his face and joked around while still doing what he needed to. I'll really miss him!*

Samantha Gambal - August 29, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *I have known Dave and Sharon about 25 years. They have both been good friends to so many people.! There were times I'd be discussing a problem with my friend Sharon and she would say why don't you ask Dave about it? So I would, and always received wise counsel. I never heard Dave raise his voice about anything. He was always a soft-spoken good guy! Very easy to be around. He will be missed by so many, many people.*
Dave was a extra mile kind of guy!! It was never too much trouble for him to go the extra mile for you! My dear friend, Sharon, his sons and grandchildren can be proud of the man that he was to them, and so many others. I know I was blessed to have him as a bonus person in my life because of my friendship with Sharon!

Mary Rose Johnston - August 29, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Joel Gombotz.*



August 29, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *To my long distance cousin. I am sorry we lived so far apart, we could have spent more time visiting. You are now free of earthly pain and suffering. God Speed.
Sincerely, Cousin Gigi*

Gigi Gant - August 29, 2023 at 04:33 PM