



## David Lawrence Olds

April 17, 1940 - January 22, 2023

Community legend, David L. Olds, 82, of Stevensville, MD, passed away on January 22, 2023, at his home. He was born on April 17, 1940, in Washington DC, the son of the late Harold Olds and Deloris Manas.

At 18 years of age, Dave made a choice that would prove to be the wisest choice he ever made. A local beauty by the name of Kaaren caught his eye and the rest, as they would say, is history. After his career began with the DC Fire Department, Kaaren Lee Roland agreed to become Mrs. Olds and that love spanned over 60 years. This union produced three children, Michael Allen (Brenda) Olds, Connie Marie (Rob) Beasley and Janet Lynn (Frank) McClelland.

The decision was made to leave DC and begin anew in Mayo, MD. Picture if you will, a childhood where your father coaches your football, softball, basketball teams, teaches you to hunt and fish and sometimes put you and your friends' lives in danger sledding on a car hood tethered to a rope hooked to the back of a truck. (The family would like to extend their apologies to anyone who lost a mailbox due to the parenting skills that were considered the norm in the 70's.)

The final move for the Olds family was when they crossed the Bay Bridge and settled in God's country. These 39 years continued to showcase Dave's desire

to support his community through means such as coaching Little League Football, serving a term as County Commissioner, volunteering, and subsequently being voted in as President, of the United Communities Fire Department.

We would be remiss if we failed to mention Dave's stint as an Air Force reservist, several years as the president of the Mayo Athletic Association, regular attendance at Bayside Restaurant in Edgewater with The Boozers as well as a ROMEO (if you know, you know) at the Dunkin Donuts on Kent Island. Little known fact: Dave was a Character Counts Coach. We can only assume that originally he thought that he would be coaching people on how to be a character.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his siblings, Aubrey (Sonny Boy), Margie, Verna, and Judy; and his grandson, Billy McClelland.

Along with his wife and children, David is survived by his grandchildren, Morgan (Jordan) King, Victoria (Brad) Martz, Lauren Olds, Karolynn (Jordan) Beasley; his great-grandchildren, Harper Martz, Hayden Martz, Oliva King; his sister, Margaret; his brothers, Harold (Scottie) and Robert (Reo); and nieces and nephews.

His most coveted title was Pop. One granddaughter declared that he was born to be a Pop. Another granddaughter stated, "I feel grateful that I got to be one of his grandchildren. It was a special thing to be."

There are stories from both shores of Dave's positive impact on family and friends. We hope that you will join his family and share your stories at the Celebration of Life this Saturday the 28th of January at 2 pm at the United Communities Fire Department. (If your story does not fit the celebration theme or has anything to do with a mailbox, we request that you keep it to yourself.)

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Compass Hospice, 255 Comet Dr. Centreville, MD 21617 7 ([donorperfect.net](http://donorperfect.net)) or The United Community Fire Department, 9406 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD 21666 ([square.site](http://square.site)).

# Previous Events

## celebration of life

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

United Communities Volunteer Fire Department  
9406 Romancoke Road  
Stevensville, MD 21666

# Tribute Wall



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



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 25, 2023 at 06:18 PM

ED

*What a lovely tribute. It captures his character and outstanding legacy he leaves his family, friends, and community.*

**Elaine Dell** - January 27, 2023 at 08:10 AM



“ *David Lawrence Olds*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

LP

“ *Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of David Lawrence Olds*



**Lynda Palmatary** - January 28, 2023 at 05:02 PM

LP

*To the family: I met Mr. Olds when he first came to the County Commissioner's meetings many moons ago and also when we were working with the fire companies on getting them Workmen's Compensation. My prayers and blessings are with you at this time. God Bless your family. Lynda H. Palmatary, Centreville.*

**Lynda Palmatary** - January 28, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *David Lawrence Olds*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *David Lawrence Olds*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

ED

“ *Condolences to the family*



**Elaine Dell** - January 27, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Lawrence Olds.*



January 26, 2023 at 07:55 PM

SS

“ I spent A LOT of time at the Olds’ home during HS, with Janet being one of my best friends. Dave and Kaaren are great people, who raised wonderful children. Dave’s spirit lives on in his three children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I’ll never forget Dave, his sense of humor, twinkle in his eyes and how nice he was to me, I’m glad I knew him and won’t ever forget him. Sending my love and deepest sympathies to the family....

*Stacey Swoboda*

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**Stacey Swoboda** - January 26, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Lawrence Olds.



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January 26, 2023 at 01:05 AM

CJ

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of Dave’s family, such a very friendly person!



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**Charlie and Judy Joy** - January 25, 2023 at 06:58 PM

CL

“ to many stories to tell of the years in Mayo Athletic association ,times at Bayside ,Egg nog night at dads .Providing me the best baby sitter I could have ask for (Connie) and friendship .Blessing to the olds family and may you RIP

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**Charles s Lare** - January 25, 2023 at 06:10 PM

HD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Hillory Dean** - January 25, 2023 at 03:42 PM

HD

“ My deepest condolences to the Olds family. "Coach Olds" as we use to call him back in the Mayo football days, was a great person. Mr Olds help a lot of young boys back in the day. It has been 50 yrs since coach turn a bunch for kids into football players down in Mayo. We all are better people because of the things coach taught us. Thank you!

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**Hillory Dean** - January 25, 2023 at 03:39 PM

LE

“ Our deepest condolences to a well like guy

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**Lee Winters and Ernie** - January 25, 2023 at 02:56 PM

AB

“ Dave was a very sweet, kind man and I will greatly miss him. He was always very entertaining and could always make me smile.

April Balech - January 25, 2023 at 01:02 PM

NE

“ He & Kaaren were my next neighbors for almost 8 yrs. He so loved me & my daughter his DeanaGirl. He was entertaining, kind & one of my favorite people in my life with the kindness girl I ever knew, his wife Kaaren. So many memories with them & all of his family & his granddaughters, Tori, Morgan & Lauren who hung out in my home often. I will always love this family. One of my largest blessing ever. I wish for him the best Rest in Peace ever..

Norma L Englar - January 25, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Lawrence Olds.



January 25, 2023 at 10:55 AM

JM

“ Our Family had the privilege of meeting Mr. Olds & his son when coaching our son Bruce Millers Football team with the piranha. After that I would always run to Mr. Olds on the island it would make my day. Such a Nice, Happy, Silly & Friendly soul he was. Thank you Mr. Olds for giving our family the opportunity to have known you

Julie miller - January 25, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Lawrence Olds.*



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January 25, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Dave was a good man who will be missed by anyone who knew him. He will live on through the wonderful family that he and Kaaren have raised. I am so sorry for not only the Olds family loss but for the the loss to Queen Anne's County*

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**Mike Zimmer** - January 25, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of David Lawrence Olds*



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**Eastern Shore Dental Care** - January 25, 2023 at 08:10 AM



“ *Connie and family, my condolences to out to you in this difficult time. Mr Dave was a good man that certainly left his mark on Kent Island!*

*Mitchell and Tami Andrew*

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**mitchell andrew** - January 25, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MA

“ *Very sorry for your loss. I worked with Dave for a few years at Kmart.*

*Pat Adams*



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**Mary Adams** - January 25, 2023 at 07:39 AM

 Petra  
Quinn

“ *I have met Dave during his term as county commissioner and much enjoyed our conversations when visiting the "round table" at the local Dunkin Donuts. Dave was always supportive of my Real Estate Career and has given comfort to me and my family during some of our roughest times, when the fire department made frequent stops at our house. Thank you, you made a difference Dave! My condolences to the family.*



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**Petra Quinn** - January 24, 2023 at 12:21 PM