



## David B. "Dave" Parke

March 21, 2026

David B. "Dave" Parke, 72, passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Hospice Care of Lancaster after a long battle with cancer. He resided for the past 29 years in Landisville, PA. Born on May 17, 1953, in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of the late Richard L. and Lois J. Marr Parke and was the loving husband of Trudy Bender Parke for fifty-two years.

A dedicated employee of Armstrong World Industries for 34 years, he was a proud graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School and attended Millersville University for a short time. His passion for sports began at an early age, and he continued into adulthood, where he enjoyed playing basketball, golf, softball, and pool work leagues. He also enjoyed long trail bike rides with family and friends. Dave loved and cherished time with his family and friends, particularly on summer trips with his family to Rehoboth Beach, DE. And he had a deep appreciation for music, that he wove into the fabric of his everyday life.

In addition to his wife, Trudy, Dave is survived by one son, Christopher M. Parke, husband of Anne (Campbell) Parke, of Lancaster and one daughter, Heather (Parke) Klazas, wife of Joseph A. Klazas of Lititz. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Jack, Ella, Zoey and Oliver, a brother, Keith W. Parke, husband of Marsha (Miller) Parke of Lancaster, PA and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Dana Lynn Parke.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Dave's Celebration of Life Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Will Stenke officiating. The family will receive family and friends at Groffs from 12:00 noon until the time of service. Interment will take place at Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Dave's name to the American Cancer Society, [Donate.cancer.org](https://www.donate.cancer.org) and/or Hospice & Community Care. [www.hospiceandcommunitycare.org](http://www.hospiceandcommunitycare.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David B. "Dave" Parke.*



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March 27 at 08:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David B. "Dave" Parke.

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“ So very sorry yo hear about Dave's passing. He was always a delight to see and care for. Will keep the family in my prayers. W. Bakken

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**William W Bakken** - March 26 at 05:29 PM



“ *Kristine, Dave, Heather, Doug, Kim&Matt purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David B. "Dave" Parke.*



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**Kristine, Dave, Heather, Doug, Kim&Matt** - March 26 at 04:51 PM

KK

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Kristine, Dave, Heather, Doug, Kim&Matt - March 26 at 04:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David B. "Dave" Parke.



March 26 at 02:05 PM

TW

“ The Washburns purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David B. "Dave" Parke.



The Washburns - March 26 at 01:26 PM

TW

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MA

“ I remember Dave from Lincoln and McCaskey schools. Very good friends and his brother Keith. Condolences and prayers to family and friends.

Mike Ault - March 26 at 10:15 AM

RH

“ Grew up in same neighborhood as Dave.  
Great guy  
Then reconnected with him as we both worked at Armstrong. I was in R&D and would work at inspection dept where I ran into Dave.

rick herr - March 25 at 07:36 PM

DK

“ Dear Trudy and family: I am so sorry to hear about Dave's passing. We were classmates at Lincoln and McCaskey and would always touch base at class reunions. We were even neighbors in Manheim Township before you moved. I will be praying that God will comfort you and give you peace during this difficult time.

Donna Mellinger Kurtz

Donna Kurtz - March 25 at 12:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David B. "Dave" Parke.



March 25 at 10:52 AM

DA

“ Dear Trudy and family: I'm so very sorry for your loss. Love is a bond never broken. Sending you peace and love. Debbie Rader Aument

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**Debra L Aument** - March 25 at 10:18 AM

DM

I am so very sorry to read this! Please know i am thinking of you and praying for strength during this difficult time.  
Much love,  
Deana Cunningham Mahlandt

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**Deana Mahlandt** - March 25 at 12:04 PM

BY

“ Trudy, Christopher, Heather and Keith,

I send my heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of Dave. I have wonderful memories of Dave from Junior High and High School. Dave was a kind and beautiful person who loved you all so very much.

May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time and in the months and years ahead.

Warmest Regards,  
Barbara Meister Young

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**Barbara Young** - March 25 at 05:56 AM

BH

I last saw Dave, after many years, at a Catholic High home game. All he talked about was his family. He was just a peach of a guy, to me as a young kid, and that night, too.

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**Bill Houck** - March 25 at 07:25 AM



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March 24 at 08:48 PM



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“ *My deepest sympathies to Trudy and family. Me and Dave go way back. Alot of golf and great memories. I know he's at peace and pain free. You and Lynn Bitzer need to save me a tee time!*

*Your good friend*

*Bob Fasnacht*

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**Robert Fasnacht** - March 24 at 08:41 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Dave was a great guy and I always enjoyed are conversations about music etc. Sending you love and healing thoughts in this difficult time. Praying for the family.*



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**Jessica Gieg** - March 24 at 05:06 PM

BR

“ *Brian Rylee lit a candle in memory of David B.  
"Dave" Parke*



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**Brian Rylee** - March 24 at 04:34 PM