



David "Pops" Gellert Sr.

April 14, 1938 - February 5, 2025

David Joseph Gellert, Sr., aka dad, daddy, pop pop and pops, gained his angel wings at Compass Hospice in Centreville, surrounded by his family on Wednesday February 5th, 2025. He was 86 years old. He was born on April 14th, 1938, beloved son to the late Raymond Gellert and Josephine Jeffra Gellert.

David began serving in the United States Navy in 1955 and was honorably discharged in 1961. On October 7th, 1961, he married Amy Brenda Weber and they made their home in Annapolis (Cape St. Claire) for many years to come. After the Navy, David worked for Pepsi Cola in Annapolis, retiring after 28 years. Following Pepsi Cola, he worked for E.L. Gardner for 10 years before going into full retirement. In 1984, he and Brenda decided it was time for a change and moved the family to KI, where they resided until January of 2023, when they moved to Preston, MD to be closer to family. In his younger years, Dave loved riding his motorcycle with his buddies through the cape and all over Annapolis. Dave hung up the motorcycle helmet and replaced it with a fire helmet when he became a volunteer at KIVFD in 1987, after his son DJ joined the department the year before. He was an honored lifetime member of KIVFD and drove the fire truck up until 3 years ago, when his health began deteriorating. During his time at KIVFD, he received multiple awards, one being the star of life from university of MD Shock Trauma. In June of 2020 KIVFD dedicated their new Rescue 1 to David for his years of dedicated

service. He was very respected in the community and it shows by the outpouring of love the family has already received.

In addition to his loving wife Brenda of 63 years, David is survived by his Daughter Whitney Barnett of Preston, Daughter Amy Crawford (Steve) of Preston, Son David J. Gellert Jr (Joy) of Queenstown, Grandchildren Tracie Crane (Colby), Matthew Gellert of Texas, and Cody Crawford of Preston. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Olivia Gellert and Carter Crawford (his favorite fist bump buddy), and Aiden Oliveri. In addition to his parents, David is preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday February 10th, 2025 11am at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department 1610 Main St, Chester, MD 21619. Food and fellowship will follow the service in the hall. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department 1610 Main St, Chester, MD 21619 and/or Compass Regional Hospice <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E354255&id=2>

Previous Events

celebration of life

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department
1610 Main Street
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 10, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ *You were a great uncle. So many fond memories of you when I was growing up, like a 2nd father figure. You will be so missed Uncle Dave and I hope you know how much love so many people have for you..... You were such a great asset to your community also with all the years with the fire department. I love you. Give my Dad, Aunt Pat, Aunt Tina, Mom Mom and other loved ones a big hug from me.*

Pam Kline (Gellert) - March 01, 2025 at 10:53 PM



“ *Pam Kline (Gellert) lit a candle in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.*



Pam Kline (Gellert) - March 01, 2025 at 10:42 PM

TW

“ *Tim Wynne sent a virtual gift in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.*



Tim Wynne - February 11, 2025 at 10:17 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - February 10, 2025 at 09:07 AM

DG

“ *David And Annie Gardner lit a candle in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.*



David and Annie Gardner - February 09, 2025 at 11:22 PM

CT

“ *Rest in peace Pop! You served so many, we will miss you! Prayers of strength to your family, friends and all of the lives you touched during this sad time! We will cherish the memories!*
Love
Buddy & Colleen



Colleen Thomas - February 08, 2025 at 01:21 PM

DL

“ Doug And Michelle Leatherman sent a virtual gift in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.



Doug and Michelle Leatherman - February 07, 2025 at 09:07 PM

AO

“ Aiden Oliveri lit a candle in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.



Aiden Oliveri - February 07, 2025 at 03:47 PM

JW

“ Jenn Walters sent a virtual gift in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.



Jenn Walters - February 07, 2025 at 02:10 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz sent a virtual gift in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.



Tracy Schulz - February 07, 2025 at 11:21 AM

TS

I have been missing Pop's since he moved to be closer to his family, but will miss him even more knowing that he has moved even further to his final resting place with God in Heaven. We had a lot of good times around the firehouse and he was a very dedicated and special member who was always there to help anyone in their time of need. Rest easy Pop's. Your dedication and friendship will never be forgotten.

Tracy Schulz - February 07, 2025 at 11:26 AM

BT

“ Bayside Physical therapy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David "Pops" Gellert Sr..

Bayside Physical therapy - February 07, 2025 at 10:23 AM

BT

“ Bayside Physical therapy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David "Pops" Gellert Sr..



Bayside Physical therapy - February 07, 2025 at 10:23 AM

PA

“ Uncle Dave was a very sweet loving man. Quiet but there if you needed him... Will miss him! An awesome family man..

Patty - February 07, 2025 at 08:22 AM

RC

“ I'm sorry to hear about your loss. Dave was one of a kind. You were always guaranteed a good laugh when you were with him. Many prayers going your way. Gene Cullison

Raymond Cullison - February 06, 2025 at 10:11 PM

ST

“ *Shirley Baxter Thomas lit a candle in memory of David "Pops" Gellert Sr.*



Shirley Baxter Thomas - February 06, 2025 at 06:26 PM