



David F. Downs

May 9, 1942 - April 3, 2025

Seabrook – David F. Downs, 82, of Seabrook, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, April 3, 2025. He was born in Amesbury, MA, on May 9, 1942, to the late John and Dorothy (Bodwell) Downs. He shared more than 30 years of marriage with his loving wife, Helen (Ruhp), at the time of his passing.

David attended Amesbury schools and graduated from Amesbury High School with the class of 1960. After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force, serving his country honorably until 1962 as a parachute rigger. Upon returning home, he worked as a machinist before beginning his career in public service as an officer with the Seabrook Police Department. He later transitioned to the Seabrook Fire Department, where he served as a firefighter and EMT for many years, retiring as a captain in 2002.

A dedicated community member, David was involved in several organizations, including the St. James's Masonic Lodge in Hampton and the Raymond E. Walton American Legion Post 70. An avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting, fishing, and working with his hands, always busy tinkering and fixing things. David will be remembered for his easy-going and kind nature, his constant activity, and his unwavering willingness to help others.

David is survived by his beloved wife, Helen; his stepchildren, Cheryl Wills,

Sharon Locke, and Brian Locke and his wife, Robin; his granddaughter, T-Ann Downs; and his brothers, Ralph Downs and his wife Leah and Roy Downs. He also leaves behind his step-grandchildren, Tiffany Barrett, Robynne Gill, and Seth Hutchins; as well as his great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will miss him dearly.

David was predeceased by his son David R. Downs, and his siblings Sandra Giles, Ruth Doyle and John Downs.

Visitation will be held from 4 PM to 7 PM on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation (https://www.parkinson.org/how-to-help?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Google_AlwaysOn_Brand&utm_term=parkinson%27s%20foundation&gad_source=1&gclid=0AAAAACQE-k6z4NN7X1MOyN1R2mwhGw9kr&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhr6_BhD4ARIsAH1YdjBvaXz9ceFkqVhmrVHXa5HcpgBS1SjuJWSmk1z7Bs6-bm1U5Bkr9mgaAvj9EALw_wcB)

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ So sad to hear you are gone. Its been many years since we were young cousins hanging out at Nana' s. Miss you all.very much.



Cousin Diana - May 26, 2025 at 05:33 PM

RR

“ RIP Dave. Capt Regan HamptonFire



R Regan - April 14, 2025 at 11:11 AM

HJ

“ Harold Janvrin lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs



Harold Janvrin - April 13, 2025 at 09:28 AM

RW

“ RIP Dave. Many memories with Dave, hanging around Frannies garage.



Russ Wood - April 07, 2025 at 01:37 PM

DG

“ *Diana Papoulias And David Galat lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs*



Diana Papoulias and David Galat - April 06, 2025 at 10:04 PM

DB

“ *Darcy Brown lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs*



Darcy Brown - April 06, 2025 at 09:43 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte Sturgis lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs*



Charlotte Sturgis - April 06, 2025 at 03:25 PM

TP

“ *My condolences to you Helen and family. You were a great friend, mentor and captain. You will be missed. Binky, Torie, Jazmine, little Bink*



Torie Perkins - April 06, 2025 at 05:57 AM

DW

“ *Helen, my condolences to the family on this sad occasion, my thoughts are with you.*

Dennis Williams

Dennis Williams - April 05, 2025 at 06:57 PM

JE

“ *Julie Ellis lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs*



Julie Ellis - April 05, 2025 at 03:53 PM

BS

“ *Barry Sargent lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs*



Barry sargent - April 05, 2025 at 03:11 PM

MM

“ *Mark Mawson lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs*



Mark Mawson - April 05, 2025 at 12:55 PM

MM

David was always a wonderful friend, always there to answer any of my questions. God bless him and his family. R.I.P. Dave, God speed.

Mark Mawson - April 05, 2025 at 12:58 PM

JS

“ *Joyce Smith lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs*



Joyce smith - April 05, 2025 at 12:52 PM

BM

“ *Bg Mawson lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs*



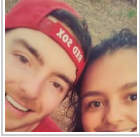
bg mawson - April 05, 2025 at 09:50 AM

GR

“ *George Ross lit a candle in memory of David F. Downs*



George Ross - April 04, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ You were a great guy David. You always stuck up for me when I was younger. Hope you're at peace. Love Terri Jo



Terri Provencher - April 04, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ They say when you marry someone, you marry their family. You were a wonderful brother-in-law and will be missed. You're in my prayers Helen. Love you both so much. Leah

Leah - April 04, 2025 at 08:53 PM