

DAVID ANTHONY VENTRESCA



David Anthony Ventresca died peacefully on the morning of August 5 after fighting a good fight against a multiple sclerosis. His disease progressed to the point he had lived in assistant living and then ultimately, and heartbreakingly, hospice.

David was raised in Monroeville, Pennsylvania and graduated in 1976. He played baseball for Gateway Senior High School. He then joined the United States Air

force and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. He joined Northern Light Tabernacle Church, where they welcomed him and he became baptized at Mirror Lake. Besides finding his love for the Lord, this is where he found his beautiful wife, Jolene. They were married soon after they met in a whirlwind courtship. With the church, he joined a mission trip to the Philippines where he and his brothers in Christ built a church.

After the Air force, David worked for the United States Post Office and was transferred to Pasco, Washington. Although he couldn't walk, his unique sense of humor carried him through. The MS may have taken him physically, but it never took his faith in Jesus Christ. Even as his body continued to degrade he prayed to his Lord and Savior.

He is survived as by his wife, Jolene (Allen) Ventresca as well as his stepchildren, Ryan Corriell (Amour), Lisa Corriell, and Erin Lewis (Kenyatta); nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sister, Natalie McElhaney (Chook); brother, Joseph Ventresca (Paul Brozda); sister, Joyce Ventresca and sister, Jean Markewinski (Dennis) as well as many nieces and nephews. His parents Mary and Vincent Ventresca were waiting for him to join them as he danced his way into heaven with his healthy legs and giant smile.

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