



## David Alan Caplan

July 12, 1941 - February 8, 2026

David Alan Caplan, age 84, of St. Michael's, Maryland passed away peacefully Sunday, February 8, 2026.

David was a devoted husband to his wife Esther Caplan nee Fishell. They married in 1963. David was a loving father to his eldest son David M. Caplan. He was preceded in death by his youngest son Mark A. Caplan in 2018. David is survived by his wife, Esther, son David, granddaughter Shannon Siebers of Wisconsin, and several nieces and nephews.

Born in Ridgley, Maryland, David spent his formative years in St. Michaels. He graduated from St. Michael's high school. He moved away from college (University of North Carolina) and upon graduating he was commissioned an officer in the United States Navy. He served his country with honor throughout a distinguished 22-year military career. During his service he was stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, Norfolk, Virginia, Bay City, Michigan, San Diego, California, San Francisco, California, Honolulu, Hawaii, and final MITMIC, VA.

Following his military service, David and Esther relocated to his childhood home in St. Michael's and entered the private sector where he built a successful career in transportation logistics.

David was also a long-time member of Easton Elks Lodge, Easton VFW, and American Legion. He found great joys in life's simple pleasures- fishing, sailing, traveling, and spending time with those he loved most. Known for his warmth, steady presence, and kind spirit, David left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Friends are invited to celebrate David's life on February 28, 2026, at the Easton Elks Lodge from 1 PM to 3 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your charity of choice.

David's memory will live on in the hearts of his wife, son, family, and many friends whose lives he touched. He will be deeply loved forever and forever missed.

# Previous Events

## celebration of life

FEB **28**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Easton Elks Lodge # 1622  
Easton, MD

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Just heard today of Dave’s passing. We graduated from SMHS in the class of 1959. I will miss our visits together at the Easton Elks Lodge with Dave, Esther and my wife, Camisa. Our sincere condolences to Esther, the family and to all Dave’s legion of friends ❤️🙏

Les Cummings - April 18 at 03:24 PM

JB

“ Janine M Benefiel lit a candle in memory of David Alan Caplan



Janine M Benefiel - February 27 at 08:44 PM

DW

“ Deborah Winstead lit a candle in memory of David Alan Caplan



Deborah Winstead - February 18 at 12:33 PM

BS

“ Bryan & Norma Harrison Steilkie lit a candle in memory of David Alan Caplan



Bryan & Norma Harrison Steilkie - February 13 at 06:40 PM

BR

Thanks for all the time you spent with the SMHS Alumni, it was appreciated. B.Steilkie Class of 1962

Bryan - February 13 at 06:43 PM

PH

“ Pat Haddaway lit a candle in memory of David Alan Caplan



Pat Haddaway - February 13 at 02:27 PM

MN

“ So sorry to hear about Dave’s passing. He was such a kind man. Esther - you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Mel and Ellen Newell



Mel and Ellen Newell - February 13 at 10:59 AM

PB

“ Dave was such a kind, gentle soul. I will miss him at his favorite corner of the Elks bar. Esther, you are in our thoughts and prayers.



Paula Broll - February 13 at 05:49 AM

JW

“ Jean Milligan Weaver lit a candle in memory of David Alan Caplan



Jean Milligan Weaver - February 12 at 06:35 PM

JW

Hugs to Ms Esther.....

Jean Milligan Weaver - February 12 at 06:36 PM

DK

“ *Carrie, Emma, and I are so very sorry for your Loss of Dave. Esther you and the family are in our prayers during this difficult time*



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**Dan Kane** - February 12 at 06:30 PM

DK

“ *Debi Kendall lit a candle in memory of David Alan Caplan*



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**Debi Kendall** - February 12 at 05:24 PM