



## David C Anderson

March 30, 1945 - January 16, 2021

David Charles Anderson

Born March 30, 1945

Washington, Pennsylvania

Died January 16, 2021

Mobile, Alabama

David Anderson, loving husband and father of two children, passed away at the age of 76, early Saturday morning January 16, 2021.

David was born March 30, 1945 in Washington, PA and was raised from infancy by Clarence "Fat" and Frances (Harvey) McKahan, his maternal grandparents who were his beloved Mom and Dad. After graduating from Washington High School in 1963, he spent over 20 years in the United States Air Force and honorably retired as a Technical Sergeant. His commendations

received during his service are as follows:

USAF Commendation Medal

USAF Good Conduct Medal with 5 Devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

USAF Longevity Service Award with 4 Devices

National Defense Service Medal

USAF Overseas Service Long Tour Ribbon

Vietnam Service Medal

USAF Outstanding Unit Award

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device

On May 19, 1965, he married Rebecca Vice of Oneonta, AL and they raised a son, David Jr. and a daughter, Jennifer. In 2014, David Jr. married Joy Smith and added a beloved daughter-by-heart to our family. On June 27, 2005 Sean Douglas was born - our grandson and the light of our lives.

He was a man of many interests and hobbies. He had a lifelong love of Harley Davidson motorcycles and owned several throughout his life. He enjoyed riding, listening to music and dancing, talking with friends, playing games with and teaching Sean how to use tools properly, watching action movies,

gardening, woodworking and watching the birds and animals on our wooded property. The things he could do when he put his mind to it were amazing. When we lived in England, he and a friend traveled all over visiting churches and doing brass rubbings. He got a book and learned how to mount and frame them to make beautiful art. While we were there, he also got a book and rebuilt the engine in our car completely by himself. Then he bought a wrecked MG Midget and restored it to pristine beauty. Our family became close friends with Les and Joan Mobley of Finchingfield, England and spent many happy hours with them and their son Steve.

Life was never dull with this man. He was no "couch potato"! He loved people and was always involved in some base activity, taking the family or visiting family and friends to places of interest wherever we were stationed or getting into some new hobby.

He enjoyed raising his children. He was a loving father and a firm, fair disciplinarian who delighted in taking them to new places, teaching them to fish, garden, use tools, and to love life, love people and live simply. He instilled in his children a strong work ethic and the importance of doing a job well, the value of integrity, and he taught them to always keep their word. He was also a mentor to many others' children on the bases where we were stationed. He coached little league T-ball, baseball, and soccer, formed youth bowling leagues, and organized events and activities for the "base kids" at the bowling alleys, skating rinks and youth centers where he worked part-time or volunteered in addition to his active duty responsibilities. He was "that dad" - 'Dave' - the one whom all the kids loved and respected, and was a father figure to many. He had that rare gift of talking to and counseling children and teenagers because he was truly interested in them and what they were thinking about.

David was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Frances McKahan, many aunts, uncles and cousins and his parents-in-law G. U. and Ada Vice who loved him like a son and his brothers-in-law (George and John) who loved him as a brother.

He is survived by his wife Becky of 55 years, their son David and his precious wife Joy, their daughter Jennifer Douglas and her son, Sean Douglas, our grandson, who is the most wonderful gift from God we have ever received.

He is survived by his two sisters-in-law Jeanette Vice Caudle, (loving and generous to him) and her children and grandchildren, and Bette Vice, her son and his family (Eric, Amy and Emma) and step- children from John's first marriage. Bette and David enjoyed their "aggravating each other" sessions more than anything, but she always made sure she had plenty of his favorite treats ready for him.

David is also survived by his sister Elizabeth Dunn Amshay of Phoenix, AZ and her two daughters Teresa and Terri, and his cousin Joey Dunn of Phoenix, AZ.

I would like to publicly thank these good friends for their help and support when we needed it: Sheila, Sharlene, Daniel and especially Mac Seabrook, without whose help we would never have made it through the last couple of years. Nothing was too much trouble for him to take care of. David loved Mac as a best friend and I love him like a son. He has only been away from my side for brief periods every day since David died and will continue to be there for me as long as I need him. Thank you God for the blessing of his friendship.

Services will be held Monday, January 25 at 1:30 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Spanish Fort, AL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a tree be planted in his memory or a donation be made to the Arbor Day Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Military Graveside Service

JAN 25. 1:30 PM (CT)

Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery-Spanis Fort  
34904 Al Hwy 225  
Spanish Fort, AL 36577