



## David Ray Keyser

January 26, 1952 - August 22, 2015

David Ray Keyser, age 63 of Essex, MD died on August 22, 2015 at the Vidant Edgecombe Hospital in Tarboro, NC.

He is the son of Roy Samuel Keyser and Thelma E. Church Keyser. He was a civil engineer for 25 years with surveying companies.

Friends will be received on Friday, August 28, 2015 from 11AM until time of Funeral Service at 1PM at the Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Interment on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at 12PM at the Park Lawn Memorial Gardens, 12800 Viers Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20853 - everyone planning to attend the Interment should plan to meet at the offices at the cemetery. There will not be a funeral procession from the Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Park Lawn Memorial Gardens

12800 Viers Mill Road  
Rockville, MD 20853

# Previous Events

## Friends Received

AUG 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *David Ray Keyser*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *David Ray Keyser*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Special thoughts today for my dear friend. I am reminded of a time of youth and innocence. In the mid 60's, in junior high, Dave was my first crush. He would often walk me home, carrying my books. Most everything we did as teenagers revolved around Church. While on a youth retreat, Dave held my hand as we strolled on the path toward Natural Bridge. That was a big deal back then !! So many memories if a time long gone. First crushes always hold a special in ones heart.*

**Debbi Russell Oleinik** - August 28, 2015 at 10:09 PM

JH

“*Dave was such a great guy. He was always so much fun to be around. A natural born comedian, he could find the humor in any situation. He was laid back, but would go out of his way to help others. One time he helped me move all the way from California. Every stop along the way he would launch into a stand up routine about any thing we saw or happened to us. He even made when our U-Haul truck broke down in Arizona seem funny. No matter how sore and tired I was when we stopped, by the time we got back in the vehicles I would be smiling again. We will all miss him. I am sure he is walking around in heaven now still making jokes and brightening the day of everyone there.*”

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**John Henderson** - August 27, 2015 at 08:26 PM

BM

“*We are all saddened to hear of our cousin David's passing. We will keep the rest of our extended family in our thoughts during this time of loss and pray for God to bless each of you with peace and comfort.*”

*Dennis, Kenny, Becky and Beverly*

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**Beverly Jones Mitchell** - August 26, 2015 at 07:59 AM

BM

*Jones Family*

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**Beverly Jones Mitchell** - August 26, 2015 at 08:01 AM



*I'm sorry Dave is gone. We had so many good years running together as teenagers and adults. I spent more of my teen years with Dave than anyone else, later moving to California together. Sure wish we had stayed in touch these last few years.*

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**Robert Yeckley** - August 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM

BC

*It tough to try and sum up of a lifetime of memories? I have known Dave and his family since elementary school. While we grew up we always seemed to do everything as a group, we worked together, went to the same church and of course we partied together. The Keyser House was the place that we would always go and hang out. There was Sunday football, church retreats, Woodside Deli, church softball and bowling, sled riding, Halloween and the list goes on. I'm sitting here trying to remember the origin of the nickname "Earthquake Twins" Maybe it had something to do with our size. There was also something about hallway bells and senior week that needs be mentioned for whatever reason. It's the little things we remember, a night of poker, pickles and beer at Bruce's house and all of his different cars, finding someone with a car to just go cruising, sitting on his front porch or standing in the street for hours talking about anything and everything. Dave was a free spirit who would always strive for success and he always did it on his own terms. Over the years we did our best to stay in touch but it became harder as we got older and went our separate ways. When we did get to see each other we always seemed to talk about the past and how great it was. I will miss my friend and brother and the times we had but I will never forget the memories. Rest in peace my friend and have a safe journey.*

*Barry Cauffiel*

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**Barry Cauffiel** - August 28, 2015 at 12:31 PM

BE

*Dave was such a great guy. He was so much fun to be around. I spent the day today just remembering things we did as high school kids. A lot of which are still in the " I promise I'll never tell category". One of the best things about Dave was he surrounded himself with really nice people. Things I remembered today were the volley ball games at Monkey Hills Church. The cruising around with nowhere to go in our cars. Hanging out with friends. I have only seen him once in forty years and yet I really miss him. I'm sad I allowed distance and time to separate us to the point we lost track of each other. With Facebook a lot of the gang has been able to reunite if only through text and photos I wish Dave had been one of them. We should all think of this and make sure we don't let busy lives keep us all apart. I want to express my sadness that I wasn't able to be at the viewing today and want send prayers to Jean, Rick and Don for there loss. I have lost two brothers already and I know how it hurts. Now I'll have to be good Dave so we meet again. Love ya Dave*

*Bruce Edwards*

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**Bruce Edwards** - August 28, 2015 at 08:46 PM

NA

*Prayers to Dave's family. I knew him years ago and remember him as a wonderful man with a sweet soul and a great sense of humor. May you remember him with warmth and smiles and hope. God bless you Dave. Send prayers to friends and family here.*

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**Nancy Anastasi** - August 28, 2015 at 09:24 PM

BW

*Although Dave was the older brother of my best friend Donald, I always felt a strong connection to him and his sense of humor. We loved the Looney Tunes cartoons, and every time I came over to the Keyser's house he would look at me and say "I SAY, I Say, Son!" (like Foghorn Leghorn). Each fall I would offer him two of my season tickets to the Redskins which would light up his face immediately. He loved his Skins and was a devoted fan, even when things were not going well. I have only one memory of riding in the car with him but it stands out in my mind. I can see him putting a tape into his new eight track player (which was high tech for the time period) and playing "Magic Carpet Ride". Even to this day if I here that song, I go back to that very special time in my life. Kenny Chesney said it all in his song entitled "I Go Back" which says "We all have a song that somehow stamped our lives, taking us back to another place and time. Every time I here that song, I go back." I'll miss you Dave Keyser. Thanks for all the great memories.  
Your friend, Buddy Wells*

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**Buddy Wells** - August 29, 2015 at 08:42 AM



*I am so sorry for your loss...I remember Dave as a great person.*

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**Mary Edwards** - September 07, 2015 at 09:44 PM