



## Joel David Croxton

November 23, 1948 - September 14, 2021

Joel David Croxton, 72, of Summerville, was born in Springfield, Illinois, November 23, 1948, with his twin brother Stephen.

Dave grew up singing in his local church choir, attended public schools, became an Eagle Scout, and ran track and cross country at Springfield High School. He graduated from Illinois College with a BS in Biology in May, 1970, and immediately joined the Navy.

After graduating from boot camp at Great Lakes in 1971, Dave received orders to San Diego, where he attended Naval Dental Technician A and C schools. His first duty station was 21st Dental Company, Kaneohe Bay Hawaii, where he worked as a Navy prosthetic dental technician. While in Hawaii, he earned a Master's Degree in Health Care Administration, from Central Michigan University. Subsequent duty stations included: Naval Dental Clinic, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Head Operating Management, National Naval Dental Center, Bethesda, MD; CO Headquarters Company, 2nd Dental Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC; CO Headquarters Company, 3rd Dental Battalion, Okinawa, Japan; Head, Patient Administration, Naval Hospital, Charleston, SC; Administrative Officer to The Medical Officer of the Marine Corps, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, DC; Director for Administration, Naval Dental Clinic, Charleston, SC; and Director for Administration, Naval Hospital, Beaufort, SC. In 1998, he retired as a Commander, Medical Service

Corps, USN.

He then worked as a station Manager for Hertz Rent-a-car at the Charleston International Airport, for the next 8 years. After that, he decided to give back and began volunteering at Summerville Medical Center, where he spent the next 14 years.

Dave is predeceased by his wife Pamela, his parents, his brother Stephen, and his son Matthew.

He is survived by his wife Sandy, his son Mark (Heather), his two grandchildren Kate and Connor, his sisters Karen, Bonnie (Wolf), and Jeannie (Werner).

Dave fell in love with Hawaii when he was first stationed there in 1972. Even though Hawaii drew him back from time to time, he made Summerville, SC his home.

In lieu of flowers, please send all donations to St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Summerville, SC.

Services will be held at 11 am on October 2, 2021 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Summerville.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Lukes Lutheran Church  
206 Central Avenue  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joel David Croxton*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *I remember with great joy the times that David and his brother Steve would spend at the farm in Schuyler County, IL. He brought such energy and enthusiasm, (for example, he was instant expert on the family trampoline!) and generally raised the quality of life for all of us with his presence.  
Cousin Fred C.*

**Fred Croxton** - September 21, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *I knew Dave through our time at Illinois College. Always had a smile on his face. We were officers together for senior class and he will be missed at our 50th reunion to be held this year (COVID last year)  
Our thoughts go out to his family.*

**Dale Wolf** - September 19, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Condolences to all the family. Impressive background and service- another Springfieldian serving proud. SALUTE! frank slightom*

**frank slightom** - September 17, 2021 at 07:20 AM



*I am so sorry to have learned of David's passing. My thought are with you. With love Kerry Chambers*

**Kerry Chambers** - September 18, 2021 at 05:52 PM

JY

*It was such a joy sharing our service to Summerville Medical Center.  
John Yoder*

**John Yoder** - September 19, 2021 at 07:08 PM

SK

*I knew Dave at Summerville Medical Center and always a smile on his face, caring, and giving man. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family. Sherry Knight*

**Sherry Knight** - September 30, 2021 at 08:28 PM

DO

*I was stationed with Dave in Kaneohe, Hawaii. He was a great individual and friend. My wife Elda and I enjoyed many days at the beach with Pam and Dave. Rest in peace my friend. Don and Elda Hackett, Pensacola, Fl*

**Don** - January 26, 2022 at 08:48 AM



*I worked in the Lab with Dave at Kaneohe and spent an inordinate amount of time at the house he shared with Jack (Paula) Scott and Bruce Walker. Though I believe he was all too often exasperated by my less than professional attitude, he was a genuine, kind, supportive friend who always made me feel appreciated. I have thought of and searched for him many times over the last few decades. I am sorry I am not able to tell him personally how much that friendship meant, but I pray that hearing of it might bring yet another affirmation to you - his family - concerning the life he led. Blessings.*

**Tom Warren** - August 21, 2022 at 06:45 PM