



David Stanley Parr

October 2, 1942 - May 11, 2023

David Stanley Parr, 80, of Summerville, SC, passed away Thursday, May 11, 2023 from his home.

David was born to Francis Stanley and Lottie May Parr, née Lawrence, on October 2, 1942 in Ventura, California. After graduating from Gardena High School he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served his country for 5 years. Immediately following his Air Force service, David was employed at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft until he was actively recruited to work as a Field Service Representative for the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company. He remained at Pratt & Whitney for 37 years. During his career, he attended California State University at Hayward part-time and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Finance. David's career as a Field Service Representative afforded him the opportunity to serve not only the technical, but also the emotional and spiritual needs of both coworkers and those he was called in to assist. After retirement, he carried his gift of service and heart of compassion on to the Summerville community when he spearheaded, then co-managed, the Community Impact for Christ Ministry at Old Fort Baptist Church. David was devoted to his wife Sharon, his children, grandchildren and extended family members. His love and care for them knew no bounds.

David was preceded in death by his father, Francis Stanley Parr, his mother,

Lottie May Parr and his son, Daniel Francis Parr. David is survived by his loving spouse Sharon Lee Parr, née Nash, whom he wed on February 16, 1963. He is also survived by his daughter Pamela Kaye Cook, son-in-law Andrew Robert Cook, grandchildren Sarah Abigail Cook and Peter Andrew Cook, and his brother, Jerald Morris Parr.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 2:00 pm at the Old Fort Baptist Church. David's family will be available for those wishing to express their condolences beginning at 1:00 pm within the Old Fort Baptist Church sanctuary. Burial and graveside service will take place at the Dorchester Memory Gardens immediately following the memorial service.

Online condolences can be submitted at www.jamesadyal.com.

Services are under the direction of James A. Dyal Funeral Home, Inc., 303 South Main Street, Summerville, South Carolina 29483 (843) 873-4040.

Cemetery Details

Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Old Fort Baptist Church
10505 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485

Memorial Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Rite of Committal and Interment

MAY 16. 3:15 PM - 3:40 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PV

“ My heart broke when I heard the news. I was not ready to say goodbye to David. He has always brought such joy to my life. I have so many cherished memories of being with David and Sharon, Pam and Daniel. I think of eating at the Hamburger House after church. Playing cards in Yosemite. Even traveling through Texas for evangelistic meetings. And many more moments through the years. You all are family to us and I am so thankful to God for the time that we've had together. I know that one day there will be a joyful reunion. It brings great comfort to know that the best is yet to come. But for the moment, I'm praying that God will bring much comfort to Sharon and Pam. Big hugs and much love to you both! Sincerely,
Paul Vaughn

Paul Vaughn - May 20, 2023 at 07:08 PM

“ I moved to SC in 2000. I had the office across the hall from Dave for many years. I realized right away that the Lord had taken care of me once again by putting this godly and funny man in my path. Dave and I worked closely together keeping C17s flying behind the scenes. I could call him at 2:00 am and he would always answer and help with anything he could. He became an eternal friend and one of three mentors in my life that had a lasting influence on me as a younger man. We traveled quite a bit together, and he was the only person I've ever met that could give you directions in any city by way of restaurant. He taught me how to eat southern!

He was a friend to everyone from colonels to airmen and I never saw him turn anyone away or walk away from work that wasn't finished. He taught my kids corny jokes and sayings that they still remember and repeat. His humor was legendary. Dave always shared with me. Whenever a fly, palmetto bug, or spider made its way into his office, he made sure to sneak it into mine. As soon as I saw something dart across the room I knew he put it there. His laughing from across the hall also gave it away. He just couldn't help himself.

He was like a father to many of us and would often drop spiritual hints to visitors. Since he and I were both Christians we had ongoing debates about theology. For most of them he was too stubborn to admit that I was right. We both agreed to evangelize our visitors, and often teamed up on the unsuspecting. Dave had a relationship with Jesus, so I know I'll see him again. We often talked that it wouldn't be too much longer since this world was decaying faster than he could retire. I asked him what he was going to do when he retired and he said he was going to buy a Cadillac and drive 30 mph to contribute to the traffic issues. He said it was his turn.

I loved Dave and believe he was in my path by design. I can't wait to see him in his new body. The old one was getting pretty worn out! He really was larger than life to so many of us. Jesus probably already put him in charge of heaven's greeting committee. I'm going to miss him, only for a little bit though.

Tim Neuhaus - May 16, 2023 at 05:13 PM

MW

Perfectly put Tim. You and Dave are made from the same spiritual cloth. It was great to meet and get to know you both. I too look forward to us all being together again. Mike Williamson. PW C-17 FSR Ramstein 2006-2013

mike williamson - May 18, 2023 at 02:55 AM

GG

“*As a McDonnell-Douglas/Boeing propulsion engineer in CA, I worked with Dave for years on trips to Charleston. Since both of our goals was to do the right thing, it never really came up that we worked for different companies, unless I was being educated in the wonderful world of P&W. There's no point in saying what a great guy he was, because everyone here knows that. Instead I'll share the silly little thing I remember whenever I think of him. I was in town for a meeting and I always liked to stay downtown. I had a late dinner one night and was walking up Meeting St going back to my hotel. It was close to midnight and Dave pulls up in front of me, rolls down the window and says "Want a coffee?" I hop in and off to Starbuck's. We had a nice talk and he dropped me at the hotel. A nice guy would just give me a lift. Dave gave me a friend.*

Gary Gladd - May 15, 2023 at 01:55 PM

KM

“*I met Dave in 1991 at C-17 Flight Test, some time after his tour in Kuwait as the P&W rep for the J-52 and A4 Skyhawk. One thing Dave taught me I'll always remember, "If what you say is true, you may very well be correct". Dave was a wise man, a very respectful mentor, and a good friend. Of course to Dave, everyone was a "good friend". Just the warm and caring person Dave was. God Blessed my friend Dave. Ken McDougall*

Ken McDougall - May 15, 2023 at 01:54 PM

NM

“ Dave was the ‘go-to’ guy when we had questions about the engines on the C-17. Dave took the pain-staking time to teach us the workings of the F-117 engine. He was a wealth of knowledge that enabled the C-17 aircraft to accomplish its critical war and peacetime mission. Dave’s memory will last in the multitude of Airmen and civilians he mentored. Rest well, Dave....mission accomplished!
Norman Moore

Norman Moore - May 15, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Stanley Parr.



May 15, 2023 at 11:54 AM

SL

“ Dave, Sharon, Pam and Daniel were like family as I was growing up. They drove about 95 miles to our church. As kids, my brother Paul and I couldn’t wait to see them walk through the door. Dave always had such a joyful presence about him that as a kid made him so fun to be around, and I felt that same joy from him as I grew up. He is a larger than life person who will be sorely missed. But so very grateful to God for the Parr family!
With. Heart full of precious memories,
Sheri Leming

Sheri Leming - May 15, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of David Stanley Parr.*



May 15, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Stanley Parr.*



May 15, 2023 at 02:26 AM



“ *73 files added to the album Life Tributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - May 14, 2023 at 03:58 PM

GV

David has been like a brother to my wife and I over the past 60 years. We have worked, travel, and spent many years in fellowship and the best in friendship. His service to us and others has been beyond measure and question. We grieve this loss but expect to meet him beyond this life in fellowship for all eternity. It is this belief that comfort us in this time of our sorrow.

Pastor Gwyn and Ginny Vaughn

Gwyn & Virginia (Ginny) Vaughn - May 15, 2023 at 11:18 AM



When I was assignment to the Engine Management Section of the Propulsion Shop back in the late 90's. Dave was the first to introduce himself to me and was ALWAYS there with the answers to my questions. We all appreciated your knowledge and patients, which made us all a better person. Rest In Peace my friend. We will see each other again.

Chuck "Ski" Navitsky

Chuck Navitsky - May 16, 2023 at 10:37 AM

MW

Many of us first got to know Dave and Sharon through our working together on various engine and aircraft programs. How so very fortunate to also get to know them both as cherished friends.

In addition to the many times Dave gave me expert advice while I as working as a field rep, the biggest impression I saw was the ministry Dave and Sharon created and passionately worked at their church. I tagged along with them one night and was flabbergasted at all the services they provided to their community...food, eye glasses, dental work, car repair...unbelievable.

The old saying is true..." what an honor when someone's legacy is that they helped make the world a better place ." We will see each other again my friend.

*Michael Williamson
Germany*

Michael Williamson - May 23, 2023 at 02:57 PM