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David (Dave) Oplinger at age 82 passed away after a brave battle with cancer on Saturday, February 12, 2022 in Annapolis, Maryland. He was predeceased by his sister (Doris), two brothers (Donald and John). He is survived by his loving and supportive wife of fifty nine years; Jane, their three children; Wendy (Wilson-Abbey, Roger, Rochester, NY), Tracy (Nekula, Jabe), Cindy (Dorman, Tyson), his sister Judy (Seligy, Vern, Ottawa Canada), sister-in-law Marianne (Oplinger, John.), brother-in-law Thomas Fenton (Albany, GA), several nieces, nephews, best friends; Mike and Michele and “ex” neighbors who could be counted on in a moment's notice; Lyn and Lock.

As “Papa”, Dave is also survived by six special grandchildren, Carolyn Grace, David Edward, Evan Kristopher, Kayla Jane, Ellie Martha and Katherine Josephine. All of which have very fond memories of Papa getting right down on the floor with them to bang on the drums or race some cars. He was always full of questions about their lives and cherished time spent with them.

Born in Niagara Falls, NY, Dave spent most of his life in the Rochester, NY (Honeoye Falls) area. In 1989, the family relocated to Cincinnati, OH and in 2011 the family moved to Annapolis, MD. He fiercely honored God, Country and Family and welcomed anyone with open arms. He gave of himself selflessly which is evident in his many volunteer projects and wood crafted heirlooms that will remain in the family.

Dave attended Edison Tech high school in Rochester, NY where he learned wood pattern making. After basic training at Fort Dix in NJ, he served in the Army Reserves for eight years as a Private. During that time he married Jane in Rochester, NY on a Winter day in December before he departed for another assignment. Dave went on to have a successful career as a Pattern Maker at Gleason Works in Rochester, NY for twenty-four years. He attended evening courses at RIT and was promoted to Shop Foreman. He eventually moved on to new opportunities and a warmer climate. He definitely enjoyed the warmer weather and sunshine in Cincinnati! He very much



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enjoyed the outdoors and always had a vegetable garden and flowers planted around the yard. He took pride in a well kept, lush lawn. Annapolis offered even more activities outdoors and on the water. Dave enjoyed boating, fishing and always looked forward to family gatherings. He could be found chatting with his son-in-laws about cars, woodworking and various projects. Classic cars were always a passion. During the Cincinnati days, Jane and Dave could be seen zipping around with the top down on their 1994 Z28 convertible Camaro. His latest gem was a 1954 Chevrolet Series 2 Pick Up truck entitled "Oplinger Woodworking". He enjoyed driving around the community saying hi to all who admired it.

Dave's memory will live on in the beautifully mastered woodworking pieces he created: upscale office furniture, coffee tables, dining room tables, a baby crib (which each grandchild has slept in), Grandfather clock, bedroom furniture (headboard, dressers), flag cases, hope chests and "millions of shelves" at the Children's Center in Cincinnati. Dave also gave generously through volunteer work utilizing his woodworking skills at Habitat for Humanity, St. John's Church and others. He enjoyed occasional contract work at the Children's Theater in Annapolis and was grateful for the opportunity. He volunteered his time at Anne Arundel Medical Center for six years visiting with patients and assisting with deliveries. He also volunteered at Heritage Harbor: The Caring Network and was involved with Veteran groups. Dave was well known around his community and admired by many. He never said no to anyone in need of a home repair or improvement and was always happy to help.

Jane and Dave enjoyed travel and spent annual summer vacations in Emerald Isle, NC. Most notably they ventured to Italy, Hawaii, Key West and regularly to Canada and Rochester. Dave loved a thick steak, a dark red wine, black coffee with sweets, warm sunshine, hot showers, an intriguing book and good conversation. Most of all; he loved his family all together.

Visiting hours will be held at Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care on 814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401 on Friday (Feb 18) from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St, Annapolis, MD 21401 on Saturday (Feb 19) at 9 a.m. Donations may be made in David's name to Anne Arundel Medical Center Hospital (LHAAMC Foundation, Annapolis, MD 443-481-4747) or the Anne Arundel County Fire Department Fund (cfaac.fcsuite.com) or any United States Veterans' Organization.



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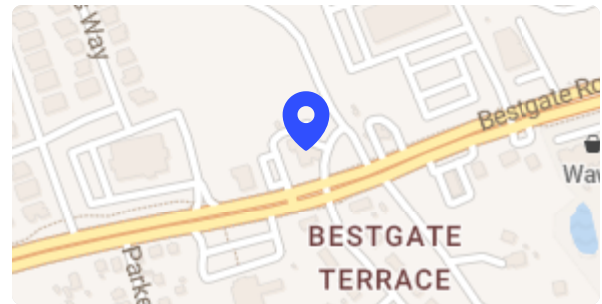
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Memorial Gathering

 **Friday**, February 18, 2022


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401

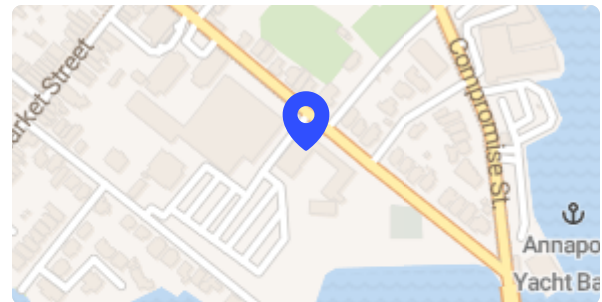


Memorial Mass

 **Saturday**, February 19, 2022

 9:00 AM ET

 **St. Mary's Catholic Church**
109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis MD 21401





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CE

Chris Evans posted:

Occasionally I search for people on the internet that I know. I was so surprised to see that Dave passed away. I am so sorry Jane for your (and your family's loss). I know it has been awhile but I still wanted to extend my sympathy to all. Not a day passes when I don't look at my beautiful mantle that Dave crafted and admire the beauty of his work. Also, I have made your exotic chicken recipe so many times that I can't count. Love to you and your family.

May 21 at 12:03 PM

DH

Donna Hamelink posted:

In the early 1960's I met Jane when we both worked for Lincoln Rochester Trust. We became fast friends and soon after got together with our husbands. The four of us enjoyed each others company, Soon we were going out to dinner and taking trips together, David was the kindest gentlest man I ever met. He was a true and loyal friend who adored his family. My husband died in 2020. I would like to believe the two Davids will meet in heaven. Rest in peace dear friend! Donna Hamelink

February 21 at 3:55 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Oplinger family.



February 18 at 7:31 PM

PE

Pat & Ken Elder posted:

Dave was an important contributor to the growth of our Montessori School as we expanded it over 30 years. His skills as a carpenter and handyman were always appreciated. In addition to building an extensive amount of child-sized furniture and shelving units, he was always available at a moment's notice to put his handyman skills to work fixing many things throughout our buildings. He was an important member of the team. Jane served as a secretary for many years early-on when we were just a preschool. Over the many years Dave and Jane became good friends as well as reliable suppliers for our school. We will miss Dave and wish to offer our love and condolences to Jane and her family as they grieve the loss of Dave. Pat and Ken Elder

February 18 at 9:01 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Oplinger family.

February 18 at 7:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Oplinger family.

February 17 at 4:22 PM



Judy (Oplinger) Seligy posted:

I know some feel Dave was like a brother to them and with good reason, but lucky me, he actually was my brother and I could not have asked for a better one. Growing up, we always got along, and we may have had a few sibling conflicts but I don't really remember any. Well, maybe one! When I was about 8, I took money from my mother's purse and was busted when Dave spotted me coming out of the local corner store with an armful of comic books and candy bars. Of course, he told my mother. I don't remember any harsh punishment from her but the embarrassment of being caught red handed was enough. And of course, being 8, I resented him doing this at the time but hey, he saved me from a life of crime!! did not see as much of him in recent years as I would have liked, due to geographical distances, but when we were lucky enough to get together, there was always a lot of good stories, lots of laughs and oh those Manhattans! I will miss it all. Dave went through such an ordeal over the last stretch and although the rest of us were never ready to say Good By, he had reached the point where he was, and I am sure he would want us to accept that he knew best. Rest in Peace Dave, if there really is a "better place" I know you are there.

February 17 at 12:39 PM



Wendy Oplinger-Wilson February 24 at 12:13 PM

Very sweet.



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Oplinger family.

February 17 at 4:04 AM





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Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Oplinger family.

February 16 at 10:59 AM



Judy & Vern shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

February 16 at 10:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Oplinger family.

February 16 at 6:34 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Oplinger family.

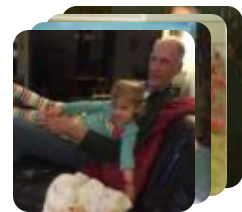
February 16 at 6:14 AM



Cindy shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Love you dad ❤️

February 15 at 2:23 AM



DB Deborah Barrett February 16 at 11:52 AM
Great pictures! ❤️



Cindy Covill-Eckert posted:

Praying for you all, and remembering what a kind, gentle man Dave was.

February 15 at 5:30 PM



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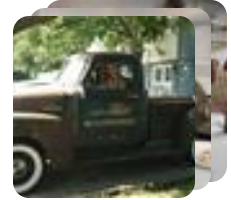
Anonymous sent an Enduring Grace to the Oplinger family.

February 15 at 5:11 PM



Wendy Wilson shared an album called **Memories Album**.

February 15 at 12:39 PM



Bev Mezzanotte sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Oplinger family.

February 15 at 10:28 AM



Michele Beres posted:

Dave was like a brother. We shared happy times, challenges, sad times over the many years. How special to have been so fortunate to share our life journey yet so sad to have to now go on without you. You were ALWAYS there and we will miss you and your quiet presence , your helpful nature, your creative talents. 💜 Michele and Mike

February 15 at 2:23 AM



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Cindy shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 16 at 5:16 AM



Jane March 7 at 7:11 AM

Great picture



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Wendy Wilson shared 3 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

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Treasured Friends



Sister and Brother



Dad loved this truck!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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