



David Lester Gauntt

November 10, 1935 - April 6, 2021

David Lester Gauntt passed away Tuesday, April 6, at the Compass Hospice in Chestertown, MD, at age 85. He had dementia and cancer.

Dave is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Margaret M. Conlin; his children, Virginia Mandio, Linda Labinski (Rick), David Gauntt, Jr. (Elizabeth), and Matthew Gauntt (Heather); grandchildren, Tara Dickel, Matthew Mandio, Dmitri Gauntt, Peter Gauntt, and Ivan Gauntt; two great-grandchildren, Gia and Cameron Dickel; and two sisters, Patricia Guy and Susan Sorensen. He is also survived by his faithful dog, Shorty, and cat, Sparkle.

Dave was born in Philadelphia in 1935 and grew up in East Lansdale, PA. He graduated in 1953 from Collingswood High School (NJ).

He served in the Army Reserve from 1958 to 1964 for the 357th Chemical Corp, at Ft. McClellan, Ft Dix and Camden, NJ. Dave's first job was at R.M. Hollingshead Corp, in Camden, NJ.

Dave married Virginia Petersen in 1960 and got divorced in 1979. He started working for the U.S. Navy in Warminster, PA, as a Materials Engineer Lab Technician in 1983. It was there at lunch time while playing volleyball that he met and later married Margie in 1990. Together they started Gauntt Enterprises and sold flags from all 50 states and every country in the world. He also had an interior painting and roofing partnership called D&D Painting in south NJ.

Dave wrote a book about his ancestry starting with Peter Gauntt, who left England for America in 1636. It was called PETER GAUNTT AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS, 1610-1680, and was first published by the Gloucester County Historical Society (NJ) in 1988, with a second printing in 1989.

Dave was a husband, a father, an artist, a poet, an athlete, a genealogist, a historian, and a gardener. While living in Jamison, Bucks County, PA, he founded the Warwick Township

Historical Society and became its first president in 1991. As president, he and other historians led the move to restore the Moland House, a historical site in Warwick Township, inhabited by George Washington and his troops before they marched to Washington Crossing, PA, and crossed the Delaware River into NJ. It was scheduled for demolition but was saved by him and other members of the Society. He also was involved in the conservation of the Eight Arch Bridge, also in Warwick Township. He was described as a huge force and the nucleus of those two efforts. He wrote articles for HISTORIA for the Northampton Township Historical Society, Bucks County, PA. Dave and Margie were editors of WITHIN WARWICK, a quarterly newsletter published by the Township of Warwick, Bucks County, PA. in the early 1990's.

During his 16 years in Chestertown, Dave revitalized the Butterfly Garden at Eastern Neck Wildlife refuge on the Chesapeake Bay. He was a Maryland Master Gardener. He was a president of the Crestview Homeowners' Association for four years.

A Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 24, at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnham at 130 Speer Road in Chestertown. The family will receive friends and relatives at 10 a.m. Service will start at 11 a.m. with a luncheon at 12 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam
130 Speer Rd
Chestertown , MD 21620

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of David Lester Gauntt*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 24, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Lester Gauntt*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 13, 2021 at 10:13 AM



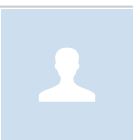
“ *David Lester Gauntt*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *David Lester Gauntt*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *David Lester Gauntt*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

CP

“ I am sad to hear of Daves passing.
He and I were what I like to call "internet cousins".;
We connected on the Gauntt line somewhere way back.
We shared e-mails and Christmas news for quite a few years.
I will miss being in touch with him.
He was a good man.

Carla Shriver Patterson
Corpus Christi, Tx.

Carla Shriver Patterson - June 24, 2021 at 03:29 PM

TS

“ Tom, Stephanie, Taylor, Eric, Alyssa, and Sammy. purchased
the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Lester
Gauntt.



Tom, Stephanie, Taylor, Eric, Alyssa, and Sammy. - April 23, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of
David Lester Gauntt.



April 21, 2021 at 09:05 PM

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Linda Labinski - April 20, 2021 at 07:24 PM



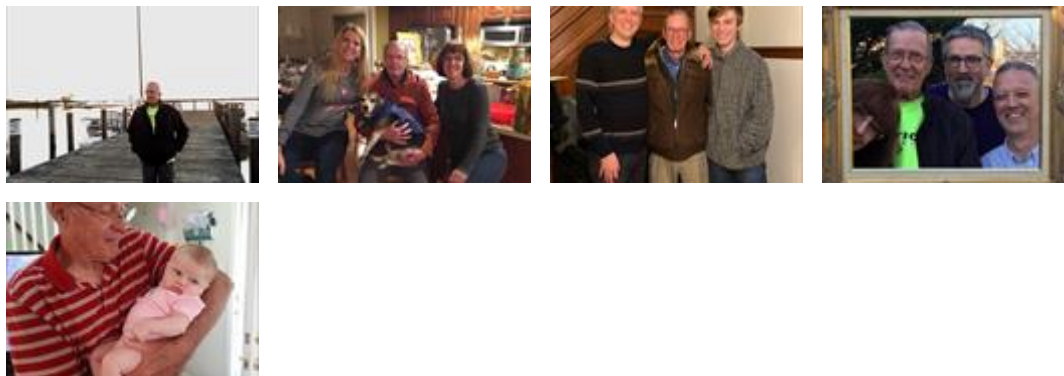
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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 19, 2021 at 03:13 PM

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Linda Labinski - April 18, 2021 at 09:55 PM

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Linda Labinski - April 17, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Lester Gauntt.*



April 17, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *We wanted to share Dave's spirit with all, so we have compiled his famous Christmas poetry here. We hope this brings you many smiles -- as it did for us.*

Love Beth and Dave

<https://www.smores.com/7uqs9>

Elizabeth Farley - April 17, 2021 at 01:40 PM



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Linda Labinski - April 16, 2021 at 03:57 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 14, 2021 at 02:06 PM

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David Gauntt - April 13, 2021 at 07:13 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 13, 2021 at 02:50 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 13, 2021 at 12:31 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 13, 2021 at 10:12 AM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of David Lester Gauntt*



Marie Usilton - April 07, 2021 at 10:35 AM