



David P. Byers

April 7, 1954 - September 22, 2016

David P. Byers, 62, formerly of Parkersburg, WV, passed away peacefully September 22, 2016 at his home in Murrells Inlet, SC, surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Parkersburg, he was the son of the late Paul and Mamie Byers. He was a graduate of Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. David was a funeral director at Leavitt Funeral Home in Parkersburg for 37 years before fulfilling his lifelong dream of living at the beach. He was the manager of Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel in Murrells Inlet for the past 5 years. David was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Parkersburg and attended St. Michael Catholic Church in Garden City, SC.

David will be forever missed by his wife of 41 years, Mary Beth; daughters Katy Pettiss (Matt Knight) and Becky Byers (John Brown); grandchildren Gavin Pettiss, Lila Pettiss, and Ian Brown; sister Delora Pickens (Eber); brother Alan Barnette (Betty); sister-in-law Linda Robinson; brother-in-law Curt Moore (Kate); several nieces and a nephew; and pets Phoebe and Lexi.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM Sunday, September 25, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with Don Odom officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Humane Society of the Ohio Valley, c/o Celeste Ridgway, 147 Hillcrest Dr. Little Hocking, OH 45752.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **25**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GC

“ *Mary Beth and family,
I was surprised and saddened to read about David's passing.... You guys were valued customers at our eye doctor office.... always a pleasure working with you.... We will continue to pray for you all..... your friends from Belpre, River City Eyecare/Gary Church*

Gary Church - September 30, 2016 at 01:20 PM

BL

“ *Mary Beth,*

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you are in my prayers. Take good care of yourself.

Bob Langkamer

Bob Langkamer - September 30, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of David P. Byers.*



September 28, 2016 at 03:20 AM

PL

“ Mary Beth,

I was so sad that hear of David's passing. You have been in my thought and prayers since I heard (not too long ago) that he had cancer. Many people I talk with in Parkersburg are really sad. So many comments about what a wonderful, caring man he was.

He counted on you and your family's love very much. I'm sure you were a huge comfort and support in the last months. I wish we had been closer. I would have appreciated seeing you both again. I have always been glad he married you.

I remember him in the 9th grade. Kenny Gilbert said even then when he was in Art Class he was a really nice person. I think of the times we talked about death - and living - and our faith. Carr thought a lot of him....many memories, especially of Bill Bates' seminars.

Blessings and hugs,

Priscilla Leavitt

priscilla leavitt - September 28, 2016 at 02:10 AM

KH

“ So very sorry to hear of Davids passing. Dave and MaryBeth were the very best neighbors and friends you could ask for waaay back in the 70's. Will never forget his patience and kindness to me, my kids, and to a very unhappy injured kitty. God bless and keep the whole family now and forever.

Karen (Sprague) Hewitt - September 26, 2016 at 01:31 PM

BS

“ *MaryBeth---So saddened by your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.*

*Babs Starkey
Starkey Soft Water, Inc.*

Barbara Starkey - September 26, 2016 at 07:32 AM

SH

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Byers family on the loss of David. My Father, Richard, worked with David for many years at Leavitts and always considered him a very dear friend. My father who has been ill for several weeks wants you to know that all of you are in our prayers. THE SCHAFFER FAMILY Richard, Pauline, Sharon, Janet and Rich*

sharon houser - September 25, 2016 at 08:40 PM

JB

“ *Mary Beth, You are in our prayers. I always remember David as a most loving, caring and always approachable person. He always shared that smile and asked how one was doing. May God Bless your family, knowing David is now in His Hands. Remembering Always, Judy and Leonard Boston.*

*Judith Ann Boston
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bostonja@casinternet.net*

Judith Ann Boston - September 25, 2016 at 02:33 PM

IJ

“ Dear Mary Beth & Family, I'm so very sorry to hear about the passing of Dave. I sure have missed seeing him and you around town here in Parkersburg :) I first met him at Wood County Bank and felt like I had known him forever. Mary Beth, you and the family will be in my thoughts and prayers, take care. 🙏🙏,,, keep smiling :) ILona (Dye) Johnson 😊💕🌹🙏

ILona (Dye) Johnson - September 25, 2016 at 01:39 PM

SM

“ Dear Mary Beth and family,
We grieve with you over Dave's death. He was a wonderful person and will be missed.
Please take comfort in knowing that he is with God, safe, happy and watching over you. In time the pain will lessen and you will be able to look back on the good times and take pleasure in your memories. For now your faith in God and the love and support of family and friends will see you through.
Know that you are in our prayers.

Sally and Don McDonie

sally and Don McDonie - September 25, 2016 at 10:34 AM

AD

“ *My sadness comes in two parts, first David's passing and the fact that I had only known him for such a short time, The time we had together at the coffee shop will always be forever in my memory , David always was an inspiration to all those who knew him, and he was blessed with many friends, if you were down and feeling bad ,he could always raise your spirits, even when he had insumerital problems of his own.
Please accept our most sincere condolences at your time of grief, but be assured God will have a special place for David, and a mission for him.*

Ann & John Dorr, Part of the Yankees from McDonalds

Ann & John Dorr - September 25, 2016 at 09:00 AM

JC

“ *Hello Mary Beth and girls...this is your old friend Jim Campbell ...it grieves my heart to hear of David's death...he and i were friends for 30 yrs...i also had the extreme pleasure of working with him....remember David loved his job but his job as pap pa p and getting to romp with those gran kids was a delight...love and prayers during this time*

Jim Campbell - September 25, 2016 at 06:23 AM

BC

“ *Rest in peace Dearest David, we love you and your beautiful family.
Wanda, Becky, and Jenny Christopher*

Becky Christopher - September 24, 2016 at 10:19 PM

EL

“ Our lives at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel will forever be changed because of David. It was an honor to work with such a caring individual who showed compassion to everyone he met. I've learned so much from our closed door meetings and I'm better because of him. Rest In Peace dear friend!!!

Eric Lemons - September 24, 2016 at 07:17 PM

RB

“ We shared alot of laughter at mcdonalds, we all loved David he was a true friend he will be missed

Ray Bonelli - September 24, 2016 at 06:39 PM

TF

“ The Woodward Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of David P. Byers.



The Woodward Family - September 24, 2016 at 04:34 PM

RB

“ Roger Brockman, Batesville purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David P. Byers.



Roger Brockman, Batesville - September 24, 2016 at 12:28 PM

KT

“ *In Loving memory of a very Special cousin in my life! You will be remembered by all who knew you. May you Rest In Peace. Love and Prayers for Mary Beth and Family!*



Karen Shears Taylor - September 24, 2016 at 11:35 AM

LC

“ *David will always be remembered and loved, gone but never forgotten, he was a wonderful cousin and I have missed him dearly, God bless the family n co-workers love Lotie McCartney Cline*



Lotie Cline - September 24, 2016 at 10:24 AM

KG

“ *Mary Beth, We were so sorry to read of Dave/s passing. He was such a comfort to our family when we lost both Mom and Dad. We often think of you all as extended family. I know I can speak for Marjorie and Arch too when I say your entire family will be in our prayers for comfort and peace. Kathryn Hammett Gordon,*

Kathryn Gordon - September 24, 2016 at 09:57 AM

DP

“ *Dear Mary Beth,*

I was so very sorry to learn of David's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Daneen Pacifico

Daneen Pacifico - September 24, 2016 at 09:41 AM

TP

“ *Mary Beth*
So sorry to read about the loss of your David today. You and the girls are in my thoughts and prayers. Sure miss all the fun times we had in Girl Scouts together.

Terry Parsons

terry parsons - September 24, 2016 at 09:26 AM

PG

“ *Mary Beth and girls am so saddened to hear about Dave. You sure are in my thoughts and prayers.*

patti golden - September 24, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David P. Byers.*



September 24, 2016 at 07:24 AM

JE

“ *Mary Beth and girls, Although I have not seen you in MANY years, I have always had very fond memories of your family. I pray God's grace gives each of you comfort. From David's great nephew, Jeremy Barnette, and his Great neice, Angela Barnette George, Heather Barnette Johnson and Karen Barnette Skidmore, and myself, Jennifer Scarberry Barnette Evans....*

Jennifer Evans - September 23, 2016 at 07:37 PM

MB

“ Mary Beth, Brenda and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I just heard about your tragic loss and am deeply sorry. Dave was a good-hearted and jovial person. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Marvin Barnette - September 23, 2016 at 07:30 PM

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Marvin Barnette - September 23, 2016 at 07:30 PM

SC

“ My wife, Marilyn (Bryce) Clegg, and I had the privilege of having Dave take care of her family when both her parents passed away several years ago. And I had the honor of working with him at Leavitt Funeral Home after my retirement until the time your family moved south. His genuine care and the way he made every family feel that he came in contact with was a gift that not many people are blessed with. We always considered him a friend and we will forever be grateful to him for his love and compassion. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Steve and Marilyn Clegg.

Steve Clegg - September 23, 2016 at 06:35 PM

MP

“ My husband and I were fortunate to have met David several months ago. We both came away from it knowing that we had indeed met a special person. Even though he was very ill then, you would never have known. He radiated warmth and made us feel as though we were in the company of an old friend. Our heartfelt prayers and utmost sympathy go out to Mary Beth and her family. May God comfort you and give you strength in the days ahead.



Maggie Piela

margaret piela - September 23, 2016 at 12:38 PM

DF

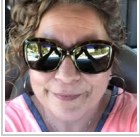
“ *Mary Beth and family,*

I am so sorry about the loss of Dave. We shared a lot of memories at the funeral home. We started out at Leavitt Funeral Home staying at night answering the phones and going on calls. Hard to believe how long ago that was, May of 1973.

Keeping all of you in my prayers.

Dana Fouss

Dana Fouss - September 23, 2016 at 10:45 AM



“ *Marybeth, Katie, Matt , Gavin, Lila,Becky, John and Ian ,
My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you, David was a great man
and I loved him too. He will truly be missed. I hope he left all of you
with his wisdom and inspiration, he was truly special. Everyone of
you are in my thoughts and prayers and I hope he helps you get
through this. God bless.*

*Love to all,
Fran mancz*

Fran Mancz - September 22, 2016 at 04:14 PM

RK

Mary Beth and Family,

*Stan and I are So Sorry to hear of the passing of Dave.
We had many good laughs about the Leavitt Days with Stan's Father,
Stan Sr. We are Praying for Strength during this Difficult time.
Sincerely.
Stan & Robin Knotts*

Robin Knotts - September 24, 2016 at 11:17 AM

TF

Mary Beth, Katy, Becky and families,

*We always felt we were the luckiest people to live next door to your
family. When David decided to return to Mortuary School it exemplified
the man he was ... one who wished to serve others in the most sincere
caring and personal way. We are so saddened by his passing and will
continue to remember the many years we were able to share. You
have been and will remain in our prayers.*

Sue, Jeff, Ben Woodward and families

The Woodward Family - September 24, 2016 at 03:48 PM

LS

*Mary Beth and Family You are in my prayers. David was a loving
caring person when he would see the Weser family out he would stop
just to say hello . God bless Love to all.*

Linda Weser Sartor - September 25, 2016 at 06:21 PM

JM

*Mary Beth & family,
'Very sorry for your loss. He was a professional at work, a great family
man, and a good guy.
Jim McGinnis*

Jim McGinnis - September 25, 2016 at 08:07 PM