



David Bruce Townshend

July 3, 1942 - September 18, 2018

David Bruce Townshend, age 76 of Brandywine, Maryland, died September 18, 2018 at his residence.

In his early years, he worked for the C.I.A. and went on to the Government Printing Office where he retired after 42 years of service as a Printing Specialist. He was a member of the Chapel of Incarnation Episcopal Church in Brandywine, Maryland. He played on softball, soccer, and bowling leagues. He is also a past member of the Brandywine Volunteer Fire Department.

He was the son of Woodrow Wilson Townshend and Catherine Virginia Bowdish Townshend. In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by Laddie and his beloved twin brother, Glen Alan Townshend.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Adonah Griffin Townshend; his daughters, Dawn Marie Davis (James) and Susan Grubaugh (David); his siblings, Kitty, Leah, and Buz; and his grandchildren, Caitlyn, Jordan, and Sean.

Funeral Services and Interment will be private. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date per David's wishes.

Memorials in David's name are asked to St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1942.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Bruce Townshend*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *David Bruce Townshend*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *David was a blessing to me many times. I very rarely had anyone to watch my little boy who was around 2 1/2. This was back in the 1980's. There were quite a few times my son stayed with David and Adonah at their home in Cheltenham.. David would hold his hand and go on fun walks with him and my son loved it so much. My son and David became close and my son looked up to him. Thank you David for being such a good caring man to my little boy back then. By the way, my son grew up to be a great man, just like you. Love Diane, from back in the day at Church of God, Cherry Tree Crossing Road. P.S. I just saw that Adonah passed away in August 21 2020. I am looking forward to hanging out with the two of you when I get there. I will meet you two at The Crystal River. oxox*

Diane Tayman - July 15, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ *Adonah I am so sorry to hear of your lost. I can say I know the lost you are feeling.. David was a great man. He stepped up to be Godfather for my two boys, Jake w Galloway (Jakie) and Ronal P Galloway (Fuzzy) So sorry we drifted apart after my moved south but you all was never forgotten Prayers for Dave soul and you for the days to come.*

Rose Harris - September 24, 2018 at 12:11 PM

JP

“ I can remember David as a little kid and he was a quiet gentle person. It was clear his love for Aunt Doni and Susan! I can't imagine the pain you are going through. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know you have so many great memories because David lived a full and happy life.



Jennifer Proctor - September 23, 2018 at 08:15 AM

AT

Thank you Jennifer. Aunt Doni

Adonah Townshend - September 23, 2018 at 07:17 PM

HG

“ I'm David 's cousin by marriage. I've known David for over 40 years. He was a gentle giant - compassionate, patient, loving, understanding, diligent, organized, determined, faithful, hardworking, unselfish, devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren. He worked hard and played hard. He was disciplined. He sacrificed for his family. He was a devoted son- in-law caring for Adonah's parents in all their challenges. He sacrificed for his two daughters doing everything he could to help them. He was a faithful grandfather, caring for his grandchildren as they were growing up. He gave freely of his time to help them all along the way. After he and Adonah retired, he was always by her side to support her with all her responsibilities. He didn't talk a lot but when he spoke, he spoke from a heart of wisdom and great knowledge. He will be greatly missed by all, especially by his pets. Gus and Sophia. Love in our Savior Jesus ' name, Harry Griffin



Harry Griffin - September 22, 2018 at 12:45 PM

LJ

Harry, you captured my brother's attributes perfectly. He was everything you said and more.

Leah jones - September 22, 2018 at 12:26 PM

AT

Thank you Harry for your beautiful tribute to the man I loved and the man that loved me. Thank you for being here with us for three months caring for David. I can never repay you. God Bless You and supply your every need. David loved you and he was in awe of the loving care you gave him. I love you. Doni

Adonah Townshend - September 22, 2018 at 10:49 PM

LJ

“*David and Glenn were 6 years older than me, but that made no difference. They always included me in their activities. Basketball, soccer, football... the two of them, always together. I remember the boys' room was next to the girls' room. It was not uncommon to find most of us sitting in their room, talking, laughing, teasing. As a little girl, I looked up to them. I cannot imagine how lost David must have felt when his twin was killed as a result of a motorcycle accident. I am sorry not to have called David more often these past few years...guess I hate being on the phone as much as he did. No matter, my love for my brother(s) never faltered. I hold so many special moments in my heart.
Adonah, I am so Happy he found true love in you. I pray that God will be with you and Dawn and Susan as you follow the path of grief.
Leah Townshend Jones*

Leah jones - September 22, 2018 at 12:44 PM

AT

Thank you Leah. I need God on this path of grief. I cannot make it on my own. My grief is overwhelming. 💔

Adonah Townshend - September 22, 2018 at 10:57 PM

DE

“ I've known David all my life. The Townshends were the first people I knew beyond family. David was a fascination to me because there were two of him, with Glenn. When David married my Aunt Doni, he was already part of my family. He has spent more than 40 years now as her constant helpmate in whatever project or service they could perform for their family or friends. Doni, Dawn, Susan, I am so sorry for your loss. Your David was a gentle and generous soul and his quiet presense will be missed.

DebGriffin - September 22, 2018 at 12:39 PM

AT

Thank you Debi.

Adonah Townshend - September 22, 2018 at 11:00 PM

PJ

“ I met Doni and David for the first time right on the street when I was visiting USA for the first time in life. I was at Washington D.C. to see Smithsonian Museums and they were there to attend Memorial Day parade in the year 2003. We met for 5 mins exchanged our business cards and I returned to India. Later during every natural calamity in India I used to get an email from Doni to check if I and my family are safe. It was a nice gesture and I always appreciated it, I met them again in the year 2005 and by that time they were like my parents. They both treated me just like their son. I visited and stayed at their place so many times. That was my home in America with my American parents. It sounds like a dream or a movie to meet someone in a foreign country and get so much love. David hardly used phones or emails but he used to communicate through Doni's emails and knew what's going on in my life. When I met David first, I felt that connection with him. He used to treat me like his son. Whenever I visited David and Doni, David used to pick up my heaviest bag and knowing that David was a cardiac patient, it always scared me.

I remember his passion for the bowling game. David taught me a lot of things about life, I miss my guide who became a father-figure. David and I never needed emails to communicate, we knew what each other is doing. I still can't believe that David died, I spoke to him a few weeks ago. He will always live in my heart, I loved him as much as his real family loved him. David and Doni are the brightest spots in my life. They are my best American experience. My love for them is endless. I am an integral part of the Townshend family.
David's loving son, Parijat



Parijat Jamdar - September 21, 2018 at 02:31 PM

AT

Thank you Dear Parijat. David loved you as well. ❤️

Adonah Townshend - September 21, 2018 at 04:06 PM

MK

So hard to believe that David is gone from us...He was a member of our family and we all loved him...He was so SPECIAL that you had to know him to know how SPECIAL he was as he was so unbelievable....Never hurt a sole, always found good in everyone and gave so much...We will all miss David and in time will see him again...God Bless the Townshend family...With love, Mary Ann and Family

Mary Ann Kuplerski - September 21, 2018 at 10:14 PM

AT

Thank you Mary Ann.

Adonah Townshend - September 22, 2018 at 11:01 PM

JK

“ Adonah, I am so sorry to hear of David’s passing. Hugs and prayers.

Jennifer

jennifer Kaszubski - September 20, 2018 at 11:34 PM

AT

Thank you Jennifer. So good to hear from you. Adonah

Adonah Townshend - September 21, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ Adonah and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences

Kimberly Chandler - September 20, 2018 at 07:55 PM

AT

Thank you very much Kimberly.

Adonah Townshend - September 21, 2018 at 04:09 PM

CK

“ *Another piece of my heart has been taken, you will be missed but always loved. I'm happy for you that you are back with Dad but sad that we had to let you go. I know we will miss you but glad you are at peace now.* ”



Catherine Townshend Keeler - September 20, 2018 at 02:56 PM

AT

Thank you Cathy. Yes, we will miss him, but he is with his loving brother. ❤️

Adonah Townshend - September 21, 2018 at 05:53 PM

PE

“ *Adonah and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences are with you all during this sad time.* ”



Pam Espina - September 20, 2018 at 01:54 PM

AT

Thank you very much Pam. Adonah

Adonah Townshend - September 21, 2018 at 04:11 PM

SL

“ To describe him;
He was funny, hard working and loyal to start with. He enjoyed his bowling (and his bowling teammates), coaching kids tee-ball and baseball, playing soft-ball and soccer, fishing, playing dominoes and cards, especially Blitz (you couldn't sit too close to him because he would look into your hand), even more than playing any games, I think he enjoyed teasing and rubbing it in that he had won! He had great love for his wife, his girls and grandchildren. He loved any time spent with his twin brother and his family. Most of all he was a “Great Man” but a plain man who loved eating crabs, playing games and just spending time with his family. While on this earth, he didn't create a cure for cancer and won't have a school named after him, but none the less.....he left his mark and this world WAS A BETTER PLACE WITH HIM IN IT!!! HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED 😭.....PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF US THAT LOVE HIM 🙏



someone he loved - September 20, 2018 at 10:51 AM

KC

Loved the beautiful tribute from SL. I knew him best from the beginning July 3rd 1942. A sweet brother, peacemaker, very intelligent, loved sports and played a great game of marbles! The more gentle, quiet one compared to his twin Glenn (two 'n's). They were best friends, now reunited. God bless his family during this sorrowful time.

kitty cooke - September 21, 2018 at 02:18 PM

AT

SL, thank you so much for your beautiful tribute. I love it and I know he loved you. Adonah

Adonah Townshend - September 21, 2018 at 04:17 PM

SH

“ Sid Holt lit a candle in memory of David Bruce Townshend



Sid Holt - September 20, 2018 at 04:49 AM

AT

Thank you . Adonah

Adonah Townshend - September 21, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ I miss you so much Dad. You were the best Dad I could have ever had. I love you.
-Susan



Susan Grubaugh - September 19, 2018 at 11:38 AM

AT

Dad loved you too Susan. Mom

Adonah Townshend - September 21, 2018 at 05:55 PM