



David Armstrong Freeman

September 7, 1950 - May 16, 2023

David Armstrong Freeman was known for many things in the Lowcountry, most notably his service to his community and church, his singing and horn playing and his unmistakable mustache. On May 16th at 6:55pm, Dave, quietly and peacefully, left his earthly body and traded it for heaven. He was surrounded by his bride Laura, who was by his side from his diagnosis with ALS until his final breath, along with his children, stepchildren and many of his grandchildren.

Dave was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia on September 7, 1950, where he resided until relocating to Summerville, SC in 1980. He enlisted into the United States Navy in 1970 and served two years active duty at the Naval Base in Gulf Port, Mississippi before returning to Savannah, GA in 1973 where he began his second career as a Mail handler. He continued his Naval service in the Reserves until 1995, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer 1st Class after 24 years of total service. He was known throughout the Lowcountry as the friendly, neighborhood mailman with routes in Charleston during his 44-year career. He graduated from Savannah State University in 1982 with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Dave was always involved in multiple ministries at every church he and his family were a part of to include Faith Assembly (1990-1994), Crossroads Community Church (1994-2016), Old Fort Baptist (2016-2020) and currently

at Summerville Baptist where he was serving as a Deacon. Dave frequently played his trumpet or flugelhorn on the worship teams or would sing with his distinct baritone voice. He proudly served on the property committee at Summerville Baptist, participated in various handyman projects for the church, including the Disaster Relief Team. His weekly morning prayer breakfasts were one of the highlights of his week. Dave never knew a stranger and eagerly looked for more ways to serve. Dave was an avid photographer who spent as much time as possible photographing his daughters and all of his grandchildren.

Dave is survived by his wife Laura of 19 years; his daughters Jennifer of Summerville, SC and Kimberly (LTC Joseph) Power of El Paso, TX; step son, Matthew (Kimberly) Downing of Summerville, SC; step daughters, Erin (SSG Jason) Fellers of Easley, SC and Amy (Michael) Link of Summerville, SC, 12 grandchildren, and by his brother, Benjamin Freeman of Thomasville, GA. Dave is preceded in death by his parents Gertrude Evelyn Armstrong and Benjamin Marion Freeman SR and his sisters . Dave would be remised without mentioning the fatherly figure and at times only positive male role model relationship he was responsible for with several friends of his children and church members, notably Nathan Corbett of Summerville, SC and dozens of others. The impact that he made to so many is felt and echoed to so many more and will continue for generations of God loving men and women whose faith, devotion, and service to others knows no boundaries.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will be held at the Summerville Baptist Church (417 Central Ave, Summerville, SC 29483) at 11:00 on Friday May 26th. The family will receive visitors at 10:00. A graveside service for friends and family in Savannah, GA (Hillcrest Abby East) will be held at 1:00 on Saturday May 27th.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Summerville

Baptist "Kingdom Come Fund".

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Summerville Baptist Church
417 Central Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Memorial Service

MAY 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Summerville Baptist Church
417 Central Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Burial

MAY 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Abbey East
1600 Wheaton Street
Savannah , SC 31404
<http://www.savannahheritage.com/>

Tribute Wall

GA

“ Grandpa Dave was my best friend we would do everything together when we hangout like go to the movies build things and play games. I miss him so much and he is in a better place now

Love you grandpa from your grandson Gavin

Gavin - November 11, 2025 at 04:18 PM

JE

Thank you Gavin.

Jen - December 12, 2025 at 12:29 AM

JE

Sending you love from my heart, I miss him terribly too. ☐

Jen - December 12, 2025 at 12:30 AM



“ Although I am not mentioned I am Eddie, Dave’s brother in law who loved him as a brother and never thought of him as anything other. Didn’t mean to rhyme that. I remember him once when I was about eight, a bratty age, him asking me if I had ever read the book the “Ransom of Redchief”? I said no. It was about a rather troublesome young man ala “Dennis the Menace” who is kidnapped by two men and eventually driven nuts by him to the point they pay his father a wealthy man to take him back. My big brother Dave’s subtle way of telling me I was a bit too much at times. But in my defense he was dating my sister Kay. Fast forward about 8 years and he has a beautiful Toyota Celica Supra and I have a license. He asks me if I can drive a stick to which I reply “Not well.” He says to jump in and proceeds to let me grind the synchros out. He was a very patient and understanding brother! I love and miss him and his cherished love and advice.

Eddie Traynham - May 27, 2023 at 07:42 PM



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Jen - May 30, 2023 at 10:44 PM



Thank you, Uncle Eddie ❤️

Kimberly Power - June 05, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ My brother in law/brother Dave.

Edward L Traynham III, Maj, USAF, Ret, DAV



Eddie Traynham - May 27, 2023 at 07:38 PM



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Eddie Traynham - May 27, 2023 at 07:40 PM



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Jen - May 30, 2023 at 10:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Armstrong Freeman.*



May 27, 2023 at 12:39 AM



“ *Espy & Cory Lange & Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of David Armstrong Freeman.*



Espy & Cory Lange & Family - May 27, 2023 at 12:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Armstrong Freeman.*



May 26, 2023 at 03:02 PM



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Armstrong Freeman.*



May 24, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ *Dave was a top notch person and awesome mail carrier for the postal service. Working with him was truly a highlight of my postal career. You'll be missed SIR! Rest in peace*

Steve Slaughter

Stephan Slaughter - May 23, 2023 at 06:00 PM

JE

Thank you. 🙏🏻

Jen - May 23, 2023 at 08:33 PM

KP

Thank you! ❤️

Kimberly Power - May 26, 2023 at 06:39 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Armstrong Freeman.*



May 21, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Armstrong Freeman.

May 21, 2023 at 02:22 PM

SC

“ *Sarita Cabrera lit a candle in memory of David Armstrong Freeman*



Sarita Cabrera - May 20, 2023 at 08:24 AM

SC

Thinking of the entire Freeman family and extended family in this very challenging time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sarita Cabrera - May 20, 2023 at 08:26 AM



Thank you Sarita. 🙏🏻

Jen - May 21, 2023 at 11:17 AM



Thank you, Sarita. ❤️

Kimberly Power - May 22, 2023 at 09:43 AM



“ The Mary Power Family. purchased the Serene R etreat for the family of David Armstrong Freeman.



The Mary Power Family. - May 20, 2023 at 07:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Armstrong Freeman.



May 19, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Armstrong Freeman.

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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David Armstrong Freeman.*



May 19, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Armstrong Freeman.*



May 19, 2023 at 12:53 PM



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