



Capt. David Michael Wallace

July 9, 1974 - December 26, 2022

Captain David (Dave) Michael Wallace, 48, died peacefully in his Chester, Maryland, home on December 26, 2022, surrounded by his wife, Valerie, and daughters, Savannah, Madeline, and Emma. A veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, he served his country honorably in the United States Navy for over 30 years.

Captain Wallace was born on July 9, 1974, in Princeton, New Jersey, to Edwin Rush Wallace and Dorothy Maryann Kiss Wallace. A committed Boy Scout, his hard work culminated in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and Lodge Chief of the George Washington Council. He attended the Hun School of Princeton, New Jersey, where he graduated as valedictorian in 1992. He then attended the United States Naval Academy, where he was a member of the Brigade Honor Staff and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1996. After graduation, he was commissioned as a United States Naval Officer and began his career in surface warfare. His first ship was the USS John McCain, where he served as the Communications Officer. His following tours were on the USS Hayler as the Main Propulsion Assistant and the USS Mustin as the Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer. Ashore, he attended the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, California, from 2000 to 2002, earning a Master of Science in Information Systems and Technology. His last sea tour was as Commander of the Coastal Riverine Group TWO Detachment Bahrain/Task Group 56.11, headquartered in Manama, Bahrain. In 2013, he transitioned to the Permanent Military Professor community,

achieving a Ph.D. in Industrial Organizational Psychology from George Mason University in 2017. After receiving his Ph.D., he began his teaching career at the Naval Academy in the Leadership, Ethics, and Law Department, instructing midshipmen in leadership and preparing them for future commissioning. He also taught as an adjunct professor at George Mason University and the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Notably, he served as Chair of the Department of Leadership, Ethics, and Law, was promoted academically to Associate Professor, and was nominated for the Military Professor Teaching Award.

Captain Wallace was deeply passionate about leadership and embodied the true characteristics of a leader. He published in several psychology journals, presenting his research at prestigious conferences. His dedication to the development of future Naval leaders was evident in his mentorship of midshipmen and his establishment of the Peer Coaching Program at USNA. Above all, he was a devoted and loving husband and father, and had unwavering faith. He married Valerie Shepherd Wallace in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 1997. He and his wife were inseparable best friends and were devoted to raising their daughters to be strong, independent women. He is survived by his wife, Valerie, and his daughters, Savannah, Madeline, and Emma; his parents, Edwin and Dorothy Wallace; his siblings, Edwin (Bethann) Wallace, Ann Marie (Edward) DeWald, and Brian (Betty) Wallace; and numerous nephews.

A viewing will take place at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, in Chester, Maryland, on January 12, from 6-8 pm. The funeral service will be officiated by Father Curtiss Dwyer and Deacon Frank Hesson on January 17, 2023, at 10:30 am, and will be located at the United States Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Maryland, with burial immediately following at the Naval Academy Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to Veterans Airlift Command, Fisher House of Boston, and the Semper Fi & Americas Fund, organizations that were a great source of support for Dave, and his family, while he battled

his illness. For online condolences go to www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Mass

JAN 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

United States Naval Academy Chapel
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, MD 21402

Tribute Wall



“ *Capt. David Michael Wallace*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Capt. David Michael Wallace*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Capt. David Michael Wallace*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Robin. And husbands, wives, and children purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Capt. David Michael Wallace.*



Robin. And husbands, wives, and children - January 14, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Capt. David Michael Wallace.*



January 14, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Capt. David Michael Wallace.*



January 14, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Klein Family lit a candle in memory of Capt. David Michael Wallace*



Klein Family - January 14, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to you and the entire Wallace family. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Michael and MaryEllen Klein*

MaryEllen Klein - January 14, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Our heart felt prayers and sympathies to the Wallace family. James and Amy Enman*

James Enman - January 14, 2023 at 10:15 AM

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“ We are so fortunate to have had Dave at George Mason University. He was a great friend and colleague. I will cherish our time together always. Sending the family so much love, warmth, and prayers during this difficult time. I look forward to continuing our friendship and having Dave's memory live on through us all. With Love, Afra

Afra Ahmad - January 13, 2023 at 05:10 PM

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“ Val, Savannah, Maddie and Emma, I am so sorry for your loss. Dave was an inspiration to so many, including myself. He was smart, funny and clearly adored his wife and family. Thank you for sharing him with us.

Cindy Huffaker - January 12, 2023 at 03:33 PM

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“ May Dave's memory be a blessing. Sending you my sympathies and thoughts of comfort during this time - Seth Kaplan

Seth - January 12, 2023 at 03:16 PM

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“ Kelly Family lit a candle in memory of Capt. David Michael Wallace



Kelly Family - January 12, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Capt. David Michael Wallace.*



January 12, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Capt. David Michael Wallace.*



January 12, 2023 at 07:13 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Capt. David Michael Wallace.*



January 11, 2023 at 11:42 PM



“ *My heart is heavy for you, Val, Savannah, Maddie and Emma. Prayers of peace during this time of loss. Dave was well loved! We will miss him.*

tina walker - January 11, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Capt. David Michael Wallace.



January 11, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Capt. David Michael Wallace.



January 11, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care* lit a candle in memory of Capt. David Michael Wallace



Eastern Shore Dental Care - January 11, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Shawn Hansen* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Capt. David Michael Wallace.



Shawn Hansen - January 11, 2023 at 05:55 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of you at this difficult time. We send our love, hugs and prayers.*
Stan and Vicki Rudge

Vicki Rudge - January 10, 2023 at 10:08 PM