

David A. Holton

April 25, 1937 - April 10, 2020

Exeter – David A. Holton, 82, of Exeter, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 10, 2020 at his home. David was born in Boston, MA on April 25, 1937, a son of the late Adolthus and Margaret (LeRoy) Holton. He shared 39 years of marriage with his late wife, Cynthia (Godsoe) Holton and leaves his life partner of over 17 years, Margaret “Meg” Cartwright of Exeter.

David was raised in Warner, NH and graduated from Simonds High School of Warner with the Class of 1955. He went on to earn his Bachelor’s degree from Tufts University in 1960 where he was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

David’s love of Antique cars became a passion of many years. He and Meg were members of the Stratham Seniors (“76ers”) Club and the Rye Club, Alive, Active and Over 55. They were also avid Bingo players and enjoyed the weekly games at the Exeter Senior Center. David played ukulele and banjo at a local club and he and Meg loved to travel, with many trips to Canada, Japan, Holland and Germany.

In addition to Meg, David is survived by his children, Brooke Lunt of Manchester, Everett Godsoe of Alexandria, Nathaniel Palmer of Stuttgart, Germany and Stedman Holton of Concord. He also leaves his brother, Peter Holton and his wife, Karen, of Rockport, MA, his sister-in-law Julieth Holton,

his 5 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

David was also predeceased by his brother, Philip Holton.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Rockingham VNA & Hospice (<https://www.exeterhospital.com/Rockingham-VNA-Hospice>) 137 Epping Rd., Exeter, NH 03833 or to a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *David A. Holton*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *The breeze in the air and the sun came out just at noon for you so that your ashes could just gently flow through the air and settle in the gentle waves at your favorite place yesterday (7/1/20). You must be honored that your best friend Bruce offered to kneel down and slowly released your ashes as we all watched as you gently went away from us. I think you were headed north to join Cynthia. Your service was ended with all of us saying The Lord's Prayer. Yes, according to your wishes we celebrated with lunch at Warrens. Rest easy my dear sweet husband. (Yes, according the the State of NH we are considered husband and wife after spending close to 18 years together) YOU will always be in my heart and prayers. LOVE you always.*

Meg Cartwright (Holton) - July 02, 2020 at 08:46 AM



Wow. What a special moment for a special person. He and Cynthia changed my life with 6 Very special weeks in the summer. I will never forget it and them.

Hope to see them back one day.

Your loss is great, but I hope these memories Will warm you When you think of him.

Herby from Holland

gerbert - July 03, 2020 at 06:28 PM

MC

Thank you sincerely Herby. I miss him every single day and always will. David was a wonderful husband. He thought the world of you too and Hester and all your young ones, God bless and thank you for your kind thoughts Meg

Meg Cartwright - July 08, 2020 at 09:21 PM

AC

“ Uncle David's middle name was humor, always smiling and being funny. I'm so thankful for David and his devoted love for Aunt Meg. We enjoyed his company very much while vacationing in Maine, watching the dashhound parade and strolling along the coast. He certainly was one of the good guys and will be missed very much. Prayers for you Aunt Meg. Love, Ann & Greg.

Ann Cuffey - May 05, 2020 at 04:00 PM

JB

“ I will miss my (Uncle) David he was such a sweet guy and loved my Aunt Meg so much. The last time we were together at the Hospice House in Dover he and my husband age 86 (since deceased) had a wonderful talk. I feel the two of them are up in Heaven talking away picking up where they left off down here.

Joanne Bond and Family April 18

Joanne Bond - April 18, 2020 at 05:46 PM

KA

“ Dave was always helpful and fun whether gathering to watch a dvd (which Dave often set up) or relaxing by the fire pit with neighbors at 31 Chestnut St. Dave and Meg were always together and always good neighbors and companions. Dave, always the gentleman, will be missed. Prayers and thoughts to Meg and to Dave’s family and friends who will miss him, but will always have loving memories.

*Dave, made me feel welcome the first day I moved to Chestnut with his smile, friendly greeting, and his gallant manners holding the elevator or laundry room door and taking time to chat. Kate #307
Dave brought us together when he set up movies in our community room. He will be missed. Pauline #209*

Kate - April 15, 2020 at 07:19 PM

WL

“ David was one of our groomsmen at our wedding, 65 years ago this June. We have very fond memories of him. He was even in Juvenile Grange with my sister and me. We used to have so much fun doing stuff together with other friends.

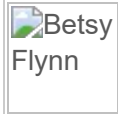
Last time we saw him was at our class reunion. He seemed so well and healthy. We are so sorry for your loss. Judy and Wayne LaPorte

Wayne and Judy LaPorte - April 14, 2020 at 06:07 PM

ST

“ Karen and I will certainly miss Dave's friendship. His participation in our Ukulele Group, performing on the ukulele, banjo or singing in his fine baritone voice will be missed. Music is a bond that connects people together. From that bond the memory of Dave will always be a part of "Seacoast Strummers and Singers".....strum on Dave. A Hui Hou, Sam and Karen Tucci

Sam and Karen Tucci - April 13, 2020 at 10:31 AM



Dave was a joy to be around, we spent time outside by the fire with other neighbors from Exeter. He always had a sense of humor and lots of great stories to tell. He will be missed! Meg take care, you are in my prayers.

Betsy Flynn - April 15, 2020 at 07:18 PM



So sorry to hear of Daves passing. He seemed in good health in December at the Simonds Luncheon. he will be missed.

Sandie True

Sandra True - April 18, 2020 at 11:52 AM



*My sincere condolences Meg.....David left you with beautiful memories....Sorry for your loss....
Mary Pavone*

Mary Pavone - July 03, 2020 at 06:16 AM



Meg...this has been a long and arduous journey for you both, which you have managed with grace, humor and devotion. It has been the pleasure of everyone at 31 Chestnut to know David and to appreciate his quiet gentleness and gentlemanliness. May he now rest in the heart of God.

Meredith Jordan - July 03, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David A. Holton.*



April 13, 2020 at 09:24 AM

ST

“ Jim and I always enjoyed time spent with Dave both at the Seacoast Strummers and Singers as well as the 76's group. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Meg and the family. Sandy and Jim Tenaglia

Sandra & Jim Tenaglia - April 12, 2020 at 04:39 PM

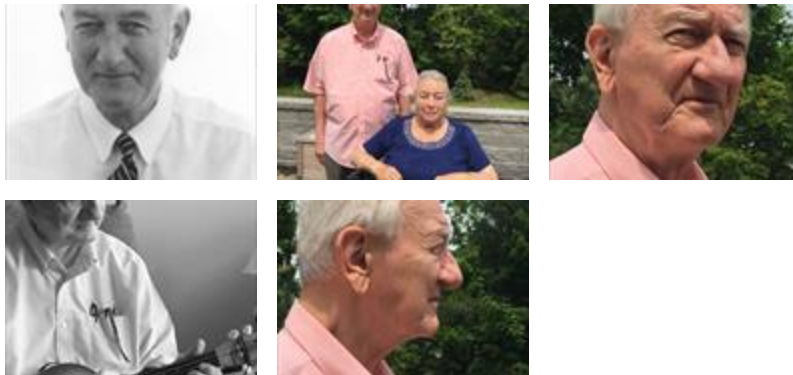
NP

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Dave from our Seacoast Strummers ukulele group! Always wearing a smile and sharing a laugh - he will sorely be missed! Rest In Peace, Dave. My condolences to Meg and your family. Nancy Philbrick

Nancy V. Philbrick - April 12, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - April 11, 2020 at 11:21 AM

NI

David was a special friend in Simonds High School and my parents never worried when we dated as he was a good driver ! We studied math & science together to get ready for College Boards, skied at the Warner ski tow, went to dances in the Warner Town Hall, and kept in touch every year since 1954. Simonds summer lunch reunions and Dog House renewals kept up the lifetime friendship. I enjoyed meeting Meg and knew they spent wonderful years in Exeter. My best wishes to his family. Nancy Hammond Isaacson

Nancy Hammond Isaacson - April 18, 2020 at 08:57 AM