



## David Edward Ahearn

August 14, 1942 - September 9, 2020

Hampton Falls – If a person is meant to live their life with passion and a sense of adventure, David Edward Ahearn truly excelled. David was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on the 14th of August, 1942. His father Edward David Ahearn was a carpet designer and his mother Clara (Nicholas) Ahearn was a housewife. When David was five years old his family moved to Clinton, Massachusetts, where he lived until he entered University.

David was very proud of the fact that he was expelled from every parochial school he ever attended. He started his high school career at St. John's Prep in Worcester and was escorted out the door by the end of his sophomore year. He finished his high school education at Clinton High School in 1960. He played basketball with great enthusiasm. After winning a prestigious scholarship David started his college education at Saint Anslem's College in Manchester, New Hampshire. True to form, David was asked to never return at the end of his sophomore year. He then entered Boston University where he studied Economics. David always said that BU saved his life.

David was a born salesman; handsome, intelligent and charming, he advanced his career quickly. He worked for Roche Pharmaceuticals for many years as a medical center representative. He covered most of the major Boston Hospitals, Tufts New England Medical Center, now known as Tufts Medical Center, was his favorite hospital, which would prove to be fortuitous. David almost finished his master's degree at Northeastern in Public Health, he always regretted not taking those last two courses.

In a total reversal, in the 1970's David and his former partner, James Dubovick started a wire and cable company, Colonial Wire and Cable in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Again, David's skill in salesmanship helped to make Colonial very successful. They sold the company in 1984. David then went out on his own and built Wire Techniques, also a wire, cable and contract manufacturing company, which he has run consistently until his death. Wire Techniques is located in Amesbury, Massachusetts.

David had three major passions and the first was his love of horses. He visited Saratoga Racecourse as a child and was immediately entranced. He owned many successful horses over the years, Just A Thought, Boomtown Boy, Kryptonic just to name a few. David always said that the smell of a horse barn early in the morning was one of his favorite things. Many, many mornings were happily spent watching horses work out at Suffolk Downs, it was a true joy to him.

In the early 1980's David met Elaine Andrews, who would become his wife. This is when the real adventure began. He often said "She wrapped up the world and gave it to me." He collected globes for her through out the many years they spent together. They traveled extensively and the world opened up for David. They managed to see every great Horse Race in the world from The Melbourne Cup, Cheltenham, The Japan Cup, The Arc 'de Triomphe and many more. They made long lasting friendships with other "Horse People" all over the world.

In 1989 David and Elaine moved to the seacoast of New Hampshire. If you love politics, New Hampshire is the place to live. David was a dedicated Democrat and he worked on every Presidential Primary Race, every election, state or local. In 2010 David, won the election for Rockingham County Treasurer. He was the first Democrat to win an election in Rockingham County in 27 years. He was thrilled He was absolutely thrilled, and he really enjoyed the work.

Almost 30 years ago David and Elaine bought an antique house, built in 1783, in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire. She restored it, and he argued and complained but she persisted. He was so happy that she ignored him because he loves this house. They named it Pitlochry Farm, after a village in Scotland that meant so much to them both. David died of severe heart failure in front of his favorite fireplace, surrounded by his wife and many people who loved him.

David married Frances McCarthy when he was only 21 years old. That marriage ended in divorce.

David leaves his wife Elaine Andrews Ahearn, three daughters Sharon Mele of Holden, Massachusetts, Linda Sullivan of Leominster, Massachusetts, and Janice Bissionette of Leominster, Massachusetts. His stepchildren Alisha Roberts of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, AJ Morabito of Hampton, New Hampshire and Matthew Morabito of Freeport, Maine. His sister Judy Davidson lives in Clinton, Massachusetts.

David's heart problems were long standing and quite complicated. It was through the

excellence and commitment of the cardiac team at Tufts Medical Center that David lived as long as he did and had such a good quality of life. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Tufts Medical Center Development Office (<https://www.tuftsmedicalcenter.org/Giving-Support/Give>) 800 Washington Street #231, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

There will be a burial service in Hampton Falls, in the Oaklawn Cemetery on Wednesday, September 16th at 11:00 AM. There will be a Celebration of Life Gathering outside at Pitlochry Farm, 195 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls on Saturday, October 10th from 2:00 to 4:00.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

Nason Road  
Hampton Falls, NH 03844

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pitlochry Farm  
195 Exeter Road  
Hampton Falls, NH 03844

# Tribute Wall



“ 277 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - September 24, 2020 at 09:37 AM

MH

“ Elaine. We were so saddened to hear of David's passing. So many years in the past that held such wonderful memories of a good friend. Our condolences to you and your family

Marty and Mary Higgins - September 17, 2020 at 05:41 PM


BE

“ Elaine,

*My mom and I are so sorry to hear about David..He was a such a nice guy when I saw him at synergy those few times! We are so sorry! We would love to see you when you can my dearest Elaine..Love you, Bea & Dalia from Synergy*



Bea - September 14, 2020 at 08:00 PM

 Theresa Franz

“ We have known the Ahearn family for almost 30 years, especially his sister Judy. We are saddened to hear of David's passing and extend our deepest sympathy to Judy, his daughters and their families.

*Bob and Terry Franz  
Savannah, GA*

Theresa Franz - September 14, 2020 at 05:37 PM

HM

*Elaine & Judy, Please accept my sincere condolences. I have fond memories of you all.*

**Harold Maupin** - September 17, 2020 at 09:42 PM



*Elaine, you and David were such gracious and generous hosts to so many wonderful Democrats over the years. Southern New Hampshire has been blessed by your interest and concern for so many issues affecting every-day folks. Karen & I offer you and your family our condolences and our assistance for anything you may need. All our love ! Karen & Herb Moyer Exeter, NH*

**Herbert Moyer** - September 20, 2020 at 12:23 PM



*You and David are in our prayers !*

**Herbert Moyer** - September 20, 2020 at 12:24 PM



*“ Well the many Democratic events at Pitlochry farm were enhanced when you could hear David's voice and hearty welcome! I guess having such a big and open heart puts a stress on that vital machine! We send our love and sympathy to all the family and all those who loved David.*

*Eileen and Doug Flockhart, Exeter*

**Eileen Flockhart** - September 14, 2020 at 04:23 PM

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*“ Elaine,  
I was saddened to hear of David's passing as he was such a kind and generous man. He will be sorely missed and always remembered with great fondness. My condolences to you and your extended family.*

*Trisha OKeefe*

**Trisha OKeefe** - September 14, 2020 at 12:06 PM

DO

*“ Elaine - When I just spoke with you a week ago you mentioned that David was very sick. I was so sad to hear this. Elaine - I am so sorry to hear that David has passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Alisha, Glenn, Josh, Justin and the entire Ahearn family. May he rest in peace. Please know that I am here if you need anything.*

*With Love, Doreen Kelley*

**Doreen** - September 14, 2020 at 07:17 AM

DR

“ I will miss David, his wonderful smile, his laugh and and easy way with people. He was charming, gracious, and welcoming of so many of us to your beautiful home. I enjoyed his stories, his political savvy and his ability to make us instantly comfortable with him. My condolences to Elaine, his children and step-children, and grandchildren.

Deborah Regan

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Deborah Regan - September 13, 2020 at 12:18 PM

CM

“ Elaine,  
I was very sorry to hear that David has passed. It was a pleasure knowing him and I'm grateful for having many occasions to spend a little time with both of you at so many political events at your beautiful home and elsewhere. He was a great guy and our little corner of New Hampshire was lucky to have him as long as we did. My sincerest condolences to you and your family.

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Chp Moynihan - September 13, 2020 at 09:40 AM

CS

“ I was greatly saddened to learn about David's passing. His parents and my parents were very close friends, and as children in Amsterdam, NY, David, Judy, my sister Sue and I were very close childhood friends. We had many great times together, playing cards on our porch overlooking the Mohawk River in Fort Johnson, NY, traveling many times over our younger years to Clinton, MA and many trips to the ocean including Moody Beach, Maine, Hampton Beach, Cape Cod. His mother Clara Ahearn, was my Godmother and later my mother's Godmother. I also remember being at Saratoga Race Course when David raced a horse named after my mother!! It was good to reconnect with him and Elaine at his home in Hampton for his sister Judy's birthday a couple of years ago. My childhood was blessed by being friends with David and the Ahearn family. With Deepest Sympathy, Carole (Balle) Saurack

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Carole C. Saurack - September 13, 2020 at 08:32 AM

JD

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Elaine and the entire Ahern family. I met David through politics, he was an extremely nice man who always had a pleasant happy smile every time I saw him. Today I am reflecting on losing one of the good guys.

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Jim Demers - September 12, 2020 at 07:16 AM

DR

“ Rest in peace David. It was always great seeing you at Glenn & Alisha's home and other events. You were the real deal; a guy who was easy to talk to, always wore a great smile and walked through life 100% natural & organic. We will miss you.

*David & Carol Roberts*

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**DAVID ROBERTS** - September 11, 2020 at 12:12 PM

JF

“ My condolences to the family. Dave is my godfather and an influential person in my business career in wire and cable. Many great memories of him with my Dad at Colonial. Special thoughts and prayers to Sharon, Linda and Janice, your memories of your amazing dad and mom will be with you forever.

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**JR Dubovick and Family** - September 10, 2020 at 10:07 PM