



## David Wayne Van Valkenburg

February 1, 1957 - April 10, 2025

David Wayne Van Valkenburg, age 68, of Nanjemoy, MD, passed away on April 10, 2025. Born February 1, 1957, in Ft. Belvoir, VA, he was a devoted husband to Darlene Savage Van Valkenburg, and a loving father to Jennifer Van Valkenburg-Abell and Christopher David Van Valkenburg.

David graduated From Suitland Senior High School, Prince Georges County, MD, in 1974. He initially worked as an administrative specialist at Northwest Office Supply Company in downtown Washington, DC, before starting his career as a United States Postal Service Carrier. He served faithfully for 30+ years.

Though David may not have liked being the center of attention, he deserves to have his long years as a loving spouse and fatherly love honored. He was a man of integrity, kindness, and generosity; leaving a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

David's hobbies and interests helped define who he was. While he did not grow up with any house pets, he made up for lost time as a loving "Dog Dad" mostly German Shepherds. His love of music (Beatles best rock band ever) and sports with the Cowboys and the Yankees was infectious and left a lasting impact on his children that will never fade.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Savage Van Valkenburg, daughter and son-in-law Jennifer and Jason Abell, son Christopher David Van Valkenburg, granddaughter Kinsley Elizabeth Abell, brother Fred Davis Van Valkenburg, as well as extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly. David is predeceased by his loving parents Fred Davis and Elizabeth David Van Valkenburg.

Visitation will be on Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 10:00 AM until time of Prayer Service at 12:00 PM, at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Ave., La Plata, MD 20646. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741, <https://www.cancer.org/>, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, <https://www.stjude.org/>.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery

38888 Doctor Johnson Road  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service , P.A.  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646

## Prayer Service

APR 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

APR 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I had the pleasure of knowing David for almost 60 years. Here are some things that we shared over the years. He was my best man at our wedding, went to many baseball games at RFK, attended baseball card shows around the area, introduced me to Gusti's, and going to concerts at the old Cap Centre.

*I would text him occasionally and we would talk about retirement and him being a first time grandfather.*

*Rest in peace dear beloved friend until we meet again.*

*Robert Baum*

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**Robert Baum** - April 23, 2025 at 01:11 PM

RN

“ I had the good fortune of working directly with Dave daily from around 1990 to about 2002 and then indirectly until he retired. Dave was an excellent worker, punctual, efficient, self-motivated with a great sense of humor. He kept his coworkers engaged and laughing both at him and themselves without offending.

*While I'll never miss working in delivery units, I'll always miss working with the likes of David VanValkenburg, he was a good dude.*

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**Robert Neal** - April 23, 2025 at 12:16 PM

MS

“ Michael, Ellen, Jack, and Matthew Savage purchased the Love's Journey for the family of David Wayne Van Valkenburg.



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**Michael, Ellen, Jack, and Matthew Savage** - April 22, 2025 at 03:24 PM

MS

“ Michael, Ellen, Jack, and Matthew Savage planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Van Valkenburg.

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**Michael, Ellen, Jack, and Matthew Savage** - April 22, 2025 at 03:24 PM

TF

“ The Milton Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Wayne Van Valkenburg.



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**The Milton Family** - April 21, 2025 at 05:04 PM

TF

“ The Milton Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Van Valkenburg.

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**The Milton Family** - April 21, 2025 at 05:04 PM

LJ

“ Love Albert and Celeste Janerich purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Wayne Van Valkenburg.



Love Albert and Celeste Janerich - April 20, 2025 at 07:12 PM

CS

“ Cindy and Steve Soffe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Wayne Van Valkenburg.



Cindy and Steve Soffe - April 19, 2025 at 06:14 PM

JT

“ Big Dave, God bless you on your journey, peace and Love too the friends and Family John TAYLOR.

John TAYLOR - April 15, 2025 at 02:01 PM

GW

Big Dave, Rest in Power my friend and co worker. All our Epic Cowboys/ Redskins battles, working from sun up to sun down. Thx for the memories

Glen D Williams - April 18, 2025 at 09:28 AM

TF

“ The Bohannon Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David Wayne Van Valkenburg.



The Bohannon Family - April 15, 2025 at 12:33 PM

TF

“ *The Bohannon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Van Valkenburg.*

**The Bohannon Family** - April 15, 2025 at 12:33 PM

WT

“ *Prayers to the family My best memories and still are that he could tell you bout any song you ask him and he would save the pull tab s to soda cans ..Willie Toledo*

**Willie toledo** - April 15, 2025 at 09:52 AM

RM

*God Bless the family\* Dave is a great person, always pleasant, with a great sense of humor\**

**Ramona McAfee** - April 15, 2025 at 10:02 AM

KS

*So sad , I retired 20yrs. but I remember big Dave as a funny guy who kept you laughing and really loved his Cowboys, Yankees and Lakers . RIP dear brother Ken Skipper*

**Kenneth Skipper** - April 15, 2025 at 10:31 AM

SG

*My thoughts and prayers to the family.*

**Scott Glessner** - April 15, 2025 at 04:47 PM

&W

*Condolences 🌸 to his family and friends! What a great person/friend and CoWorker! RIP brother! Go Cowboys! 🏈*

**&Bill Wright** - April 16, 2025 at 09:17 AM