



## David W. Sides

August 3, 1944 - March 5, 2019

### A Man With a Zest for Life

West Yarmouth, MA - David W. Sides, 74 of West Yarmouth passed away at Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis on March 5th, 2019. He died peacefully after a long and valiant struggle with ALS. He was born in Bridgeport, CT on August 3, 1944, the son of the late Elsie and William Sides.

Dave's early years were spent in Trumbull, CT until his family moved to Canada when he was 10. His time living in the Town of Mount Royale, Quebec shaped his life and sparked his love of hockey which he played with competitive zeal until the age of 70. He returned to the States at age 17, graduating from Roger Ludlow High School in Fairfield, CT in 1963. He earned a degree in English literature from Dartmouth College, Class of 1967. He was a member of the Dartmouth College Alumni Association, enjoying many fishing trips to the Dartmouth Land Grant with friends who remained loyal and supportive during his entire life.

Upon graduation from college, Dave served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant. He was an artillery instructor, forward observer and battery commander of "A" Battery, 83rd Artillery Battalion. His unit supported the 101st Airborne and Marine infantry units engaged in ground operations near the DMZ. While serving at Firebase Bastogne, in the northernmost sector of Vietnam, he was twice awarded the Bronze Star for distinguished service.

Upon discharge from the Army, Dave entered the insurance industry where he would spend his entire career. Sales management was a natural fit for Dave's outgoing and engaging personality. Although he spent his career as an insurance executive working for several major insurers, he often described his occupation as "fishing, with insurance as my hobby". He was an enthusiastic and skilled fly fisherman and boat owner. The Bass River was his favorite place.

Dave married Susan Hayes in 1975, the sister of his college room-mate. They shared 33 years of marriage until she passed away in 2008.

He is survived by his cherished daughter Jessica Sides of St. George, UT. Jessie traveled back east frequently to her father's side as his illness progressed. She was a joy to him and he loved her dearly. He is also survived by his beloved partner Marie Anderson of West Yarmouth. Dave and Marie shared many travels and adventures before he fell ill and she cared for him tirelessly during his illness. Marie's family also adopted and supported Dave during his last years, bringing him great joy. Dave's surviving family members include his sister Lynne Roming and brother-in-law Peter Roming of Loveland, Colorado, brother Tom Sides and sister-in-law Judy Sides of Scarborough, Maine, and his sister Nancy Trew-Sugden and her husband Jim Sugden of Southbury, Connecticut. He had close and loving relationships with his aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews especially his nephew Erin Trew whom he loved as a son. Dave's love of adventure, sharp intellect, engaging personality and sparkling wit endeared him to many and he will be missed by all.

The family extends their thanks to his caretakers, especially Karen Corcoran and Margaret Muse as well Marie's son Adam Herr. Thanks are extended also to Bayada Home Health Care, the Visiting Nurse Assn. and the Mass General and VA Providence ALS Clinics for their compassionate care.

Services for David will take place in Hampton, NH on August 2nd and 3rd.

Visiting hours are scheduled from 6-8 P.M. Friday August 2, 2019 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. A remembrance service is scheduled at 10 A.M. Saturday August 3, 2019 at 10:00 am at the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH, where Dave was a member of the choir until his move to West Yarmouth. Interment at Hampton Cemetery will follow the remembrance service. All services will be open to the public. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Association, P.O. Box 37022, Boone, IA 50037 or [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org).

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## High Street Cemetery

100 High Street  
Hampton, NH,

**AUG** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ; Hampton, NH, US, 03842

**AUG** **Time of Remembrance** 10:00AM

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First Congregational Church  
127 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, NH, US, 03842

# Comments

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“ Rest peacefully, fellow soldier, brother warrior...  
I served with A-Btry., 1/83rd. Arty. on Bastogne but arrived shortly after David left there in 1970.

**Barney** - August 06, 2019 at 09:25 PM

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“ I just learned of David's passing and was very sorry to learn that he was gone and we will never speak again. I have never known anyone with his spirit for life. The way he battled his health problems was an amazing and inspiring thing to behold.

I was in the 1/83rd Artillery but before David's time with the unit. Over the years however we had many conversations and never did I hang up without feeling better for having spoken with him, David had that effect on people.

On behalf of myself and the entire 1st Battalion, 83rd Artillery Association please accept our deepest condolences and be assured he will never be forgotten by his brothers in the 1/83rd.

Lest We Forget.



**Bill Taggart** - August 06, 2019 at 01:51 PM

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“ 205 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - August 01, 2019 at 09:27 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David W. Sides.



July 31, 2019 at 06:40 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Peter Bourneuf** - July 27, 2019 at 08:07 AM

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“ Dave was a great fishing buddy. We spent many hours in the boat together at Great Pond, Quabbin, Lovewell, Comet, Umbagog and other places. Always up for taking a shot at the big one, Dave came equipped with his usual arsenal of gear ready for any challenge. A steady man at the tiller, Dave was a reliable boat man in all conditions. He was a true sportsman who returned to the water some of the biggest fish ever caught in New England. He was a talented camp cook who could be relied upon to put on a great meal at the end of a long day in the boat. He'll be missed by many who enjoyed his company over the years. Rest in peace Dave.

**Peter Bourneuf** - July 27, 2019 at 08:01 AM

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“ Dave was a great friend while we worked at The Travelers and then via telephone. My regret is that I did not get to see him last summer (2018). He was very helpful during the time I was looking for a new job, and quite encouraging during the process of finding one. Thanks Dave and may you rest in peace.  
Fred A Mullins

**Fred A Mullins** - April 01, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ Thank you

**Marie** - May 23, 2019 at 01:55 PM

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“ Dave is remembered as a fellow of interesting introspection, wit, and charm with whom Ralph, Ross, and I shared a house north of Boston in the 72-73 time frame during all of our crazier single days. His strong yet gentle spirit is well remembered in the stories that he told. It is my misfortune that I missed the opportunity to stay in touch with him over the years and sure enough, about the time one decides to reach out to old contacts, they are gone before we accomplish it. A lesson to us all. Thanks to his family for sharing him with us and for the honor of his military service. May Dave rest in peace.

**John W Roberts Jr** - March 23, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ Thank you

**Marie** - May 23, 2019 at 01:56 PM

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“ Dave was such a great guy. Charismatic, tough and a great sense of humor. He will be sorely missed.

**Jami** - March 14, 2019 at 11:27 PM



“ Thank you, Jami

**Marie** - May 23, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ I was looking for something else and ran across Malcom Decker's sharing about Dave. I was a member of the Battalion FDC while Dave was CO of Alpha Btry. On some issue, the Alpha FDC said our BC who is a First Lieutenant and almost a Captain wants "x" (don't remember what). My response is that our BnFDO was a Captian (Bill Burke) and we weren't going to do x. We all had a good laugh about it later. I know his troops really liked and respected Dave. Sid Johnston

**Sidney W Johnston** - May 04 at 02:45 AM

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“ I hope you and my Dad are having fun discovering all the best fishing spots in heaven. Rest In peace, Dave.



**Janet Kalil** - March 14, 2019 at 09:34 AM