



David Lloyd Shaffer

March 21, 1949 - January 26, 2026

David Lloyd Shaffer, 76, of Mooresville, NC, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 26, 2026, after a lengthy battle with respiratory illness. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Indiana, PA, David was the son of the late Lloyd and Sarah Shaffer. In the midst of the Vietnam War, he answered the call to serve and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. His training at Parris Island led him to Dong Ha, Vietnam, just yards from the DMZ—an experience that shaped his lifelong pride in the Marine Corps. Following active duty, he continued his service in the Marine Corps Reserves in Buffalo, NY, where he earned the rank of Staff Sergeant.

David dedicated his life to helping others. He joined the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department, becoming the company's first EMT. What began as a part-time role at Genesee Memorial Hospital in 1986 grew into a 27-year career in EMS. His service included time with the City of Batavia Fire Department (1999-2009) and Mercy Flight (2009-2013), where his skill, compassion, and calm presence made a lasting impact.

In 1988, while working at Genesee Memorial Hospital, David met the woman who would change his life forever. What started as friendship blossomed into a deep and enduring love. They began dating in the spring of 1990 and were

married on July 25, 1992. Their bond was the foundation of his happiest years.

Dave was an avid history buff, a talented wood craftsman, and took great pride in tending his vegetable garden. Dave never met a stranger and welcomed everyone with kindness, friendship and hospitality. Once you were a friend of Dave Shaffer's, you were always a friend of Dave Shaffer's.

David is survived by the love of his life, his wife JoAnn Shaffer; his children Cindy, Sandy (Scott), Danielle (John), Emily, and Jerry; and his grandchildren Shentelle (Jestin), Allisa, Allie (Greyson), Mandy, Stephani, Joe, Danny (Stephanie), Brittany, Josie, and Anthony, along with more than twenty great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his loving sisters Dotty, Edie, Effie, and Linda, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents-in-law, Stan and Mary Ugorek, and his brothers-in-law Kenny, Jim, Ed, and Dayton.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Military Museum at Richard's Coffee Shop-an organization that honors veterans. A place that made David feel welcome the moment he stepped through the door. <https://www.welcomevets.com/>

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

Tribute Wall

LS

“ David was a good friend to my husband. He supported me and my family all the years since his passing. I have cherished our friendship and monthly conversations. My condolences to you and your family JoAnn. I can only hope that he and Jim are together having a beer and laughing it up.

Lynn Stock - February 10 at 11:31 AM

DH

“ I had the privilege of working with Dave for many years. His dedication to EMS was unparalleled. He was a good friend. I will miss him. Rest in peace. GRAMPS

David Hayward - February 09 at 10:05 PM

RH

“ To my Godfather you will always have a special place in my heart. Give my dad a hug for me!!



Ryan Heeb - February 09 at 07:38 PM

ML

“ I will miss you dearly Uncle Bubby! Wish I could have been there to give you one last hug. Love you always your Goddaughter Maria Lovely

Maria Lovely - February 03 at 03:33 PM

ML

“ *Maria Lovely lit a candle in memory of David Lloyd Shaffer*



Maria Lovely - February 03 at 03:30 PM

BM

“ *Dave and I worked on an ambulance together on and off from 2009-2011. He was a caring and skilled provider, but more importantly, he was a thoughtful and dedicated partner. He would always have the back of his partner, and once his partner, always his partner. Dave was a great man, and I'm blessed for having had the opportunity to learn from him, and to call him a friend.*

Bryan Monacelli - February 01 at 08:05 AM

SW

“ *I worked with Dave at the Batavia Hospital. So calm, friendly and personable. I was always glad to see it was Dave bringing the stretcher to Labor and Delivery. Just a great guy you could trust and a pleasure to work with. Rest in peace my friend.*

Sherry Watkins - January 30 at 09:49 PM

BH

“ I loved Dave! Great guy! I met Dave, through the McAdoo family. We always had a blast, when we were together. With him being a Marine and me being former Navy, we enjoyed the Navy/Marine Corps rivalry. I always called him a "Stinking Jarhead." He called me a "Squid". Always in good fun! He was very proud of his Marine Corps service. Serving others was always in his blood. Seeing him smile and laugh was a given. He lived life and thoroughly enjoyed it! Gonna miss you, Jarhead!

Bernard Helsdon - January 30 at 07:35 PM

BT

“ It's hard to completely capture someone in an obituary. This one comes close. Dave was a great guy, loyal to his friends and devoted to his family. I am blessed to have known him. Although saddened by his passing, he is breathing easy now. Sympathy, God's blessings to the family.

Bill Thunberg - January 30 at 04:31 PM

MM

“ I first met Dave in 1985 and started working on the ambulance with him at Genesee Memorial. We worked together there for many years, and after that at City of Batavia Fire. I lost track of the number of calls we were on together, but never lost track of what a solid guy and partner he was. Always had the patient's well-being in mind, and always, always had his partner's back, whoever he was working with that shift. He was as solid and dependable as they come. We shared the same birthday in March, and after he moved away every year on our birthday, Dave would call me, never fail. Dave, you were one of one, and I appreciate all the times and memories. "Love ya' brother" was his signature goodbye. Right back at you Dave. Rest easy my friend. Mike Mullen

Mike Mullen - January 30 at 04:18 PM

PE

“ *Dave will be missed by all who knew and loved him!* ”

peter and mary ellen - January 30 at 03:36 PM

LD

Dave was one of kind a super blessing to everyone he met prayers to Joann, kids and family

Laura Dibble - January 30 at 04:15 PM