



David Alan Fairbank

January 13, 1964 - April 8, 2017

David Alan Fairbank passed away at his home on Mi-Land Farm on Saturday, April 8, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 53.

Born January 13, 1964, in Easton, MD, he was the son of Roland Douglas Fairbank and Alice Pardoe Fairbank.

David grew up in Wittman, MD. In his early years, he began taking drum lessons and developed into a talented musician. He graduated from St. Michael's High School and later Frostburg State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in History and Geography and a minor in Music.

In 1984, he enlisted in the Army and served on Active Duty as a member of the 548th Engineer Battalion. He also served one year active reserve duty with the 265th support Company.

In 1998, he married his wife, Karen Guthrie, and together they trained, showed and bred horses. He was the 2003 winner of the Dave Green Pal Award for the Combined Eastern Shore Horse Shows Association. Dave could often be found working gates or announcing at many horse shows.

Dave performed with many bands as a drummer and vocalist - DMC Blues, Teacher Jam, Wild Horses and others. He also performed solo or as a duo,

with his wife, playing guitar and singing. He loved to teach, perform and compose music. He was the drum line instructor for Easton Middle School for eight years. He also volunteered in Talbot County Schools assisting the music teachers with concerts. He taught percussion and guitar lessons privately at his home.

Not only was David an accomplished musician; he was also a talented woodworker who worked as an independent contractor doing carpentry, woodcarving, and building creative jumps for equestrians.

In addition to his parents, David is survived by his wife, Karen Guthrie; his brother, Frank Fairbank (Chris Allen); and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 14, 2017, at 11 AM, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton. Burial will follow at 1 PM at the Eastern Shore Veteran's Cemetery near Hurlock.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617 or to the Easton Middle School Drum Line, 210 Peachblossom Road, Easton, MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

Previous Events

Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Location

200 S Harrison St

Easton, MD 21601

(410) 822-3131

info@fhfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *David Alan Fairbank*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *David Alan Fairbank*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *David Alan Fairbank*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *It was a wild ride. See you on the other side. Find us a fishing hole.*

Frank Fairbank - April 14, 2017 at 07:20 AM



“ *Carrie Middleton lit a candle in memory of David Alan Fairbank*



carrie middleton - April 12, 2017 at 08:57 PM



“ *Thinking of you Karen. Much love for such a wonderful man. -Greta Haddaway*

Greta Marie - April 12, 2017 at 02:28 PM

PE

“ Mr. Dave - you were wonderful with or Brandon and I know he loves you. He has a skill that only you could have taught him and memories to hold forever. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the goodness you showed him. We are going to miss seeing you around. We pray you rest easy until we see you again. Love the Evans' Family.

Priscilla Evans - April 12, 2017 at 02:00 PM

EG

“ Thank you Mr. Dave for all that you taught our son Ben. You were a teacher, a mentor and a good friend to Ben. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. The Gunn family.



Eric Gunn - April 11, 2017 at 08:07 PM



“ Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of David Alan Fairbank.



April 11, 2017 at 07:28 PM

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“ Tim, June, Miranda ,& Eve lit a candle in memory of David Alan Fairbank



Tim, June, Miranda ,& Eve - April 11, 2017 at 06:23 PM