

DAVE GARRISON



Born June 16, 1948, in Waynesburg, PA to Ralph and Betty Garrison. Survived by his wife of 56 years, Cynthia Patterson Garrison; sons Michael; wife Sarah; and grandsons Ian and Aidan; Jeffrey, wife Aura and grandsons Xavier and Demitri; and Eric and partner Melaine and children Tyler, Andrew and Kristiana, Julian and Mallory. Also survived by sister Janet; and brother Brian; preceded in death by

brother Randy.

Dave graduated from West Virginia University, with degrees in Biology and Aquatic Ecology. Together he and Cindy raised three terrific sons. Attended Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church, a community became a cornerstone of their lives.

Dave was an environmental consultant until health issues caused him to be permanently disabled. He turned his disabled status into a lifetime of service: as Elder and Deacon at CUPC, leading "Grief Share" Program, and Prayer Team. He also volunteered with the Chaplaincy Program at Canonsburg Hospital.

Dave enjoyed sports, music, and hunting, volunteering as an assistant coach, serving on the Canonsburg Baseball Association Board, and helping plan the Pinto Classic Baseball Tournaments. He enjoyed golf outings with his buddy, Jerry, and other friends, children and/or grandchildren and sometimes even their wives joining them. He enjoyed playing guitar, and music as varied as the Rolling Stones, Waylon Jennings, bluegrass and gospel. Dave was an avid hunter and sportsman.

One of Dave's greatest joys was having grandchildren come in the summer, going to parks, museums and a different ice cream place every night for dessert. His love was unconditional and encouraged them that they could do anything they wanted to and overcome any obstacle.

Starting with a heart attack at age 30, and enduring four others, Dave was a walking miracle for 46 years. He received the gift of a heart transplant in 2002 and was forever grateful to the mother who donated her son's heart to him. A kidney transplant in 2018 was possible with son, Michael, being the donor. Dave was active in speaking with transplant families to help them as they went through their process.

Dave's wishes were that people not mourn his death, but celebrate life. The family encourages friends and extended family to join them at Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 112 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, PA, on August 17, 2024 from 2-5pm for light refreshments to view pictures encompassing his 76 years and to share stories, pictures, and fond memories of Dave as we celebrate his life.

Arrangements are entrusted to **SOLLON FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.**, 30 East College Street Canonsburg, PA 15317, Phillip L. Sollon, supervisor, 724-746-1000.

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