

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw sitting there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much for whatever part.  
A special thank you to Gentiva Hospice Care of Murfreesboro, TN for their ongoing love and care for Dad and Shirley Latham and the family at these back to back times.

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## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF



# DAVID CURTIS LATHAM

June 12, 1942 — March 11, 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 @ 11:00AM

NEW VISION BUCHANAN CAMPUS  
5977 ELAM ROAD, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

INTERMENT - EVERGREEN CEMETERY, MURFREESBORO, TN

# OBITUARY

David Curtis Latham, known by many who loved him as "PaPa", was born in Stuart, FL on June 12, 1942 by the union of Ruby Munch Latham and Richard "Dick" Latham. He was peacefully transitioned to his eternal home on March 11, 2026 to be with the love of his life, Shirley Ann Latham.

David lived a life of love, faith and service. He read his bible everyday at a set time before bed. The Lord was the beginning of his day, everyday. He prayed before leaving to run errands and he prayed every day before bed time.

David attended New Vision Baptist Church, the Buchanan location. He was always early to save seats for his family.

David was in the US Navy, he worked as an Insurance Salesman, Handyman, drove cars for places in Murfreesboro, TN, sold Lawson Products and engine coolant; he had many talents. Years and years ago, he painted pictures, he enjoyed handball for many years, tennis and many hobbies throughout his life.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby Munch Latham and Richard "Dick" Latham; sister, the late Sharon Latham (Doug) Gullette of California; niece, Wendy Latham (Alan) Pace of Centerville, TN; aunts, Louise Munch and Sarah Munch; uncle, Curtis Munch; and friend, Kris Walters.

David's memories will forever be remembered by his children, Paige Latham (Robbie) Davis of Rocky Mount, NC and Ramsey Michael Latham of Longmont, CO; step-son, Charlie W. (Kathy) Frazier; step-daughters, Carmelle C. Glenn, Nechelle A. Denning and Demetrice Nicole Fitzgerald; grandsons, Branson Mehki Latham of Roseboro NC and Sam Frazier; brother, Randy (Gisele) Latham; niece and nephew, Karen Latham of Stuart, FL and Ricky Gullette; 11 special grandchildren and 13 special great grandchildren; David had made some lifelong eternal friends, Jerry Walters, Richard (Helen) Archison, Steve Martin, Johnny McDonald and Robert Miller. He enjoyed all the time he shared with them.



## A REFLECTION OF OUR PARENT'S LOVE

*As we grieve the loss of both our mother and our father, I want us to pause and remember something beautiful: the love they shared. Their love was biblical, righteous, covenantal. It was a love rooted in faith, in respect, and in unshakable commitment to one another.*

*Even after our mother passed, the depth of their bond becomes even more apparent. They were truly partners in every sense - walking together, praying together, and loving not only each other but all of us, unconditionally.*

*Their hearts were aligned, their lives intertwined, and their legacy is one of unwavering devotion.*

*Sometimes when one loses their lifelong partner, it leaves an emptiness that words cannot capture. But in reflecting on their love, we see a model of grace, patience, and steadfast faith. It's a reminder that true love is enduring and it leaves a lasting imprint on all who witness it.*

*I hope we can carry their example in our hearts: to love faithfully, to forgive generously, and to cherish one another deeply. May their love continue to guide us, inspire us, and remind us that what is rooted in covenant and righteousness never truly fades.*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

MILITARY FLAG CEREMONY

10:45 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONG

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" - by Chris Tomlin

WELCOME - SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

Robert Miller

SONG

"Lonely Dirt Road" - by Dax

SILENT READING OF OBITUARY

REMEMBERING DAVID

Open Mic

SONG

"Loving My Jesus" - by Casting Crowns

SONG

"Homesick For Heaven" - by Phil Wickham

MESSAGE

Pastor Ben Curtis

CLOSING SONG

"I Hope You Dance" - by Corey Asbury

CLOSING PRAYER

Johnny McDonald



## DADDY DAVID - THE FATHER GOD CHOSE

*Before I begin, I want to say something about Daddy David. Some people come into your life by birth, and some people come into your life because God sends them. Daddy David was one of those people. He may not have started our story, but he became one of the greatest chapters in it. God placed a man in our lives who chose love, who chose family, and who chose us. And today, as his children and grandchildren stand here together, we honor not just the man he was, but the love he gave so freely to all of us.*

Today we honor a man who did more than enter our lives – he answered a calling. Daddy David was not just a father to one set of children and something different to another. He was simply Dad to all of us. He had biological children, a son and a daughter, yet he never built walls between us. There were no lines drawn, no “his” and “theirs”. We were his kids. All of us. And because of that love, our children became his grandchildren. Not stepchildren. Not something less. But grandchildren he loved, held, guided and cherished. He never divided us. He multiplied love. In a world that often separates people by blood, background and differences, Daddy David saw something deeper. He saw the heart. The Bible reminds us: *“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart”*. -1 Samuel 16:7. Daddy David loved the way Jesus loved – without conditions, without measuring worth, without making anyone feel like they didn’t belong. *“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins”*. -1 Peter 4:8.

He loved us because love was who he was. And above all things, he loved our mother – may she rest in peace – with a devotion that only God could design. They were inseparable. Their love was quiet, faithful and steady. It was the kind of love you could see even when no words were spoken. Just as the scripture says: *“Let all that you do be done in love”*. -1 Corinthians 16:14. We truly believe that God Himself chose Daddy David for our family. God saw a man whose heart was big enough to receive a calling many would run from. And Daddy David said yes. Yes, to loving our mother. Yes, to loving her children. Yes, to becoming a father not by obligation, but by obedience to the Father above. He stepped into our lives and never treated us like anything other than his own. And through him, God blessed all of us - his daughter, his son, me and my siblings, and every grandchild who came after. The Bible tells us: *“A righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him”*. -Proverbs 20:7. Because of Daddy David, we learned that family is not just something you are born into. Sometimes family is something God sends to you. And the love he showed reminds us of this promise: *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him”*. -Romans 8:28. Daddy David was that gift. A father by heart. A grandfather by love. A man who answered the call of the Father and built one family where the world might have made many. And for that, we will forever be grateful. His love lives on in his children, in his grandchildren, and in the family, God allowed him to bring together. Daddy David, you didn’t just love us – you chose us. And that love will live in this family for generations to come. *“Well done, good and faithful servant”*. -Matthew 25:23

