



Samuel David "Dave" Forker

May 30, 2019

Samuel David "Dave" Forker, 77, of Lancaster, PA formerly of New York, passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at Evergreen Estates. He fought a relentless battle with numerous health issues. Born in Meadville, PA, he was the son of the late Samuel W. and Mary Margaret (Weaver) Forker. His much beloved wife, Virginia L. "Ginny" Forker passed away just 26 days ahead of him on May 4, 2019. They would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 20th.

Dave served in the US Navy and worked a long career as a sales rep for a handful of companies. He was very proud of his military service and looked fondly on his Navy years. His time in the Navy brought him many friends, memories and experiences the most important of which was the chance meeting with the love of his life, Ginny.

Dave was passionate about many things. He loved technology, was always up on current events, enjoyed a wide variety of music and movies, could talk to anyone about absolutely anything and was always happy to see potato salad and banana cream pie on the menu. As was the case with his other half, Ginny, the thing that brought him the most joy was his family. He was intensely interested in what all of us were doing and was behind us whatever it happened to be, always. His love and support are something that was always evident and will be missed endlessly.

Surviving are his children, Kathleen L., married to Rick D. Rye of Columbia, PA and Samuel D. Forker, Jr. married to Aileen M. Forker of Lewes, DE; his grandchildren, Chloe N. Rye and Bailey D. Rye; his sister, Marilyn married to Charles McCarthy of Buffalo, NY; brother-in-law, Joseph married to Judy Patterson of Springfield, IL; a niece, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his Mass of Christian Burial from St. Anthony of Padua Church, 503 E. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with Father Allan Wolfe Celebrant. The family will receive friends at The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17603 (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until time of departure for church. Military honors will be rendered by Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard at The Groffs on Friday at 12:00 p.m. Private burial will be in Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery.

In Dave's memory, please consider an act of kindness to those around you. The family would like to thank all of those who cared for him and his wife at Evergreen Estates and from Compassionate Care Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 394-5300
admin@thegroffs.com
<https://thegroffs.com/>

Memorial Mass

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
501 East Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel David "Dave" Forker*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



Thomas
Pekarek

“ *A great man, kind and generous to all. Our deepest condolences,
Pekarek Family*

Thomas Pekarek - June 07, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family
of Samuel David "Dave" Forker.*



June 06, 2019 at 11:00 AM



SG

“ *Kathy and Sam so sorry for your loss of your father. I'm sure your
man and dad are together again and very happy. Sam Gottschall*

sam Gottschall - June 03, 2019 at 01:44 PM



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*Thank you, Sam. I am sure they are together again! I hope all is well
with you.
Kathy*

Kathleen L Rye - June 03, 2019 at 04:16 PM